

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild



Meeting Minutes for August 4, 2021

Call to order: Kathy called meeting to order at 12:00 PM

Attendees: Kathy, Jan, George, Sandi, MaryAnn, Melinda, Tom, Bobbi, Susan, Judy, Tina

June Minutes review & corrections: Judy moved / Tom seconded, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: MaryAnn reported on July sales and donations received. She also reported on expenses related to yarn purchase and other equipment needed for the studio or the weaving classes. Funds continue to be received for the guild's scholarship program. More TSWG finance information is available in the treasurer's folder in the studio Yellow Cat Room.

Board liaison report:

- **Foundation:** Kathy attended the foundation monthly meeting and sent out the minutes to the guild.
- **Website:** Kathy advised that our website generates interest in weaving and our guild. In July there were 75-85 visitors to our site. The you-tube videos created for the last two weaving classes will be loaded onto our website in the future.
- **Studio staffing:** Sign-Up genius – Please sign up! This helps everyone know who will be in attendance in the studio.
- **Guild yarn supply:** Jan advised since we need more yarn, she will be placing orders with Mr. Moseley and Great Northern. If you want her to include an order for you, please let her know soon as the order will go in within a week or two. Three towel kits were sold last month.

Old business:

- 1) Towels still selling well at the new price of \$25.00. In July there were 65 towels sold. There was discussion about customers requesting specific towels and it was decided we do not want to take orders. Customers must purchase from the supply available at the time they are shopping. Judy reminded everyone that we should look at each warp that we put onto our own looms as an opportunity to learn something new.
- 2) Two weaving classes completed and our guild will get \$2500 for these classes. A big thank you goes out to all those who volunteered to assist the students.
- 3) Next weaving class: Oct. 1, 2 & 3. Friday – Sunday. Please put it on your calendar. Of course, volunteers will again be needed for set up, class assistance and clean-up. If you don't feel you can assist in the class due to your current level of experience, set up or

clean-up are great alternative options for you to volunteer to help the guild and our newest weaving students.

- 4) Cardboard loom supply is currently good due to the efforts of Bobbi and Tom. Reminder: there are supplies in our back room to get new kits ready. There is always something to do for the guild if you volunteer in the studio.
- 5) Scholarship recipient, Taylor Rice. Kathy has reached out to Taylor and had no reply. At this point, Melinda will contact Cheri, the scholarship co-ordinator to let her know we now want to reach out to the other applicant in lieu of giving the scholarship to Taylor who is not pro-active in responding to our attempt to connect with her. The guild was unanimous in this decision.

New business:

1. Bringing the fun back to TSWG! Our love of weaving is supporting our guild and the foundation, but we need to keep fun in our guild. Priorities need to be continuing to learn together. Judy, Sandi, Jan and Tom will try to make contact with some weaving experts so that we can hire them to come to us and give a class. Our guild taking a road trip was also suggested.
2. Monthly spinning day – Sandi will send out an email to all the guild members to determine interest in a regular Friday, Saturday or Sunday spinning gathering.
3. Hand hem vs. machine hem – Kathy sent examples around so we could see the difference in hand stitched hems vs. machined hems. Machined hems look really good if you use a walking foot along with the zig-zag stitch. The zig-zag stitch also has give to it which makes a nice feel in the towel.
4. Quality discussion – When a warp is finished in the studio, it needs to be taken off the loom and then looked at by two or more guild members to find errors so that we can learn from our mistakes. Once this is done, then it can be taken home to wash and hem.
5. Table runners at the end of a warp – Instead of always making a short towel at the end of the warp, please consider weaving a table runner as they do sell and our supply is very limited.

Show & Tell: During show and tell, Judy passed around the towels that she made as a result of being a member of Vermont Weaving Supply who send out bi-monthly weaving kits. You can take a look at this offer: <https://www.vermontweavingsupplies.com/clubs>

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary

Calendar dates:

- Every Friday – Thread Addicts 8:30 to noon – HAC
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| | TSWG meetings | Activity | Farmers' Market |
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| September | 1 | <i>Monthly business meeting</i> | 18 |
| October | 1, 2 & 3 | Weaving class | |
| | 6 | <i>Monthly business meeting</i> | 16 |
| November | 3 | <i>Monthly business meeting</i> | |
| December | 1 | <i>Monthly business meeting</i> | |