Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes for September 1, 2021

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

Attendance: Melinda, Jan, Bobbi, Tom, Kathy, Paula, George, Susan

August Minutes: Tom moved / Susan seconded. Minutes unanimously

approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy gave report in lieu of Mary Ann's absence. We have one new member. Woven items sold in August totaled \$657.48, and \$2520.00 was taken in for weaving class fees. Disbursements totaled \$1,624.00. We are in a very good financial position at this time. More TSWG finance information is available in the treasurer's folder in the studio Yellow Cat Room.

Board liaison reports:

- Foundation: Jan advised that the BBQ outdoor party has been changed to a BBQ carry-out on September 12 due to the virus. Guilds are being asked to donate items for a silent auction during Golden Village Christmas on Dec. 4, 2021. We discussed making a Christmas table runner with matching placemats using the acrylic yarn on the yarn tree. At our next meeting we will pick a pattern and ask for a volunteer to wind the warp. It will then be dressed onto a loom in the studio to be woven; one person can weave the runner and someone else can weave all the placemats. Think about volunteering to accept this challenge.
- Website: Kathy asks that we all look at the four videos that are now on the website; loom parts, winding a warp, beaming and threading. Kathy will add reed size conversion information onto our website along with Old Mill contact information for ordering threads.
- Studio staffing: Sign-Up genius Please sign up!
- Guild yarn supply: Jan mentioned that due to droughts in the west there may be a shortage of threads and/or an increase in price. We discussed Jan placing a large order for the guild and guild members up to \$1,000.00 (for the guild alone) to avoid any

shortages for the guild and members. Tom moved / Melinda seconded and it was unanimously approved to place this order. Be sure to let Jan know exactly what you want to be included in this order ASAP.

Old business:

- 1) Next weaving class: Oct. 1, 2 & 3. Friday Sunday. To date there are only two people signed up. If there is not a better response, the class will be postponed. Kathy made a runner sample using the class instructions and encourages us each to do the same so we are better able to assist students taking the beginning weavers course.
- 2) Monthly spinning days: 2nd Friday from 10 to 2 & 2nd Sunday from 12 to 2
- 3) Scholarship Status: Taylor Rice, this year's recipient, decided not to attend college, so the scholarship funds were returned to us by the school. Hopefully, our scholarship for next year will be for \$1,000 as that will have a greater impact for the student who is awarded by our guild. Continuing donations for the scholarship are welcome.

New business:

- 1. Information about potential instructors for our guild to host.
 - a. Elaine Bradley Judy contacted her and she will give a class based on what we want, each person would have their own loom and Elaine would take each person to the next level depending on skill level. She would offer us a big picture of weave structures also.
 - b. Diane Totten Sandi contacted her and she would give a lecture, information on drafting, software and designing your own pattern based on twill. Information for all skill levels. Cost for Diane would be about \$2,300 for a multi day class; we would be providing an air ticket from Atlanta

c. Melissa Dunning – Jan contacted her and she provides historical information about weaving. Jan will ask her if she can offer a ½ day lecture, possibly via Zoom.

Each member is asked to think about these potential instructors and bring back ideas, thoughts and needs to be presented at the October meeting.

2. Open agenda – items discussed:

- -- TSWG needs more storage space. The first historic room is filled with a variety of equipment and materials. This is the first room on the right that visitors see when they come up the stairs. We discussed using the very last historic room in the hall for our storage and moving items from that room up to the first room that visitors see when they come upstairs. Hopefully, we can set a day aside in the near future to easily accomplish this task with lots of volunteers.
- -- Kathy advised that hand outs for future classes are in the works so when visitors ask what classes are coming up, we can pass them a piece of paper with the website to check out future classes.
- -- Jan advised that Schacht is offering an indigo dying, video and scarf kit on their website for \$85.00.
- -- We need more mug rugs as they sell very well and we are in very short supply.
- -- Red Stone Glen schedule of classes by Tom Knisley is on the table in the studio.
- -- Kathy talked about adhesive backed rulers from Oregon Rule which will help with measuring on studio looms. Tom will get info on another supplier to compare costs.
- -- Jan showed everyone a netting shuttle that helps with lashing on a warp.

Show & Tell: Meeting portion completed at 1:10PM so we started Show and Tell.

Calendar dates:

• Every Friday – Thread Addicts 8:30 to noon – HAC

	TSWG meetings	Activity	Farmers' Market
September	10	Friday Spin In: 10 to 12	
	12	Sunday Spin In: 12 to 2	
October	1, 2 & 3	Weaving class	
	6	Monthly business meeting	16
	8	Friday Spin In: 10 to 12	
	10	Sunday Spin In: 12 to 2	
November	3	Monthly business meeting	
	12	Friday Spin In: 10 to 12	
	14	Sunday Spin In: 12 to 2	
December	1	Monthly business meeting	
	10	Friday Spin In: 10 to 12	
	12	Sunday Spin In: 12 to 2	

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary