

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild



Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2022

Call to order: Jan called meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Attendance: Jan, Judy, George, Kathy, Mary Ann, Sandi, Susan.

December Minutes review & corrections: Judy moved / Mary Ann seconded and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Ann advised that incoming funds included \$400 dues, \$926.50 in store sales, and \$300 in donations. Costs included loom parts for \$43, luncheon \$200 and \$90 for the guild's present to Corinne. More TSWG finance information is available in the treasurer's folder in the Yellow Cat Studio.

President's Report: Jan introduced the meeting by sharing 3 goals she has for the year as our new president.

1. Every meeting to include something to learn. She would like to alternate between topics of interest for newer weavers and topics for intermediate or more advanced weavers. It was suggested and agreed that we should also include topics related to spinning.
2. Secondly, Jan would like to have us more actively develop or mentor our newer members. Some of this will likely be accomplished through the Member directory but can also include having one floor loom dedicated to a simple project that our new members or visitors could work on with minimal support. This could be mug rugs, etc. In addition, Jan would like to see Judy, Sandi and Kathy take on the role of "senior weaving advisors" and Dee Smith as "senior spinning advisor" which would mean that any member could contact them for advice or guidance. We'll check with Dee to see if she is willing to take on this role.
3. Jan's third goal is to initiate Studio Visits where we would go to other member's studios a couple times a year. We didn't elaborate on this idea but can make plans at a future meeting.

- **Foundation:** Emailed to members by Jan.
- **Equipment Committee:** Mainly focusing on reorganization of our equipment. Inventory will be done this month and posted to the guild website. Sandi will be stepping off of this committee.

- **Studio staffing:** Sign-Up genius – Discussion about number of “spots” on Sign-Up Genius. Rather than splitting the times up into 2-hour segments, members are asked to write in the comment section if they will be there a particular segment during the day.
- **Guild yarn supply:** Jan advised that white 10/2 is needed but she will wait till more orders are placed. Let Jan know if you need anything. We also discussed the option of not changing thread for the hems on towels but simply to weave with the same thread as the towel body. This is left to the discretion of each weaver.

Old business:

- 1) **Calendar for 2022.** Jan will work on getting out the calendar for the year but here are the key events so far:
 - a) Baby Blanket project planning with Sandi: Friday, January 14 from 1 to 2 pm. Sandi will explain how to determine how many yards are on a cone of yarn and then how to use that information to design a Baby Blanket project.
 - b) Beginning Weaving Class: March 25- set up in the TMB at 2:00 pm. March 26, 27 & 28 for the class. 9 am to 4 pm
 - c) 4th Graders: May 24 – Judy will be in charge of organizing.
 - d) Grandparents Camp: July 11 – 15 with our TSWG day on the 15th. Tentative plans for the kids are: loom woven coasters, woven bracelets with rubber bands and yarn, finger knitting.
- 2) **Round Robin class with Laurie Duxbury:** We are still awaiting a reply from Laurie.
- 3) **New member packet:** Wanda was not in attendance so no news yet.
- 4) **Two upcoming events to attend:** Please mark your calendars and join us.

Jan. 16 at 2:30 pm. MAFA (Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association) Roundtable on Linen: The Journey from Seed to Cloth. We will view this video together in the TMB behind the Tavern.

January 17th at 10 am.: For those participating in the Overshot study group we will meet at Fairfield United Methodist, in Burgess
- 5) Discussion regarding Fredericksburg towels. It was decided that we will share our standard size and price with the Fredericksburg guild. However, as with all other artisans in the Tavern Gift Shop, they will be allowed to make their own decisions.

New business:

1) Annual Donation to RHHT: After several minutes of discussion, Kathy proposed and Susan seconded that we make a donation of \$8000.00 this year. This donation is double our donation of last year.

Open Agenda

Judy came prepared to show how to wind a pirn for an end-feed shuttle but it was decided to wait until next meeting. Plan to be there!

Sally, our large Harrisville rug loom is now available for someone to finish off the warp or re-warp it. We are hoping that someone will take the initiative to set up the “shaft-switching” attachments and experiment!

As part of our general discussion, the power of using computer software for developing and quickly modifying weaving drafts was brought up. It was moved by Judy, seconded by Kathy and voted on to purchase a laptop and Fiberworks software to be kept at the studio for this purpose. Judy will do some research on the prices of laptops with appropriate speed and memory then report back to the guild via email so we can move forward with this plan.

A warp for overshot has been wound and will be put onto Luna (Wolf Pup) for anyone to learn & practice this weave structure.

Susan showed an old Handwoven magazine that advertised our own Sally Vinroot’s book for sale. What a treat to see this founding member’s contribution to the fiber world!

Show & Tell: Overshot examples were shared by both Sandi and George; Jan and Kathy brought in towels to fill up the store rack; George also brought in a great rug and Kathy showed off her new handwoven garment; Susan shared her cotton chenille towel and Judy shared an amazing array of handspun which she plans to use to knit a sweater. (Hope I remembered all the beautiful work brought in today.)

Calendar dates:

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

	TSWG meetings	Activity
January	5	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	14	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12 Sandi shares project planning 1 pm to 2pm
	16	<i>Sunday MAFA Roundtable:</i> 2:30PM TMB
	17	<i>Monday Overshot Study Group:</i> 10AM at Fairfield UMC
	23	<i>Sunday Spin In:</i> 12 to 2
February	2	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	11	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12
	27	<i>Sunday Spin In:</i> 12 to 2
March	2	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	11	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12
	25	Set Up for Weaving Class 2:00 pm
	26 - 28	Beginning Weaving Class 9 am to 4 pm
	27	<i>Sunday Spin In:</i> 12 to 2
April	6	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	8	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12
	16	Farmers Market
	24	<i>Sunday Spin In:</i> 12 to 2
May	4	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	13	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12
	21	Farmers Market
	22	<i>Sunday Spin In:</i> 12 to 2
	24	4th Graders
June	1	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	10	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12
	11	World-Wide Knit in Public Day
	18	Farmers Market
	26	<i>Sunday Spin In:</i> 12 to 2
July	6	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	8	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12
	15	Grandparents' Camp Day w/ TSWG
	16	Farmers Market
	24	<i>Sunday Spin In:</i> 12 to 2
August	3	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	12	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12
	20	Farmers Market
	28	<i>Sunday Spin In:</i> 12 to 2
September	7	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	9	<i>Friday Spin In:</i> 10 to 12
	17	Farmers Market World-Wide Spin in Public Day

	25	<i>Sunday Spin In: 12 to 2</i>
October	5	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	14	<i>Friday Spin In: 10 to 12</i>
	15	<i>Farmers Market</i>
	23	<i>Sunday Spin In: 12 to 2</i>
November	2	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	11	<i>Friday Spin In: 10 to 12</i>
	27	<i>Sunday Spin In: 12 to 2</i>
December	7	<i>Monthly business meeting</i>
	9	<i>Friday Spin In: 10 to 12</i>
	18	<i>Sunday Spin In: 12 to 2</i>

Meeting adjourned at 2:12pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rohacek, stand-in for Melinda