

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes for June 22, 2022



Call to order: Jan called the meeting to order at 10:05A.M.

Attendance: Melinda, Sandi, Becky, MaryAnn, Wonda, George, Kathleen, Barbara, Tim, Bobbi, Helen, Jan, Kathy, Susan S. and Susan C., Judy

May Minutes: MaryAnn approved / Bobbi seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Reports

Treasurer – Mary Ann advised incoming revenue for May 2022 was \$408.43, gift shop and interest, and outgoing \$259.60 for yarn and \$652.50 to weaving instructors for last beginners class. More TSWG finance information is available in the treasurer's folder in the studio Yellow Cat Room.

Foundation – Jan advised one of the eight heat pumps at the Tavern has died and estimates will be taken for replacement. Also, the upstairs bathroom renovation has almost been completed. The Farmer's Market in June went very well. The re- interment of Mr.Foushee will occur at the September Farmer's Market. His headstone is being repaired free of charge by a local funeral home and some of the soil where he was previously buried will be brought by horse and carriage to be placed along with the headstone. It will be relocated somewhere in the front of the Tavern building. The Tavern Foundation is exploring setting up a scholarship for Northumberland Technical Center.

Equipment – Tom built a wolf trap for loom Selma. Tom will be asked to service all the looms in the studio and advise if any repairs are needed. The hub is broken on the Ashford spinning wheel. The foot pedal on the electric winder is broken. Research will be done to get both of these items repaired or replaced.

Scholarship - Melinda read the replies from the high school and middle school art teachers indicating they are in need of financial support for their art classes. (see attached with their replies). We will re-designate our fund and it will now be called Art Sponsorship Fund. Sandi moved we donate \$600 to the high school and \$400 to the middle school / Tim seconded and it was unanimously approved.

MAFA/Other Guilds – There are 42 instructors. Most of the classes will be 16 hours, but there will also be some shorter, remote offerings at the MAFA conference in Millersville, PA. Jun 22-25, 2023. As previously stated, the conference will include 16 hours of instruction and once the cost has been determined, it will cover the classes, food and lodging.

HGA Convergence starts on July 14 and runs through July 21 in Knoxville, TN.

Old business

Grandparents Camp – We need at least two more volunteers for the camp. Judy will be there as well as Kathy in the morning and Jan in the afternoon to assist along with Melinda, Bobbi and MaryAnn. Melinda, Bobbi and MaryAnn are meeting at 10:00AM on Jun.29 to finalize all the preparations needed for the class. It was decided since YMCA Campers are visiting on Jul.6, we will add some length to our warps so the kids can weave if there is time.

New Weaver Class, Aug – Kathy advised eleven(11) have signed up and all have paid, so the class is full. There will be a volunteer list for help and equipment sent around at the July TSWG meeting.

Summer/Winter Class – Oct. 7,8,9 - Sandi and Kathy are handling the registration and sixteen (16) have committed to take the class and most have already paid. Checks should be made out to TSWG. There are still two (2) available spots.

Overshot Books – Judy's books are on the table in the studio and we decided not to purchase at this time.

New Business

YMCA Campers Visit, July 6, Wednesday – Judy is organizing this event and she will need help. Jan volunteered to assist.

Education Items — Lessons learned – It is really important to count your heddles.

It is recommended to use two threads as your floating selvage to prevent thread breakage. You can also use one cotton and one fishing line together and then remove the fishing line once the towel is completed.

Waffle weave has a LOT of shrinkage so it is recommended to weave the towels 30" long instead of 28" and to add additional 2" of threads when winding the warp as the sides shrink in considerably.

Before you start weaving a new warp, carefully check the loom for tie-up issues and/or threading issues to prevent weaving errors.

Spinners – be sure to check the calendar on the website as there have been some date changes for meeting times

Meeting adjourned at 10:55AM.

Show & Tell – reminder that Kathy is putting pictures of items presented onto our website

Demonstration — Sandi demonstrated winding a warp with more than one color

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary