

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2023



Call to order by Jan at 10:00a.m.

Attendance: Jan, George, Tom, Melinda, Judy, MaryAnn, Sandi, Heather, Kathy, Susan S, Elizabeth, Becky and visitor Alayna (Heather's daughter)

Show and Tell

January Minutes – Kathy moved / Judy seconded and minutes unanimously approved

Reports

Treasurer - Mary Ann advised our January income was \$2,500.53 which includes our shop sales, dues, interest etc. Outgoing funds totaled \$10,693.76 which included dues to RHHT, and our annual donation to RHHT for \$10,000.00. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Jan attended the foundation meeting in place of Bobbie, our new guild rep to the foundation, as Bobbie was out of town. Mar.12, 2023 will be a take-out BBQ fundraiser for the Tavern- \$25 per person. The Tavern store income in January was up 5% from last year. The first Farmer's Market will be in April and a new event will take place as a fundraiser for the local high school prom – Cow patty betting squares. Place your bet and wait for the cow to place its deposit.

Studio/Yarn Status – Thread order has been placed by Jan with Mo Purl. If you ordered through Jan, watch for an email for the total you owe and pay Jan Lodge directly. Jan reminded everyone that there are empty looms in the studio, so please volunteer to help fill the towel racks in the store. As soon as we put them out, they sell, so we are never overloaded.

Scholarship – No contact yet from teacher. Melinda will send her another email inviting her to contact us to schedule a visit.

Social Media - Kathy let us know that our guild has a Facebook page and currently no one is using it or posting new information to it. If you are interested in volunteering to handle our Facebook page, please let Kathy know.

MAFA/Other Guilds – The conference will be held Jun 22-25 and classes are still available. Go online to MAFA if you are interested. You can also visit at MAFA for free for a day as a day-tripper (no classes, just observe). Currently, Kathy, Jan, Sandi and Bobbie plan to attend, so if you decide to go, you could car pool. It is a four hour trip to MAFA conference in Millersville, PA.

Equipment – Tom will make more shaft lifters for threading our studio looms. He also will repair one of the treadles on Wilson to widen the area where the cords are inserted. Also, Selma needs all the heddles aligned so they are all facing the same direction for threading. Selma is empty now, so this would be a good time to accomplish this task.

Old Business

New Weavers Class, March 24-26 – Class is full with 10 students. None of the students have their own loom so once our studio looms are empty, we need to set them aside for the class. Please make a note in your calendars to volunteer on Mar.24 so each student has a helper with winding their warp and dressing their loom.

Date for summer/fall class – Tentative dates are Aug. 25, 26 and 27. We will clear these dates with Corrine and get this onto the TMB calendar.

FiberWorks – Becky will research possibly scheduling a zoom class with Jen Weber who gives three session classes – 1 ½ hour each – on how to use FiberWorks. It will probably cost \$20 for each person interested in taking this class. More info to come.

New Business

Membership Process – The annual membership application for RHHT and TSWG is too cumbersome. MaryAnn, Judy and Kathy will take the lead in coming up with new forms and process for 2024.

Wolf Pup for sale – Vicki McKay bought an 8-shaft Wolf Pup only to realize it is too narrow to weave dishtowels which is what she wants to do. Hence, she is selling her brand new Wolf Pup. Once we have pictures and a price, we will let you know and Sandi will try to assist her by contacting the Williamsburg guild with this information.

MAFA Conference/gift items – our guild will make 88 choke ties (44 pair) to take to the conference.

Handweaving.net – is a depository for thousands of weave structures via WIF files. You can join for \$25 a year. Our guild bought this program so you can try it out in the studio. Kathy will put the information of our log in and password on our studio computer. If you want this

program for yourself, please join for \$25 to support the ongoing upgrades to this website with weaving structures.

Lessons Learned – 1/ Try to use the same color ties for the top of the cross as you do for your choke tie. This is a great visual for knowing which is the top of the warp vs. the bottom when you start to dress the loom.

2/ Save drafts and pictures or samples of your weaving results from those drafts for future reference.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50a.m.

Minutes submitted by

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