

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2023



Show and Tell started at 12:00PM in the Tavern Meeting Bldg

Call to order by Jan at 12:40PM

February Minutes- Judy moved / Kathy seconded and the Feb minutes were unanimously approved

Reports

Treasurer – Mary Ann advised our February income was \$765.05 which included \$382.50 in shop sales and expenses of \$238.89. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Jan advised that Bobbie resigned as our representative to the foundation. Becky advised that she is willing to take her place. Kathy moved / Susan seconded to nominate Becky as our new guild representative to the foundation. She was unanimously approved. The foundation is considering replacing the TV in the Tavern Meeting Building with a larger screen TV . The grounds are in need of a new volunteer weed whacker.

Studio/Yarn Status – There was a fiber being used for weaving towel hems that was not cotton causing issues when washed. It has been located and labeled so it will not be used in the future.

Scholarship – Heather Cockrell, Middle School Art Teacher, met several of us in the studio on Feb. 24. Jan took her on a tour of the Tavern and also to lunch in the café. It was her first visit to the Tavern. We gave her some fiber for her art class along with other items we thought her class could use. Heather is meeting Sandi at the studio on Mar. 30 and Sandi will give her top 10 students a chat about weaving. Heather invited our guild to attend the Northumberland Schools Art Show on Thursday, April 13th 4pm- 6pm, and Friday, April 14th 4pm-6:30pm. We encouraged Heather to keep the lines of communication open as it may encourage us to make another donation to her art program.

Social Media - Kathy did research on our guild getting a business PayPal account but it would require a member to disclose their social security number. Decision was made to close our account due to security issues. Using a Facebook account Kathy was able to quickly sell three duplicate Swedish swatches books for \$100 each that we had in our library and the funds have been deposited into the guild bank account.

MAFA/Other Guilds - Sandi reminded us that MAFA still has available classes for the upcoming conference. Also, if anyone is interested in attending the Williamsburg Guild's monthly meeting, they can attend either in person or via zoom.

Equipment – Loom Wilson is having some issues that will be addressed once the class is over. Also, we may decide to give up the printer located in our studio and if copies are needed, we can use the printer in Corinne's office. Printer in studio has no volunteer to keep it up/running/ink ordered and is having periodic issues.

Old Business

New Weavers Class, March 24-26 – 9 students will be attending.

Date for summer/fall classes, Aug 25-27 (double-check dates) The dates listed on the Tavern weekly email appear to be incorrect. Kathy will check and get correct info to Corrine.

Membership process; final – A new form will be made up by Kathy for TSWG that will only be for TSWG; no more co-mingling our guild membership with the Foundation membership. Payment will be by cash or check only to keep the accounting simple.

Fiberworks class – Jan Weber's class fee is \$800 for four, two hour sessions; expensive. We will do an in-house class and schedule the time at the next meeting. If we decide we want more, we will reconsider taking Jan Weber's class.

Looms for sale – Cindy – Williamsburg Guild – 20", 4 treadle loom for \$450.00
Kathleen – TSWG – 4 harness/4 treadle with bench - \$500.

New Business

Any red/Valentine's woven scraps for Janice S – Janice will take any scraps you have as she uses them to make cards

Schoolchildren visits

Chesapeake Academy Mar 31, 4th graders May 25, 10:00AM

Kindergarten thru 2nd graders will visit every guild / 4 groups – 30minutes each group.

Judy volunteered to meet these kids and arrange touching fibers, working with Q-tips and weaving.

Northumberland Elementary 4th graders – May 25 or 26. Judy will lead this opportunity for the kids also.

Opportunities for towel exchange/competitions (MAFA, Woolery, FFFestival)

You can submit a towel for exchange at the MAFA conference – submit one/get one (and all the drafts will be shared!).

You can submit a towel for competition in May through the Woolery using 6/2 cotton.

You can submit just about anything (especially spinning samples) for competition in the Fall Fiber Festival in Montpelier, VA on Oct. 7 and 8. For this festival there is no entry fee and someone will come and pick up your entry.

Inkle loom class- There is an Ann Dixon inkle loom book in our library and it is strongly suggested that if you are interested in learning on an inkle loom that you read the first pages in this book to prepare. More discussion on a class time at a future meeting.

Visit to Rabbit Family (Hansons) The Hanson Family in Gloucester will be contacted to decide on a date for our guild to make a field trip to visit their home and see the rabbits whose fiber can be used for spinning.

Lessons Learned – Be careful of your color choices especially ones that are so similar you can't see a difference once woven into material.

Meeting ended at 2:15PM.

Minutes Submitted by

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