

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes - June 28, 2023



Show and Tell at 10:00am

Call to order by Jan at 10:45am

May Minutes - Sandi moved/ Kathy seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved

Attendance: Sandi, Becky, Judy, Jan, Kathy, Helen, Kathleen, Bobbie, MaryAnn, George, Melinda, Vicki, Elizabeth, Tom

Reports

Treasurer - Mary Ann let us know we had \$480.25 in shop sales in May. Total incoming funds were \$561.00. Outgoing payments were \$119.78. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Becky advised the lighting problem in the TMB is being worked on. The foundation board is looking for new people to replace Judy, Corrine and Mark when they leave / retire from the Tavern. They hope our guild or a weaver/spinner will move into Judy's space as 20% of the store revenue is from towel sales and currently, Judy sells a lot of towels. The room Judy currently occupies is \$90 per month along with the room across from her which will also be available for new artists soon. Reminder to all artisans to write legibly when filling out sales tags and last names **MUST** be included.

Illegible = no pay for sold items

Top priority – the Tavern needs more volunteers for every area of the store. It will take multiple people to replace Judy Mooers when she moves to Colorado in February.

Studio/Yarn Status - Jan asked Sandi to do a demo of the weighted warp loom so more of us know how to demonstrate it to visitors. The JEMO display board put together by Kathy will be in the studio to share with guild members and visitors. Cindy Connors new book on growing/preprocessing your own fiber was purchased at the MAFA conference for the guild.

Mo Purl Yarns – Kathleen is going to their store and will pick up cones for you if you give her your order by July 5 – Text to her at 301-704-2108

School Sponsorship – Melinda has not made contact with other schools yet since school is out for the summer.

Social Media – Kathy advised there is a size limit on pictures that can go onto the website.

MAFA/Other Guilds - Convention Report — Sandi, Jan, Bobbie, Kathy and Becky (Sat only) really enjoyed their time at the conference. There were about 450 people attending with about 35-40 classes given. Watch, as there may be a new location announced for the conference in 2024. Video of much of the conference will be available on the MAFA website, as well as the drafts for all the towel-exchange towels.

Equipment – A new tub needs to be purchased to absorb moisture in the studio to prevent mold/mildew on equipment and fibers. Gowdey Reeds will be going out of business in a year.

Old Business

Fall Beginning Weaving class, Aug 25-27 – only two students signed up.

Fiberworks class – Kathy has been working on putting together material/instructions for the class and the guild will pay her \$250 for her work and class presentation. The class will be held on August 9, 1:00PM – 4:00PM, using the Next Steps book located in the studio. Kathy will ask that students prepare ahead and she will advise instructions when closer to class date.

Inkle class- Sandi will teach how to use an inkle loom every Friday in July in the studio. Come and learn!

Reminder: August meeting at Judy's – come prepared with bags as she will be giving away excess fibers and items she doesn't want to move to Colorado. October meeting will be held at Sandi's studio.

New Business

Printer – A used HP color printer has been donated and we will use it to replace our existing printer.

Grandparent's Camp July 14 – Sandi is taking the lead role and will be assisted by Jan, Bobbie, Heather and maybe Kathy. Each child will be given a cardboard loom (larger than our looms for sale) to use during the session and to take home. Activities to include drop spindle and weaving.

Program ideas – Kathy will contact Neal Howard to find out if she would be willing to come and give us a class on dyeing and more. More info to come.

Lessons Learned – Hemp shrinks by about 50%. Focus, focus when weaving a complex treadling pattern. George found that a kitchen scale can be very useful when weighing fiber. (Discussion followed for George to give a demo at the next class on sectional warping.) Red/white/blue towels sold very well this year in June.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am

Minutes submitted by,

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary