

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2023



Show and Tell at 10:00am

Call to order by Jan at 10:30am

June Minutes – Kathy moved/ Sandi seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Reports

Treasurer – Jan gave report as Mary Ann was absent. Incoming funds for June were \$793.00 of which \$495.00 were store sales. Outgoing funds were \$82.00. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Becky advised the foundation is financially sound. The store's income was \$6,200.00 in June. Getting ready for Mark, Corrine and Judy to step down from their positions of responsibility in the near future so looking for people to replace them. The foundation is planning to redo one of the historic rooms on the second floor and is looking for a small desk and chair.

Studio/Yarn Status – Loom Sarah should have patterns that only require four shafts due to weight when treading. We need to be very careful if we order dark grey from MoPurl as his comes out with a definite purplish cast. We are getting a lot of fiber donations so if you come to the studio and see excess free items on the table, you may take them and a donation to the guild would be appreciated.

School Sponsorship – Melinda has nothing to report since school is still out for summer.

Social Media – Kathy had nothing to report.

MAFA/Other Guilds – Sandi attended the recent MAFA virtual meeting and officers were elected. Their virtual conference was extremely well attended. HGA is pushing spinning/dyeing week in October. The Williamsburg guild will have a display in the library in Williamsburg in September, including our joint Josephine Estes overshot project.

Equipment – We have excess magazines in the back room, so take a few home if you like. Elizabeth hopes to have a small bookshelf soon with the most used books on it which will make room for other books in our library. Sandi will be bringing in a drop spindle to show for possible use for future grandparents camp. We need more cardboard loom kits made up and hope to schedule a work date for the guild to gather together and assemble kits.

Old Business

Grandparents Camp Report –Friday 14, 2023 by Sandi Petty

There were 8 campers and their adults in both the morning and afternoon groups.

There were 4 floor looms warped with random colors with 3 yard, 8" wide, and 12 epi. The weavers used stick shuttles and wove up to 18". We put glue at the start and end. If they wished, they wove in a stick for hanging.

Each group was split, 4 were weaving the other 4 were learning drop spindling. After 1 ¼ hours the groups switched. The adults were able to be more involved with the drop spindling and seemed to

really enjoy it. The take home project was weaving on looms of cardboard that had been donated to the guild. We had 3 volunteers with the weaving in the studio and 4 with the drop spindling in the fiber room and the hall. The spinners needed more space. If the guild's day was when the café was closed the spinners could be downstairs.

Beginning Weavers class, Aug 25-27 – Seven students have signed up and Kathy passed around volunteer sign up sheets for assisting in the classes.

Meeting at Judy's Home – Postponed to September due to the weaving class in late August. That means the August meeting will be in the TMB on Thursday, August 24 at 10:00, with set-up for the class directly after.

Fiberworks class, Aug 9, Aug. 30, Sept. 13 and Oct. 11. Fourteen guild members have signed up for the class and Kathy recommends the Bonze level of Fiberworks. Plan to bring an extra (simple) draft for the first class in which you will be learning the basics.

Inkle class – Sandi will help you get started in learning Inkle weaving if you come to the studio on Fridays (after August 10).

Artisan studios- There are going to be empty spaces in the first floor studios, one vacant now and two more spaces in January. Jan will contact current guild members who are **not** volunteering in the Yellow Cat weaving studio so see if they are willing to help staff a loom on the first floor.

New Business

Classes for Guild; Dyeing, Cindy Conner (home-grown linen & cotton) Several members have experience and expressed interest but no class dates / times were decided.

Teaching Moment - Sectional Warping – George gave a talk about sectional warping.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00PM.

Minutes submitted by

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary