

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2023



Show and Tell

Call to order by Jan at 10:40am

July Minutes - Tom moved / Kathleen seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Reports

Treasurer - Mary Ann reported July shop sales of \$769.00 and other income for total to the guild of \$1,040.14. Outgoing funds were \$115.07. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Outdoor speaker system has been purchased and will be installed soon. Sept. 30 the Tavern will host a fundraising BBQ for \$35 a ticket from 3:00PM -6:00PM. You can order tickets online. The Tavern store sales are 10% above our best year so far this year. The blacksmiths need new members.

Studio/Yarn Status – Kathleen will be visiting MoPurl in late September, so give Jan your thread order, or anything you want for the studio, soon. Some members think we may want to start weaving our towels at 24EPI instead of 20, and using 12dent reeds instead of 10. It really just depends on the weave structure. When weaving in the studio, once a set of towels has been completed, be sure to wind leftover thread off the bobbins you used back onto the cone. Put a large knot so if someone else uses that color, they will notice the knot and take action needed. Don't attach the bobbin onto the cone when putting cone back into the studio supply room. Always clean up leftover cones and bobbins when a project is completed.

School Sponsorship – hope to have info to report in the Sept meeting

Social Media – Kathy advised our website is hosted by MAFA and our webmaster, Dave, is currently recovering from a fall. You may or may not be able to access our website till he is regains his health.

Equipment – Tom needs to know if you find any loom issues that need to be addressed. Write him a note or use the white board to record issue. Be careful when weaving on Wilson as tie ups have dropped off due to slit in treadle wood being too wide.

Old Business

Fall Beginning Weaving class, Aug 25-27 – There are seven students registered.

September meeting – Sept. 27 at Judy's home studio

October meeting – Oct. 25 at Sandi's home studio

Next Fiberworks class, Sept 13 – 1:00PM – 4:00PM
Sep. 27 – 1:00PM – 4:00PM

New Business

Upstairs porch door – If you go in/out of this door, be sure it is tightly closed as wind has blown it open in the past.

4th Graders – will visit the Tavern and our studio on May 10, 2024.

Grandparents Camp – Week after July 4, 2024. Jan will talk to Corinne about our guild hosting on Mon, Tue or Wed so we have more room to spread out with our kids and their adults.

December Year-end luncheon – Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Dec.14 (TSWG treat!)

Linen Bread Bags- Our guild discussed making these out of linen due to its antimicrobial properties. Linen will help keep bread fresh longer and only has shrinkage of about 10%. We want to make the bags so they will be 14X18 finished. There is a lot of excess linen yarn in the yarn room; Luna would be a good loom to put these on.

Lessons Learned – Hemp shrinks by 30% when washed. Watch for rust spots on MoPurl yarns. The old magazines in the storage room and very enjoyable to look at, provide learning tips and patterns. Feel free to take them home and have a look.

Teaching Moment - Working with Linen – Jan provided a handout for everyone to learn about linen. High points — watch tension and try to minimize abrasion when using linen.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

Minutes submitted by

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary