

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2024



Show and Tell

Attendance: Tom, George, Kathleen, Susan C., Elizabeth, Becky, Paula, Jan, Melinda, Kathy and Vicki

Call to order by Jan at 10:45A.M.

January Minutes - Tom moved / Susan C seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved

Reports

Treasurer – Kathleen advised January income was \$1, 310.00 in store sales (from December) and other income totaling \$1826.39. Outgoing funds were \$7800.00 donation to the Tavern Foundation and other expenses totaling \$8000.81. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Becky advised the door locks on the Tavern are being changed. Lockboxes for the building have been ordered and doorbells will also be installed. Scholarship committee is awaiting applications. POS will begin at the Tavern store on March 1. March 10 is a BBQ fundraiser. Many other activities and upcoming classes have been scheduled so be sure to read your weekly email from the foundation.

Studio/Yarn Status – Jan advised the Mo Purl order arrived along with some new variegated yarns. All are stocked in our yarn room. Please remember to return yarns to the proper spot in the Yarn storage room after you are finished with them.

School Sponsorship – Melinda read thank you note from Heather Cockrell, art teacher at Northumberland Middle School. Northumberland is having an art show on April 25 from 4PM-6:30PM followed by a spring choir concert. (Thank you note attached)

Social Media - Kathy will schedule a work session with Patti to update the website.

MAFA/Other Guilds – MAFA is preparing for their conference next summer in Millersville, PA.

Equipment – Tom advised all looms have been serviced. A new brake part has been ordered for Wilson. Melinda ordered a mini-vacuum for use in the studio. Kathy made a sheet so we can track maintenance for each loom. Tom took the sheets and will make a small binder for the studio loom records to be kept in the studio library.

Book of the Month Report – Jan selected "Homegrown Flax and Cotton" by Cindy Connor. The book will be on the table in the studio. Take a look !! Also, Jan mentioned Southern

Exposure Seed Exchange in Mineral, VA, gardens@southernexposure.com, which specializes in heritage and organic seeds for this growing area. They carry colored cotton seed that Cindy Connor developed.

Old Business

4th Graders Visit & Cople Elementary Visit

4th Graders – May 17, 7 groups

Cople – Apr. 12, 5th graders, 15 minutes each group

Kathy, Jan and Tom will develop programs for these two groups and present them.

Library Display for month of April – Jan and Kathy will brainstorm on this community outreach, look at the space and come up with a display.

Grandparents Camp – July 8, Monday - MaryAnn (hopefully), Melinda and hopefully, Bobbie will get together to decide on what projects we will prepare for and do with the kids..16 total kids plus their adults....8 kids in morning / 8 kids in the afternoon.

Update on Helen – She is currently in Florida undergoing radiation for breast cancer and is doing well. We look forward to seeing her back in the spring!

New Business

Cardboard Looms – We will have a working session after the Mar. 27 meeting.

Please everyone mark your calendars and plan to help so it will take less time. Lots of little jobs to get cardboard looms together. None of the jobs are difficult.

Proposal for still-working members – We will change our monthly meeting time to the second Sunday at 2PM for **June, July and August**. Hope all members of guild will be able to attend.

Spinning – Kathy, Kathleen and Susan C. will work on a presentation date and what to teach the guild members so we will all at least have a “speaking” knowledge of spinning.

Prepaying for Towels – Since we are moving to the new POS system, we will no longer accept pre-payment for dishtowels. If someone visits the studio and wants a towel that is still on the loom, simply take their name and phone number and we will call them when their selected towel is ready. Completed towel(s) will be placed in bag at the cashier's desk with the customer's name on the bag. Customer will then pay for the towel when they pick it up.

Lessons Learned/Tidbits – Kathy recommends attaching a strong magnet to your loom and you can store your scissors on the magnet.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00PM

Minutes Submitted by

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary