



## **Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild**

Meeting Minutes - December 19, 2024



Holiday Luncheon, 11:00 – Mooer's Chili was main entree

### **Show and Tell**

**Call to Order** by Jan at 12:25PM

**November Minutes** – Becky moved / Kathy seconded and minutes unanimously accepted

### **Reports**

Treasurer – Sandi advised income for November was \$1434.28 which included \$854.25 in shop sales, outgoing funds of \$10.52. More information can be found in the studio meeting minutes notebook.

Foundation – The foundation president summed up the past year as “survival” — surviving the loss of Judy Mooers, and the stepping down of former president Mark Payne, with many thanks for all they had done! The store also implemented the new POS system successfully. Overall, the Tavern had a good year. A new strategic plan will be rolled out in January so be sure to read Becky's meeting notes when she sends them out. Store sales for November were \$9195.00 and café was \$9,523.00. We are continuing to work on gift cards for the Tavern using the POS system. The Golden Village Christmas was a success with helping over 100 kids purchase gifts for family and friends.

“Orphans Brunch” will be hosted by Jan and George Beckett in the Tavern Meeting Building on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at 11:00AM. Please bring a dish to share.

The quilt guild has four sewing machines for sale. The café sales have been booming. Café is still in great need of counter volunteers.

Scholarship - Melinda read a thank you letter we received from Heather Cockrell / Middle School Art Teacher (attached).

Studio/Yarn Status – Jan reported the order from Mo Purl was received. Both Chris and Bob, Mo Purl owners, are struggling with physical issues so just be aware. A new-to-us AVL 8 shaft / 10 treadle loom was donated to the guild by Bill Kay of the Williamsburg guild, so it will be named Bill. We discussed reducing the number of heddles on our studio looms to avoid overcrowding when dressing the looms. We decided 76 heddles per shaft was about right on the 8-shaft looms. (If a 4-shaft pattern needs more, it is fairly easy to convert the pattern to 8 shafts — a good learning experience!) We need to check and possibly change the heddles on Wilson. Please need everyone's help — at the end of each day when you volunteer, please be sure the

studio looks neat and put away equipment or threads that you are done using. Let's all work towards keeping the studio clean and neat. Also, we need more members to plan projects and wind warps for studio projects.

MAFA/Other Guilds – Sandi would like to step down from being our MAFA rep since she is now our treasurer. Please think about this position which requires zoom meetings and forwarding MAFA newsletter to guild members. The Williamsburg Guild advised Cindy French may be having a class for those interested in rigid heddle looms.

**Equipment** – The guild is purchasing an 8-shaft Baby Wolf from Vicki McKay for \$1000.00 and we will name her, Rose. Rose is arriving today.

### **Old Business**

MAFA Grant application — cancelled — application is difficult and we no longer need another loom with our purchase of loom Rose.

### **New Business**

2025 Guild Officer Voting - President - Jan Lodge, Vice President - Tom Gauthier

Treasurer - Sandi Petty, Secretary – Melinda Floom

And Guild Representative – Becky

Annual Donation to RHHT (preliminary) – last year we donated \$7,800. This year we will vote this January on upping this amount to \$8000.00.

**Book Report** – none for December. Laurie will give report in January.

**Lessons Learned/Tidbits** – The old Ed's Marine just outside of Warsaw on the way to Tappahannock is now an antique store, but they have a large stash of fabric and other items in the back that may interest those who are fiber artists.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM.

Submitted by,

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary