

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes - July 23, 2025

Show and Tell

Attendance: George, Kathy, Becky, Jan, Carol, Elizabeth, Susan C., Heather, Bobbie, Laurie, Melinda

Call to Order by Jan at 11:20AM

June 2025 Minutes - Carol moved / Susan C. seconded and minutes unanimously accepted

Reports

Treasurer – Anita had to be absent, so Jan reported that our incoming funds were approximately \$400.00 and 0 expenses for the month of June. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Becky advised the foundation got a thank you note from one of the scholarship recipients. Tickets for the blacksmith guild mermaid are still available. Woodworkers are looking for grants for their new building. Store sales in June were \$3400.00, down considerably from last year. The store will soon be getting camera surveillance. The Heathsville walking tour brochure has been updated. The Tavern carriages have been removed and will soon be on display at the Kilmarnock Museum. The crafters are disbanding and their help with events at the Tavern will be missed. Reminder: Pub Nite is Jul.24 from 6P – 8P and we will be celebrating Corinne as she nears retirement.

Studio/Yarn Status/Sales – Jan advised we need more cardboard looms. The guild will soon have a 60" wide weaving loom which is being donated. We are thinking about selling either Max or Bill. If you have interest, please let Jan know. A new order for MoPurl will go in next week, so contact Jan with your thread order soon.

MAFA/Other Guilds – Laurie advised they held their 15th general report meeting. The next conference will be Jun. 24 – 27, 2027. The past conference had 385 attendees that included 21 scholarship and 6 fellowship attendees. You can watch a video on their website and listen to the keynote speaker from the conference until Aug.10 when it will be removed from the site. They have their online fall classes listed on their website. The book Threads of Life is being read by MAFA. MAFA has a recovery fund for fiber artists who are affected by natural disasters. Gigi Matthews was elected as the new MAFA president.

Equipment – The two warps from grandparent's camp that are still on looms can now be removed.

Old Business

Status/Discussion about Beginning Weaving Class – Kathy talked to movers about helping with looms for next class. Heather is going to ask her 21year old son if he and a couple of his friends would be interested in this moving job.

Decision for Guild Classes (fleece, dyeing, warping mill, sectional beaming) – Jan will send out an email to guild members to get feedback.

Report on Grandparents Camp – 8 kids on the morning / 7 kids in the afternoon. The kids wove a wall hanging. Next year our guild will need 3 volunteers for the morning kids and 3 volunteers for the afternoon kids. Good reports were heard from the parents / grandparents on camp.

New Business

Discussion re: Jeannie Stevens Stash – Equipment and fiber is available for sale and donations in the studio. Take a look.

Lessons Learned/Tidbits:

Sett and Towel Specs - Jan passed out an explanation of SETT. It is good to understand our weaving terms.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10PM.

Minutes submitted by

Melinda K. Floom

Secretary