

WGB Board  
25 May 2016

at Beth Guertin's house, 10:35 AM - 12:35 PM

*Attending:* Diane Chaisson, Nancy Barry, Eileen Crawford, Eileen Fitzgerald, Beth Guertin, Hetty Friedman, Ginny Longley, Mary Mandarino, Carol McClennen, Jane Moore, Martha Rossman, Susan Pippin, Dorothy Solbrig, Ro Spinelli, Susan Targove, Tammy Tatum

**Treasurer.** Beth Guertin

Receipts are due by 6/30, when the books will be closed for the fiscal year. A final report for the year will be made in August.

Book & monograph sales have tanked. It was suggested to have a 20% off sale at meetings in the fall before Christmas and at the Sale.

At present we have two signers for the checking account, the Treasurer and the Dean. Beth suggested that we have a third. The Board agreed to have four, adding the Past Dean and the Associate Dean as alternates.

**Survey results.** Susan Targove

80 responses, which is good for a web survey. Responses seem representative.

- *Meetings.* Seen as important; like samples, show & tell. Door prizes not important.

\*\*Decision: no more than 2 door prizes per meeting.

- *Afternoon speakers.* Some suggestions made.

- *Morning workshops.* Loved. Weavers Helping Weavers - no program this year; Susan was there but there were at most 3 people, knitting.

\*\*Suggestion: Mentor table at lunch where experienced weaver(s) can answer questions. May also help newcomers feel welcome.

- *Library.* Need to publicize existence and location.

\*\*Mention during the meeting. A banner in the library could be brought down? \*\*Sign on sign-up table. \*\* Change location on website.

- *Education grants.* \*\*Recommendation: make a specific grant for NEWS. Do we really need a grant committee? (To eliminate this would require a bylaw change.) The funds (\$500) for grants come from the Sale. If not used, they go to the general fund, and in effect go to fund the afternoon speakers at meetings, where the rest of the sale money also goes.

- *Ratings.* Debbie Watson will lead a morning workshop in Sept. on the apprentice rating. She does not want to be paid. Carol proposed that the workshop be free; Beth counterproposed that there be a fee of \$5 because people don't value free things, and the Board agreed. That should be written up for the website too. Tammy vouched for the fact that there is interest, and interest in connecting with others trying for ratings. An existing online group helps.

- *Sale.* About half of members participate. Beth said that sales have stagnated, which is why the committee is interested in considering alternatives.

\*\*Each committee should read relevant sections and report at the next meeting.

**Website.** Jane Moore

Jane distributed handouts, previously sent by email, of website content delivery deadlines and contacts for forwarding questions sent to the website. She requested for the Sale page photos that highlight textiles of participating weavers. Photos should be sent to the Sale committee for selection. The Board confirmed that the link for loom donations should be eliminated.

**Special Workshop.**

In the Spring we will have Connie Lippert. The space is booked.

\*\*Information when firm should be sent to Eileen Crawford (Bulletin), Susan Targove (Yearbook), and Jane Moore (Website).

**Yearbook.** Susan Targove

Susan distributed a handout of calendar deadlines and responsibilities.

**Membership.** Susan Targove

The first 100 membership renewals have come in. Susan has a spreadsheet of those who have expressed willingness to help. She passed out some copies and promised to email it. A number have offered to weave samples.

**Bulletin Samples.** Ro Spinelli

Almost fed up. Even when people volunteer they often back out. What is required? Ro has a list.

\*\*Suggestion: write up an overview and list of requirements for the Bulletin with examples of the amount of fabric needed for example widths.

\*\* other suggestions for Bulletin: articles on the survey, weaving samples, library location

\*\*Suggestion: At meetings, have a "question of the month" : samples, ratings, ed grants

**Annual Sale.**

We need to check the town requirements for signs. We will continue work on getting display equipment owned by the guild. We need pictures for the website of textiles by members participating in the sale, professional quality, without sale tags, hangers, or background clutter.

**100th Anniversary.**

ATHM was set to vote yesterday on their future, whether to join the National Park Service, close, or whatever else. They were going to notify Nancy Hodes.

**Yarn table**

This year the Yarn Table has been member sales only, since we have not had a volunteer to run it. We seldom have gotten the guild's 10%. Beth suggested having the sales only on specific months, with Beth or a designated person running it. Not a lot of money is involved. It was decided to leave it as it is, but make a sign specifying 10% to the guild.

**NEXT MEETINGS**

August 24, December 14, March 29, 2017 and May 24 at 10:30 at Beth Guertin's house

Submitted by Dorothy Solbrig