

WGB General Meeting
7 March 2017

Westboro Congregational Church
63 attendees

Dean Diane Chaisson called the meeting to order at 12:40.

Nancy Hodes. Beth Guertin.

Past Dean Nancy Hodes died in November and donated a lot of material to the guild, which is for sale. Proceeds go 100% to the guild. So far sales have yielded over \$1300, which will go to pay for a workshop by Bonnie Tarses. Nancy was co-chair with Beth of the 100th Anniversary committee, and any additional funds will go to the 100th anniversary exhibit.

Additional material from Helen Hoyt, who is moving to a retirement community, is for sale.

Halcyon. Beth Guertin. Last year Halcyon Yarn initiated a program where a percentage is rebated to the Guild for purchases by guild members. We just got a check from them for over \$125. This year's code is HYGR2017, which also brings \$5 back on purchases over \$50.

Samples are available for pickup.

Board Meeting on 3/29 at 10:30 at Beth's house.

Financial report. About \$100K between checking and savings, \$20K in stock.

Membership. Susan Targove. 3 new members since last meeting, for a total of 259.

NEWS. Susan Targove.

1. Entries to shows are due at the May Meeting. You can get your number ahead by calling Susan.
2. Registration is open; some classes are full. 250 registrants so far.
3. We expect to be in an air-conditioned dorm this year, and our preferred dining room close to classes.
4. A NEWS rep is needed to replace Nancy Hodes, especially to help with the intake and jurying of the Gallery Show.

A new manager of our Facebook page is needed, Laurie Autio says.

Survey results are in the newsletter. Please give us feedback on how we should use them.

Challenge. Please participate in this year's challenge, which is Summer and Winter. Please email Adele Harvey if you plan to participate. Pieces are due at the May meeting.

Sale. Elizabeth Springett

The building where we hold our annual sale has been sold. There are plans to make it into a restaurant. We are looking for a new space, 1800-2000 sq. ft. If anyone knows of a suitable space, please let us know. A space committee will meet just after the next board meeting.

We would like a volunteer to organize, by email, distribution of publicity packets by volunteers to yarn stores. It is a short-term project in the summer.

Show and Tell. (After a drawing for 3 doorprizes).

Dorothy Solbrig showed a jacket of many colors based on a design from Judith Shangold's book. Eileen Crawford brought a notebook from the course she attended and a linen runner of yarn hand-dyed with brazil wood. Julia Flanders showed a table runner she designed with the weaving program she just got. Deb Kaplan had two tablecloths, one of 10/2 cotton in Egyptian Monksbelt, and the other with 3 pieces carefully matched in plain weave, 2/2 twill, and lace. Barbara Herbster had a piece in 8S twill with 3 silk threads treated as one. Diane Chaisson showed a "Ruth Bachmann" bag, knit huge and felted to a tote.

Special Awards. Adele Harvey, Barbara Herbster, and Laurie Autio are on the committee for special awards. Please nominate guild members for these awards. Descriptions are in the yearbook.

Morning Workshops. People reported on the morning classes.

The meeting finished at 1:12.

Submitted by Dorothy Solbrig