

WEAVERS' GUILD OF BOSTON
Board Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2009

The March board meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Dean Laurie Autio. The following members were present: Laurie Autio, Sue Jones, Susan Targove, Kristin Kelly, Barbara Waka, Linda Snook, Nancy Hodes, Patricia Morton, Mary Mandarino, Nancy Kronenberg, Jayne Flanagan, Linda Russell and Pat Warner.

The minutes of the March 11, 2009 board meeting were read and approved. Afternoon Programs - Sue Jones asked for assistance for transportation and/or housing for both Mary Underwood and Bhakti Ziek, the afternoon lecturers.

Morning Workshops - Barbara Waka said classes may be cancelled if less than 3 has signed up to attend, except on the advice of the instructor. One session classes are best. Recommends two sessions would be acceptable with the assignment studied the first day and the second one to show the results.

Extended Workshops - Patricia Morton suggested reduction of class fee should the class be more profitable than originally conceived. The Board voted to retain the same fee structure, stipulating as well that the chair may attend without charge.

Weavers Helping Weavers - Laurie Autio presented the following topics:

September: Barbara Herbster with bra clinic

October: Pointers on the Guild Sale

November: Panel on ratings

February: Hill Institute Master Weavers exhibit

March: Something geared to beginning weavers

April: Computer drafting

Treasurer's Report: Mary Mandarino for Beth Guertin on the budget for 2009-2010

Website - Nancy Kronenberg with much yet to do.

Yearbook - Kristin Kelley and Susan Targove are in the midst of details

Bulletin - Linda Russell requested that all information must be sent to the Board Yahoo website. The earlier date for inputs has been moved from July 10 to June 23. It was recommended that all three; Website, Yearbook and Bulletin coordinate their efforts for the best results.

Membership - Jayne Flanagan will transfer the database on June 1, 2009 to Susan Targove the new chair Jayne also questioned the feasibility of retaining the laptop computer and printer which is currently the property of the Guild.

New Business - Mary Mandarino introduced the elimination of the off site telephone. After discussion of the little usage, it was voted by the Board to terminate the contract with Verizon. Responsible board members telephone numbers will be available through the website.

Silent Auction - Linda Snook and Susan Targove reported proceeds of \$1820 for this morning's event. Approximately 60 hours of work went into preparation. Much leftover. Advertise books on Amazon? Offer yarns to beginners? Discussion was tabled until the August Board Meeting.

Ratings Review - Deb Watson was not present. The group is still in the fact collecting stage.

Awards - The board addressed the feasibility of adding to the Honorary Membership and the Distinguished Achievement Award a third award. It

shall read: "The National Achievement Award honors a Guild member who has made a major contribution in the fiber field on the national level." Participation on the Topsfield Fair in the fall was tabled.

Other New Business: Elizabeth Wagner has been storing a Macomber Loom in dreadful condition for the Guild. She wishes to have it removed. Many ideas, no conclusion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Warner
Recording Secretary