

WGB Board  
26 August 2015

at Beth Guertin's house, 10AM - 1PM

*Attending:* Susan Targove, Diane Chaisson, Joanne Germaine, Beth Guertin, Hetty Friedman, Nancy Hodes, Sue Knowles, Mary Mandarino, Carol McClennen, Jane Moore, Fran Osten, Martha Rossman, Linda Russell, Dorothy Solbrig

**Upcoming meetings.**

- Morning workshop signups: still many slots open. Carol was concerned about when to cancel a workshop for lack of participants. She would want at least a week's notice to the teachers. It was decided that for Sept in particular, the first meeting, to have as many as possible, and to cancel if there were fewer than 4 participants. Susan will send out a meeting email blast tomorrow saying that all classes are open; the tied weave one is nearly full.
- Beth made the point that to cover the higher fees for teachers, beginning next year we need to raise the fees for workshops to \$20/\$25.
- Hospitality signups set for Sept; signup sheet will be passed at that meeting.
- Door prize signups set for Sept.
- Sept. meeting - Table for display of NEWS entries (*\*\*Eileen is organizing*)
- *\*\*Judith Shangold* is bringing books from her library to the Member Sale area, to be free with donation to the guild.

**100th anniversary** (Nancy Hodes)

- Guild Monograph on household items. Monograph, not book. Not a big printing run. Would like to include 100 items. Many from the recipe challenge will be included. Household items, not wearables. The layout will be like the recipe challenge booklet (without recipes). Photography TBD, depending on submissions and a volunteer photographer. Submissions can be made to Beth at any time.
- Party. Maybe an elaborate potluck lunch. Maybe a late afternoon cocktail party for spouses too. Maybe a party at the Textile Museum in conjunction with exhibit.
- Exhibit at the Am. Textile Hist. Museum. The Museum is interested in hosting a week-long exhibit to honor our 100th anniversary. They are planning for that time period already, and need a commitment from us soon to hold the time for us. Money is involved. Most exhibits run \$40k and more. Funding needs to be in place 2 years in advance. ATHM will do the fundraising, and expects to get corporate support, but the guild would need to provide the balance. Beth suggests that stock the guild has been holding could be sold for that purpose. Before the recent stock market decline it was valued at about \$16k. ATHM will contact individual guild members; any donation will be to the museum and will be tax-deductible. Hetty asked whether other locations such as ICA or the Fuller have been asked. They have not, so far, since ATHM is a very good fit in terms of their focus on textiles and their association with us. Discussions have been developing, and now time is getting short for a decision. Those present decided that the whole Board should have a voice.

Motion by Susan, seconded by Diane, passed unanimously:

**Contact ATHM about date availability and deadline for us to make a decision on the 100th anniversary exhibit; continue discussion leading up to an in-person vote of the Board.**

Some discussion will be held by email, and the Board will vote at the December meeting, or if necessary a special meeting of the Board will be called. In the meantime:

*\*\*Hetty will give a quick call to the ICA (and the Fuller?) to get a rough idea of their interest.*

*\*\*Nancy will contact ATHM about a deadline for us to commit, and to find out how much they are likely to need from us.*

- Steering Committee for the 100th anniversary. At present consists of Nancy, Beth, and Ginny Longley. Martha and Jane volunteered to be members. There will be subcommittees working on various pieces; Susan would like to see every guild member involved in some capacity. A member of the steering committee would be on each subcommittee.

**Librarian.** Joanne Germaine.

Joanne met with Linda; there is a lot to learn.

- Ro suggested having books from the library related to the morning workshops displayed. Where? In the vestry, on a table, with instructions and a box for checkout cards. Joanne will herself be up in the library.
- We have minimal subject access. Susan suggested the Pourrey Cross system used at Interweave. It would be a lot of work to index all of our materials. Maybe an intern from library school at Simmons or Univ. RI Providence could help.

**Annual sale.** Fran Osten & Mary Mandarino

- Items can be dropped off on Wed. 11/4 or Thursday.
- Rent has been paid and check cashed
- The Excel inventory sheet has been changed so the waiver is in the header, not on a separate sheet.
- Web page is up to date
- Posters and postcards are complete
- Judith will do the postcard mailing list; mail 4-5 weeks ahead.
- Publicity packets for yarn stores will be distributed at the Sept. & Oct. meetings. Packets for the yarn crawl on 9/17-20 will be available sooner.
- We are moving to using only guild-owned fixtures for display. This year people may still bring their own fixtures, as the guild does not have enough.
- There will be more instructions for jurors. Procedures for dropoff and pickup have been improved. Advertizing in Weston/Wellesley is improved.
- Submitters are asked to bring their goods in a plastic bin which can be used to keep items clean during breakdown.

**Website.** Jane Moore

One person had a problem printing the trifold brochure from the website, but others had no problem.

Updates are needed from Membership and Library

Procedures have been refined for updating course and teacher info.

**Nominating**

Open positions for 2016/17: Yearbook, Bulletin, NEWS Rep Assistant, Morning Workshops. Diana Frost will be greeter at meetings.

**Membership.** Martha Rossman

Martha, Susan, and Beth have been using Dropbox to transfer large files.

Susan said they have not had a membership report in 3 years. Membership in that period dropped from 365 to 183. Susan has contacted some lapsed members saying

that there was a database problem, and would they be interested in renewing. Membership is up now to 198.

*\*\*Martha will post a list on Dropbox of lapsed members so people can contact those they know about renewing.*

The suggestion was made to give new members a coupon for a discount on *Interlaced*. Beth approved a discount of 20%.

**Education grants.** Linda Russell

No takers this year. The suggestion was made to invite those who sign up for the special workshops.

**Education Committee.** Diane Chaisson

Just Our Yarn 2-day workshop Nov 2016, Connie Lippert March 2017.

Diane met with the church AV guy & learned where all the wires go, etc.

**Yarn & equipment sale.** Beth Guertin

- Beth will hold a sale 9/25-27, approved by the Board. Gulli Kula's yarn to be sold for \$8/lb; her books with 10% going to the guild. The sale will include yarn, books, table looms, equipment from the storage unit. Hours F 10-9, Sa 10-5, Su 11-4. Wine & cheese Friday night (Beth's expense). All members are welcome to bring their own yarn, books, or equipment to sell, on the same terms as the Member Sale table at meetings: label items with the price, your name, and guild number; and the guild will collect a 10% cut of the sales.
- Beth proposed that we pay someone a commission to post the remaining books from It was proposed that we set a policy for accepting donations, given how much work they can entail. Tabled for future discussion.
- Motion by Susan, seconded by Beth, passed unanimously:

**The Guild declares a moratorium on accepting loom donations.**

*\*\*Jane will remove the statement on the website that we accept loom donations.*

**Treasurer.** Beth Guertin

- Beth proposed to change our credit card merchant's account to TD Bank. They offer a better rate than Bank of America. The monthly fee if we don't use the account is \$14.95. For that we are not charged the unpredictable annual fees from MasterCard, Visa etc. that we get now. At the annual sale we would have saved \$161 in fees under this arrangement. TD bank did not offer this when last asked, but they made the offer based on our record as a customer.
- We may need to buy a new credit card machine. Chip technology will be implemented in October.

Motion made by Susan, seconded by Diane, approved unanimously:

**Approve the Treasurer's request to change our credit card merchant's account to TD Bank.**

- Budget. The fee for the storage unit was paid in the last fiscal year before a rate increase.

Motion made by Susan, seconded by Carol, approved unanimously:

**Approve the budget submitted by the Treasurer (attached).**

NEXT MEETING

December 9, 2015 at Beth Guertin's house

Submitted by Dorothy Solbrig