

WGB General Meeting
12 Sept 2018

Westboro Congregational Church
61 attendees

Dean Carol McClennen called the meeting to order at 12:35. She announced that the guild has a new website. We also have a new library classification. There is a notebook on display, the result of a workshop on Acadian weaving aided by a WGB scholarship. Yearbooks, samples, and nametags can be picked up.

Sale. Elizabeth Springett, Nancy Flood, Marnie Smith.

The sale will be 10/25-26 (10am-7pm), 10/27 (10am-6pm). We need 21 helpers each day; please sign up on the signup sheets. We also need men to load/unload Tuesday night, Wed. morning, Sat. night, Sun. morning. Wednesday will be setup, and from 6-7pm the sale will be open to church and guild members.

Marnie has packets to distribute.

Pam Burrows said there is a form on the website to fill if you plan to sell at the sale. She will send the information to local newspapers.

There is a new spreadsheet which will print tags automatically. Manual tags will no longer be accepted. The inventory sheet is the same; another tab in the spreadsheet will format the information to print the tags. The spreadsheet is up on the guild website in the members' section. What is there now is wrong, but will be fixed by the end of the week. It works with Excel or Google Sheets. Try it on a piece of scrap paper first, and print only the number you will use.

Treasurer. Beth Guertin

We have \$8900+ in the checkbook, \$40K in the money market, \$20K in a 2-yr CD. The budget shows we will be in the red this year. The Sale will help, as will the yarn sale. In May we voted to sell our IBM stock. Beth dealt with the IRS, and the MA state tax people, who after 1 hour on the phone declared her queen of WGB accounting and hoped she never ceases to be treasurer.

100th Anniversary. Beth Guertin

Julia Flanders is co-chair for exhibits; Pamela Burrows co-chair for parties.

There will be an exhibit of work by Guild members at the Fuller Craft Museum with Internationally known jurors. In 1922, the 19th Amendment (for Women's Suffrage) was upheld by the Supreme Court, and the proposed theme for the exhibit will be the progress (or lack thereof) in women's issues since then.

The exhibit will open 14 May 2022. There will be a lunch for guild members 11:30-2, and 2-5 a public reception, both of which we will pay for. The Fuller expects to get corporate sponsorship for the rest.

Challenge. Beth Guertin.

This year's challenge is the creativity game. To participate, pick up a set of cards and instructions. Weave an article of clothing, an art piece, or a household item. It is due at the

May guild meeting, and will be returned in November, after being shown at the guild table in NEWS and in the Sale exhibit.

Yard sale. Beth Guertin.

We may not have sales at every meeting, but we will have yard sales in Sept. and Feb. The first will be at Beth's house on Fri 9/21 (9-4) and Sat 9/22 (9-3), with setup on Thursday. Books, yarn, equipment, looms will be sold. If you want to get money back, fill out an inventory spreadsheet, and tag your items with handwritten tags. Or you may donate items; all proceeds will go to the Guild. There is a sign up sheet to help. What does not sell can be donated to charity (or the Feb. yard sale), or can be collected at Beth's house or at the Oct. meeting.

Membership. Susan Targove reported that we have 244 members, down 12 from last year. 113 chose scanned samples only.

NEWS. Susan Targove announced that our representatives are Diana Vaughn and Susan Haggerty.

Library. Joanne Germaine.

Over the summer we finished converting the collection to the Purrey Cross Textile classification. Each of the 1000-2000 books was cataloged, labelled, and reshelfed in the new order. You can check it out online. You might want to look it over before using it to familiarize yourself.

Morning workshops. Joan Paul.

Beth on the challenge, Susan Targove on organizing, Barbara Herbster on embroidery weaves.

Website. Susan Targove, Helen Sandoz

Susan reported on the new website, which became active this summer. It has a members only section, which is new. It is now possible to renew online and to sign up online for workshops.

Helen said that 115 members (of 244) have signed up on the website.

Door prizes.

Show and Tell.

The meeting finished at 1:30.

Submitted by Dorothy Solbrig