

WGB Annual Meeting May13, 2014
Westboro Church
65 attendees

Dean Ro Spinelli called the meeting to order at 10:30 pm.
Ro greeted everyone to our final meeting with a pot luck lunch, fashion show and awards.

Ro asked everyone to pick up their bulletin woven samples on the back table so that the guild would not have the expense of mailing them to all members.

Beth Guertin, Treasurer said that the fiscal year closes on June 30, so that if you need to submit a receipt for this year please send it before that date. If you have outstanding checks please deposit them before that date. Thanks to donations from Martha Pappas and Bette Davis we are in the black. (report attached)

Beth Guertin, Yarn table, The yarn table was held in Sept., Nov., Feb., and Apr., and netted \$3335.65 thanks to a generous donation from Martha Pappas and Betty Shannon. Without their donations the yarn table would have made less than \$75. (report attached)

Judith Shangold, Annual sale chair, reported 352 attendees, 23% came for the first time to the show, 25% by word of mouth. Next year we will be distributing packets to shops as we did this year. The theme for next year will be textures. (report attached)

Kristine Kelly, Bulletin, was not present. Ro said that the next bulletin will be at the end of the month, and to look for the attachment-and open it up. Some people forget or don't open the attachment which you can find at the bottom of the email. Click it to open the attachment. (report attached)

Susan Targove, Afternoon speakers, There are 7 afternoon speakers in place and one trivia swap in place for next year. Also 5 programs for next year. For list see attachment.

Eileen Fitzgerald, Morning workshops, said 209 students signed up for 19

morning workshops. Deposits given to the treasurer totaled \$4040. Recommendations going forward include increasing teachers fees and implementing incentives for early registration to enable smoother operations. (report attached)

Elizabeth Springett, Special Workshop, was not present. Her report on the 3 day workshop with Sue Butler, which had 10 students, brought in \$2400, (report attached)

Eileen Goldman, Education Grants, was not present. There were no requests for grants. (report attached)

Linda Snook, Librarian, The new WGB library is located on the third floor of the building we meet at. New books were purchased, renewed subscriptions, donated books and periodicals from Tony Kormos. A generous donation from Laurie Autio and the Weavers of Western Massachusetts. Thanks to Joanne Germaine for being the library assistant and Diana Frost for helping organize shelved books. Linda held weavers helping weavers in the library in March. (report attached)

Beth Parks, Membership, was not present. Ro said that the renewal forms for membership are in the back, and on line. Please send them in before July 15th to be included in the yearbook.

Kathy Eklud, Yearbook, printed and available at October meeting or mailed as necessary. Supplements were issued in the January bulletin. Net income \$129.81. (report attached)

Barbara Provest, Outreach/Plimoth Plantation, had a long list of accomplishments this year by her and guild members. Highlights included refurbishing and warping many looms, demonstrating weaving and spinning at various locations, and a large amount of historical weaving for Plimoth Plantation including items such as bedding, curtains, towels and clothing. (report attached)

Sue Knowles, Publicity, was not present. The two main areas of publicity activity this year were for Interlaced retail sales and the 2013 Exhibit and Sale. (report attached)

Jane Moore, Website Committee Chair, Sally Eyring Co-chair, Nancy Kronenberg Consultant and Webmaster. The annual fees for hosting account and domaine have been paid in the previous fiscal year so we are up to date. The annual updates have been completed. The committee produced guidelines for submitting information and photographs to be posted on the website. Many thanks to Nancy for all the help in coding HTML etc. (report attached)

Nancy Rhodes, Hospitality, requested for members to sign up to bring sweets/ food to the meetings to have with coffee. 4 people are needed for each meeting, 20 altogether. We all enjoy these treats so please sign up. Thank you to 25 members who brought sweets and coffee this past year.

Joan Rauch, Retail book orders will have a report at the end of the year. Monographs sell slowly. Only 7 left of the ESTES mini-overshot left.

Deb Watson, Ratings , said there were no applicants this year. Members should consider getting their ratings, fun and challenging.

Diane Chaisson, Historian, an uneventful year. Minutes, bulletins, and a packet on the life and work of Dorrie Burton was provided by Barbara Herbster to be added to the collection of well-known weavers in the Weavers" Guild of Boston. Historian's boxes are in the Waltham storage unit.

Awards were given to the following members:

Laurie Autio presented the following awards. Laurie had wonderful things to say to each recipient, describing why they were chosen for the specific award. Descriptions and criteria for each annual award are in each yearbook.

:Diana Frost: Honorary Membership

Deborah Watson: Celebration of Weaving Life Award in honor of Aija, Dorrie and Sandy

Sally Eyring: Deborah Berry Award

Eileen Fitzgerald: Helen Barrett Award

Ro gave out thank you gifts to her board that has served on the board 2012-2014, under her leadership as Dean. She acknowledged that she has received special help from each one of them during the past two years.

Susan Targove, the incoming Dean, awarded Ro with the traditional "Dean Pin" for her service. Susan also gave Ro an additional present. It was a medal that said " Pretty darn Fabulous"

Ginny Longly, Nominating Committee Chair, submitted the following slate of positions for the coming year (see attached). A Motion by Mara Taylor, corresponding secretary, to accept the Slate of Board Officers, was seconded by Nancy Hodes, and The new slate was accepted.

The next fun event was the placemat/ matching mug challenge awards.

Technique merit: Karin Borden

Most creative: Eleanore Elkin

Most colorful: Pat Flaherty

Best match to mug: Jane Moore

Would look best in my house: Kathy Kelleher

Following the meeting was the Fashion Show and Lunch.

The afternoon speaker was Sally Eyring on Loom Interventions- Making that loom work for you!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30

Respectfully submitted,

Mara Taylor

Recording Secretary

