

WGB Board 24 August 2016

at Diane Chaisson's house, 10:30AM - 12:30PM

Attending: Diane Chaisson, Joanne Germaine, Hetty Friedman, Ginny Longley, Carol McClennen, Jane Moore, Martha Rossman, Dorothy Solbrig, Elizabeth Springett, Susan Targove

Morning workshops. Mary Mandarino emailed the group that none of the classes need to be cancelled, and some are already full. The email blast before the Sept meeting will go out in a few days; people will be notified that they should sign up quickly.

Membership. Susan Targove.

After 5 sets of reminder notices last year, membership is up to 234 active members from 188. That means 15p. more in the yearbook. Susan distributed lists of volunteers garnered from the membership form for various tasks, such as weaving a sample, hosting a speaker, hospitality.

Survey. Jane Moore

Susan has provided a report on the survey results, but it is very dense.

**Jane offered to make a summary with graphics, by November. A link to the report on Dropbox will be provided.

Education Grants. Martha Rossman

This year a grant was made, and for the full amount of \$500. Grants for next year's NEWS will come from next year's budget.

Martha had several proposals to increase usage of grant money:

1. Place an "ad box" on the front page of the Bulletin
2. Amend the by-laws to allow bulletin-only members to apply. (This was discussed and withdrawn.)
3. In the Winter Bulletin, place an ad box to highlight upcoming summer conferences. (**tell Eileen C.)
4. Increase the amount offered for NEWS years. A 3-day workshop at NEWS is \$325. (**submit to Beth for budget consideration for next year.)
5. Propose offering a "scholarship" to students of New England fiber arts programs.

Motion by Martha: The Guild will offer a free regular WGB membership, by application to Ed Grants, to one student of each of Mass Art, U Mass Dartmouth, RISD. Passed.

It would be made clear that membership includes the right to apply for education grants. We would consider expanding the program to other New England fiber arts programs if we learn of them. Contacts were suggested for the above institutions to help make students aware of the offer.

Annual Sale. Ginny Longley

The packet for yarn shops for the Yarn Crawl will be ready for 9/5. If not readily deliverable by volunteers they will be mailed. Display and other equipment has been ordered. We will install LED lighting for the sale—and take it down afterward. Sue is doing publicity. Ginny is working

on sandwich boards in the town, for which there is a bureaucracy. Jane asked about the website; Ginny will provide a press release and Judith the poster.

Librarian. Joanne Germaine.

Winnie Neelon donated boxes from Carol Groven, mostly textile rather than weaving. Mary Frances Edge donated some books, many of which are already in the collection. Work continues on the Porrey Cross system, but it is slow.

Website. Jane Moore

The home page was revised in response to the survey and questions. Jane asked that a notice to that effect be included in the blast.

Mileage

Carol asked for clarification about the mileage rate for afternoon speakers. Beth told her that the \$.40/mile approved by the board was for morning speakers. The Board approved the rate for afternoon speakers too. In fact, afternoon speakers are almost always also morning speakers.

New Business.

Carol asked if the budget could be presented in a simpler form, with income and expenses like a balance sheet, with multiple years. She also would like to see that in advance of the budget meeting.

**Diane will try to compile that document.

Hetty said she has dealt with the Lasell Fashion Communication program, who provide interns for projects. They are good with technology and social media.

Hetty mentioned that some people who took her trip to Guatemala would like to sell some of the textiles they brought back. They can do so at the Yarn Table (which is not just for yarn); the Guild takes 10%.

NEXT MEETING

December 14, 2016 at Beth Guertin's house

Submitted by Dorothy Solbrig