

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes - May 22, 2024



Show and Tell

Attendance: Jan, Paula, Susan C., Becky, MaryAnn, Heather, Micki, George, Helen, Kathy, Melinda

Call to order by Jan at 10:30AM

April Minutes - MaryAnn moved/SusanC seconded. Minutes unanimously approved

Reports

Treasurer – In Kathleen’s absence, Jan reported TSWG had \$888 in shop sales in April and other income totaling \$928.00. Expenses were \$144.00. More information can be found in the treasurer’s book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Becky advised they are ordering a new condenser for the walk-in freezer for the café. A shutter repair will be completed soon on back of the Tavern building (our studio!). There are currently 10 classes listed for the Heritage Arts Center. The blacksmiths are restoring a memorial bench. There will be a BBQ fund raiser with ribs in the TMB on June 29th at 6 pm. Sid is planning 1/2 rack per person so it will be all-you-can-eat. Tickets will be \$30. Both café and maintenance staff need more volunteers. Quilters are having a jelly roll competition next month (It’s a quilting “thing”)! Sounds like fun.

Studio/Yarn Status - Jan is placing order with Mo Purl this Monday. Let her know if you need some threads. Old Mill is having a sale on 5lb cones; Kathy will put link to Old Mill onto our website.

School Sponsorship – Nothing to report

Social Media - Kathy continues to work with Patty to learn all the techniques Patty used when adding pictures to our website.

MAFA/Other Guilds – (see annual meeting minutes attached). Their webmaster, Dave Banks, is retiring due to age/health issues. Dues for MAFA for our guild will be \$60 for a two year membership.

Equipment – Nothing to report, but our thoughts are with Tom as he is having health issues.

Book of the Month Report – George reported on Weaving Designs by Bertha Grey Hayes (overshot), with pictures of original samples and patterns, but with computerized patterns as well. Take a look at the book in the studio on the table.

Old Business

After-Action Report on School Visits – Jan, Kathy and Tom presented the history of fiber, cotton gin demonstration, weaving and spinning to the Cople Elementary 5th graders and to Northumberland School 4th graders, 7 separate groups for 30 minutes each. The kids had a blast, and the adults were exhausted. Thanks Team !! Need to think about a way to include more hands-on time next year.

Grandparents Camp — Mary Ann, Melinda, Bobbie will work with the kids on weaving in the studio and Heather and Sandi will work with the kids in the café area on spinning, July 8.

Summer meetings – Jun. 9 – Sunday – 2PM
July 14 - Sunday – 2PM
Aug 18 – Sunday – 2PM MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!

MAFA Grant – Jan will file an application with MAFA to purchase a Schacht Baby Wolf loom and a spinning wheel so we can travel to schools etc. to teach about spinning and weaving as a community outreach by our guild.

In-House Spinning Class- Mark your calendars for Sept. 25 to learn about fibers, spinning wheel parts, etc. We will learn a lot about spinning, but not actually how to spin. This info class will be held after our monthly meeting.

New Business

Boys & Girls Club — Micki talked with our guild about getting involved with the Northumberland Boys and Girls Club to help the kids learn weaving. To get this relationship started we will offer a weaving class and guild/tavern membership to one of the club's employees. Kathy moved/Melinda seconded on this decision to begin our involvement.

Micki is hoping some of us will also be willing, in the future, to volunteer at the club to help mentor the kids on fiber arts on a weekly basis. (TBD)

Weaving Class Instruction Booklet- Kathy took copious notes on suggestions for re-writing the instruction booklet to include how to read drafts, dressing the loom start to finish, a labeled illustration showing which is heddle threading, tie-up vs. treadling, and lots more. Kathy hopes to have the new booklet by the August class.

Minutes submitted by,

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary