

Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2024



Show and Tell

Call to order by Jan at 2:40 PM

Attendees: Kathleen, Micky, Heather, Jan, Kathy, MaryAnn, George, Michael, Elizabeth, Becky, Vicki, Susan C., Helen, Sandi, Ingrid, Melinda, and Saluda visitors Lois and Dennis

June Minutes - Becky moved / Susan C. seconded. Unanimously approved.

Reports

Treasurer – Kathleen stated we had \$408.00 in shop sales for June and zero expenses. More information can be found in the treasurer's book in the Yellow Cat Studio.

Foundation – Becky advised the BBQ fundraiser went well, as did the Farmer's Market. This coming market is kid's day so we need to be ready for kids in the studio. Repairs to the A/C for the Tavern Meeting Building were completed and now we are preparing to have gravel added to the parking area in front of the Tavern. The quilt guild is planning a show in November so stay tuned. If you have any input for the strategic planning committee, please let Becky know.

Studio/Yarn Status – Jan says the bill for the MoPurl we ordered took a long time to come after our last order.

School Sponsorship – Melinda will contact Heather Cockrell to let her know we have empty cones if she would like them. We do need to save enough for the upcoming weaving class.

Social Media – Kathy added MD Weaving to our website. They are a Canadian company and they have good prices on ½ pound tubes of yarn. Free shipping if you order \$150 or more of yarns.

MAFA/Other Guilds - Sandi advised MAFA will now take digital payments. (For us, it is too cumbersome. Our bank does not do Zelle payments for business accounts either.) MAFA does have a lot of interesting articles and activities on their site, so take a look.

Equipment – Minnie's metal rods fell off numerous times during Grandparents Camp, so we have now added thread tie-ups using direct tie-up method and will use the loom for visitors.

Book of the Month Report – Jan reported on "Eight Shafts, A Place to Begin". It was written in 1991 and has good explanations of weaving structures. Pictures are fuzzy, however. Next month, Susan C. will present a book of her choice.

Old Business

Grandparents Camp Review — Our guild liked having both the café space and the studio space for the kids on Monday. Spinning was in the café and weaving was in the studio. Overall, it was a good event for the kids who attended. The weaving instructors realized we only have time for one project next year and the spinners realized there is clean up that must be done to get the café ready for food service.... Lots of floating fiber.

Boys & Girls Club — Micky said that Destiny Turner may be contacting us to take the weaving class.

Menokin Makers Day Review – The Menokin preparation for this event was poorly executed and our guild will not participate in the future. It was extremely hot and we thank our members who suffered through the day to try to give exposure to our guild. Maybe we should look at being a future presence at Stratford Hall Plantation.

Beginning Weaving Class — Kathy advised there are currently 7 students signed up and that she still needs volunteers for set up day. Kathy will send out another email showing what is still needed. Remember to bring your weaving examples!

New Business

Fall Fiber Fest Sponsorship- Our guild started the “People’s Choice Award” years ago and sponsored it last year but never got credit for the sponsorship. We will not participate this year, and consider more local venues.

Lessons Learned/Tidbits - Try to keep your threads labeled / organized so you don’t use a shrinking fiber with non-shrinking fiber in the same project.

Meeting closed at 3:30PM and Sandi presented a new way to get a warp onto the loom in the studio. It was well attended.

Minutes submitted by,

Melinda K. Floom, Secretary