

**Weavers West Guild
General Membership Meeting
March 6, 2020**

Call to Order:

President Terri Reeves called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. A quorum was established.

The agenda was adopted. A motion was made by Karen Vincent to approve the February 7, 2020 General Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Announcements by Terri:

- New members introduced were Kathy Michels and Sue Saurber. Welcome!
- Terri thanked members for cooperation over the past weeks for busy times in the weaving rooms. Thanks for your patience.
- Membership stands at 114 currently. A reminder was given to pay dues if you haven't done so yet.
- The social event on the Great Lawn was well attended (about 60 people) and enjoyed by all. Thanks were given to Melanie Drake who led the event.

Officer Reports:

President:

Terri Reeves reported:

- A reminder was made about the food drive for the Salvation Army through April 3rd. Contact Ron at 623-214-4887 if interested in donating food.
- Craft Fair is coming up on March 21 at RH Johnson. We are not participating yet, but we may want to take a look to prepare for our participation next Fall.

Vice President:

Angela Buxton reported:

- Housekeeping-A reminder was given to leave the room in some order each evening so the maintenance staff can easily do their cleaning.
- The Sagebrush Room at Beardsley has been reserved for the 2nd Tuesday each month to accommodate Weavers West activities while our room is closed. No activity is planned for March, but if you have suggestions on projects or activities to do for future months, let Angela know. We want to have guild equipment like bobbin winder, fringe twister, portable warping board, and ball winder available on these days for our members to use. The serger will not be available, but members Jean Sinchak and Melanie Drake may be contacted if you have something to serge.
- Member Mary Beth King broke her foot so wishes to her for a speedy recovery.
- Adopt-a-loom program is still in process. 26 looms have a home and available looms will be posted after the meeting. Looms currently in use during March will remain in the room until the 31st but looms not in use now may be scheduled to be taken home sooner. Adopters will be contacted for an appointment to sign contract and pick up looms. Looms still available for adoption include several Woolhouse

and Dundas table looms, 2 triangle looms, several inkle looms and 1 Baby Wolf. Several members offered warping boards to use for the summer and many were spoken for already, but the guild has boards also that could be adopted out.

Treasurer:

Melanie Drake reported:

- Savings account balance-\$5287.21
- Checking Account balance-\$5112.51

Committee Reports:

Special Events:

- Diane Conery reported for Sharon Morken that the catered Spring Soup and Salad Luncheon will be held on Friday, April 3, 2020 from 11-1 shortly after our monthly meeting at the Weavers West Guild room. The cost will be \$6.00. A sign up sheet will be out in the room next week.

Webmaster:

- Carol Price reported that the website now has an easier direct link to see items for sale. If you want to list an item for sale, send her an email including a picture, description, price and your contact information. She also reminded members to contact her if you would like to be trained on the serger. You must be cleared to use it by attending a session with her.

Education:

- Carol Byrne reported that Weaving I classes were just completed this week. The Education Committee is looking for volunteers to participate in a Weaving II team based on the success of the Weaving I class format to ensure consistency and shared responsibility in teaching and assisting roles throughout the year. Contact Carol if you are interested.
- Thank you to Char Heins, Peggy Marshall and Bonnie Benson for teaching Weaving III for the first time in February.
- Thank you to Marilyn Hass-Haseman for teaching the Triangle Weaving Class in February.
- Bee In The Know will be held on March 20 at 2 PM. Catherine Porter and Carol Byrne will share their learning from the Zanshi and Sakiori class they attended at Red Stone Glen taught by Tom Knisely.
- Thank you to Char Heins for the "Tools of the Trade" Bee InThe Know held in February.
- Members were asked to give input on teachers we would like to see on the Weavers West Guild class schedule for 2021-2022 through the AZ Federation Traveling Teacher Program. A clipboard was sent around during the meeting for input, but you can also respond to the email Carol sent out.
- Input was also sought for topics and interest for monthly Study Groups from November through May. A clipboard was sent around but you can also let Carol know if you have suggestions.
- Next Education Committee meeting is Wednesday, March 11 at 3 PM in Studio 2.

Monitoring

- Karen Vincent has created a script that Monitors can use when we have a tour group come through the Guild. It is a tool to help you should you wish to use it. It is located in the Monitors book on the desk. Tours are scheduled this month on Wednesday, March 11th and Wednesday, March 25th. If you are the Monitor on either of those days, you are required, as part of your Monitor duties, to greet the tour group and provide information about our Guild. However, if you are uncomfortable in doing so, you may not want to Monitor on those dates. March's Monitoring Calendar is almost complete. Dates open are: Mornings on the 26, 27 and 30th.

Newsletter

- Diane Stern would like Newsletter articles due from March 6 through March 9 and no later. She plans to have the Newsletter posted by March 16th.

Craft Fair

- Bonnie Benson reports we had a great turnout for the scarf dyeing sessions. Thank you to everyone who participated. Special thanks to Sherry Gower who hung in there all day to help her with both sessions. Scarves will be on display right after the meeting. We will be having one more dyeing session. Stay tuned for the date.

Library

- Nancy Grunwaldt would like to announce that all library materials need to be returned by April 1st to prepare for packing for the room closure.

Quality Control

- Barb Wood reports that it was brought to her attention that we needed clarification on some of the procedures when submitting items to the Village Store.
 - 1) It's not necessary that you make your item at the Guild, it would be nice but not always convenient. This is going to be especially true when we are closed due to construction. You do need to run them through Quality Control to check the item to see if there are no errors and also to do the paperwork.
 - 2) To submit your item call me at 480-939-4969 or by email at ordawg@aol.com.
 - 3) Here is the breakdown of the percentages that are taken from the item you are selling:
 - 16% - Village Store
 - 4% - Weavers West
 - 80% - WeaverIf you sell an item at the Arts and Craft Fair, an additional 6.3% is taken out for sales tax.
Keep this in mind when pricing your weaving.

Linus Project:

- Jan Jordan had several blankets on display that have been donated recently for the Linus Project. She encouraged members to make a blanket for the project and has some donated fiber you are free to use. She will empty the cabinets and get the blankets turned in at the end of the month before the room closure. She also has

some fleece blankets that need crocheting around the edges to complete them, so see her if you are able to do this.

Unfinished Business:

Construction Update:

- Terri reported that the project start date remains at May 1, 2020 and is projected to take 5 months with the end of September being the estimated completion date.
- Moving the looms will begin on April 13 by Rec Center staff. We may need members to help get looms ready for the move. More information will be sent out on this. Old blankets are also needed for protecting equipment.
- Be sure to be off looms by March 31st.
- April 1st we will start packing boxes. Sign up sheets for helpers will be out soon.
- Terri spoke of concerns for the cost of movers and storage units to our Rec Center rep. There may be more room at Stardust than originally thought. More information will be forthcoming.
- A refrigerator has been donated by Mike and Bonnie Krause so we will save money by not having to purchase this item. Thank you!
- Several items will need to be purchased for the new space like a bookshelf, rolling carts, possibly other storage items. No voting is needed so far for expenditures. Pam Chumbley suggested that members may want to make donations towards these items.
- Packing procedures, forms, pictures, etc. are being finalized so the move will be as organized as possible.
- Terri has requested 32 new chairs for the room from the Rec Center.

Strategic Plan Review:

- Work groups on the plan still need volunteers. If you would like to help, contact the Board members listed below.

Community Connection-Diane Conery

Organizational Operations-Mary Wilder and Kathleen Bloechl

Education-Melanie Drake

Equipment and Facilities-Angela Buxton and Terri Reeves

Results will be reported at the November 6th General Meeting.

New Business:

- Bids accepted for the Loom/Textile Sale were reported:

\$752.53 for Navajo Rug

\$50.00 for blue and white textile

\$125.00 for Dundas loom

\$101.00 for Leclerc loom

Bids were accepted on unsold items for 15 minutes after the meeting.

For The Good Of The Order:

- Carol Byrne reminded us that she has a chenille stash for you to use for items to be donated to the craft fair.

- Terri challenged members to come up with ideas for the surface of a display wall (approximately 18 feet long) in our new space. See Terri with your ideas.
- The large letters for the wall defining spinners space and weaving area will be revamped, possibly by yarn wraps, to make them look more attractive. More information to come on how you can help with this project.

Adjourned at 10:13 AM

Diane Conery, Secretary