

Weaver's West Zoom General Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2021

Due to Covid-19, the Recreation Center Board has put a ban on large group indoor meetings. This month we used Zoom to meet.

The meeting was called to order by Karen Vincent at 9:37.

A Quorum was established. Present were Co Presidents Karen Vincent and Mary Wilder, Vice President Angela Buxton, Treasurer Melanie Drake, Secretary Marcia Steil, Membership at Large Kathleen Bloechl.

Absent were Assistant Treasurer Bonnie Krause and Membership at Large Pat Conway.

Members present were : Maryann Edens, Bonnie Benson, April Earle, Betty Osswald, Marilyn Haas-Haseman, Diane Stern, Mary Jones, Ailene Conrad, Janet Jordan, Cynthia Geyer-Goering, Jean Sinchak, Gloria Jacobs, April Earle, Betty Osswald, Susan Bang, Barbara Wood, Lorraine Kimmel, Mary Jones, Debbie Morales, Gloria Jacobs, Nancy Grunwaldt, and Pat O'neil.

Also present was Esther Federman. Corrected March 10, 2021 MS

The minutes of the February 5 meeting were approved as submitted.

Officer Reports

Co-Presidents:

Karen Vincent and Mary Wilder reported:

- Members have been given the opportunity to visit the new studio and many have taken the opportunity to do so. We are practicing social distancing while in the studio and masks are required. Looms are in use and have been spaced so that social distancing is being practiced.
- As requested by a member, more easily readable clocks have been purchased and installed.
- Membership: Karen and Mary have called all guild members who have not renewed. They learned that many are staying put in their other homes for now. We have 91 who have renewed or joined as new members. Membership is down about 30 people.
- Update on social events: Members have expressed an interest in meeting in the courtyard. As of now, this is not permitted by the Rec Center. Karen will keep in touch and let us know when this becomes a possibility.
- Rigid Heddle looms are now stamped "Property of Weavers West Guild." Table looms will be stamped as well.

Triangle looms will be stamped also. Corrected March 10, 2021. MS
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Vice President:

- Angela Buxton has completed revising the curriculum for Weaving II, reformatting it and including a table of contents. Mary and Cynthia Geyer-Goering are now reviewing it.
 - Angela will schedule a 4-person class beginning in late March.
 - The curriculum will include skills that will be taught by all instructors teaching Weaving II.
 - Bonnie Benson has expressed an interest in co-teaching the first class with Angela.
 - It will be possible to take the Weaving II class without attending in person in the studio. The student checks out a loom to take home, takes Kelly Casanova's online class, and has some one-on-one instruction with a Weavers West instructor.
 - Angela will work out details with the Education Committee.
 - Angela reports that we have six members on the wait list to take Weaving II.

Treasurer's Report:

Melanie Drake reported bank balances: Savings \$3528.00 Checking \$ 3357.00

Assistant Treasurer:

Bonnie Krause was absent.

Membership at Large:

Kathleen Bloechl reported three suggestions that have come in from the membership:

- Mark "FRONT" on all rigid heddle looms for beginner weavers. The board did not approve. The difference between the front and back of the loom is taught in the class.
- Post signage on samples in the studio identifying the type of yarn and pattern woven. The board agreed that this request could be made of the weaver supplying the sample work, but it would not be required. Kathleen will ask Carol, who supplied the bag and dress displayed in the classroom, to provide this information. It is not a requirement.
- Clocks with large faces and readable numbers should replace current clocks in each studio. The board approved.

Committee Reports

Education Committee:

Carol Byrne reported:

- March 5, 2021 All Classes, Workshops and Bee in the Know sessions are on hold until it is determined safe for both the students and instructors that they be held in the Weavers West Guild Studios. Don't forget to submit "Virtual Bee in the Know" on-line classes, workshops, etc., to Carol Byrne for distribution to the membership.

- Cynthia Geyer-Goering, Mary Wilder and Angela Buxton are finalizing the Weaving II curriculum for both a virtual and an in person class. We hope to offer Weaving II to our membership by the end of March. If you are interested in taking Weaving II, weaving on a table loom, there is a Weaving II sign-up sheet in the red class book. This is for interest only, no fee is due, but we want to accommodate those on the list as soon as a class is available.
- If you are interested in attending an ice dyeing workshop held outside at Carol Byrne's home, please let Carol know. We will focus on dyeing warps and skeins.

Yarn Store

Paula Dean reported:

- I'm sure that many of you have been to the "new" WW Studios by now and, as with most of our studio areas, the Yarn Store has undergone a few changes. The new glass door allows you to view the inside shelves of the store and our added shelves give us more room to spread out our fiber for better viewing of the colors and quantities of each type of fiber.
- In addition, we have used some of our extra space to create display areas to highlight some of our members' weaving projects. Each display includes a woven item or items, a copy of the pattern(s) used, and a 3"x5" card with weaving info including location of the pattern and the weaver. Members are welcome to make a copy of the pattern (please remember to pay for copies made on the studio copiers) or check out the magazine or book where the pattern is located.
- The Yarn Store will continue to be open every Friday morning from 8:30 to noon so even if you are not weaving in the studio, come by to see the "new" Yarn Store and buy whatever fiber you need for your next project.

Library:

Diane Conery reported:

- The Index for Handwoven Magazines has been added to our website under Library Resources. So now you can research projects/patterns at home (if you wish) and then come in to the studio to check out the magazine copies you need. We still have a printed copy on the library bookshelf. Thank you, Nancy, for adding this to our website!
- I would like to thank Pam Chumbley, Carol Price and Sue Bang for their book donations to our library. The following books have been added since January:
 - Weaving Without A Loom Veronica Burningham
 - Weaving With Yarn & Beads...Together! Rebecca Smith
 - Weaving: A Handbook For Fiber Craftsmen Shirley E. Held
 - 2nd Copies of :
 - Time To Weave: Simple Elegant Projects To Make Jane Patrick
 - Creative Weaving, Sarah Howard
 - The Woven Bag-30 + Projects From Small Looms Noreen Crone
 - 60 Scarves for 60 Years 90 (on order) Weavers Guild of Baltimore

- Magazines/Collections :
 - Best of Handwoven-Technique Series
 - Color Weaving With Little Looms - Handwoven Holiday 2020

Monitors:

Barbara Smith reported:

- There are still a lot of opportunities to monitor in the month of March. I will have the updated schedule of monitor credits as soon as my computer is repaired. Hopefully by next week.

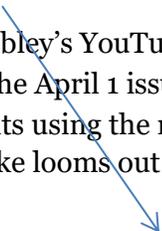
For the Good of the Order

- Diane Stern reports that Rip & Sew has a YouTube channel ~~that may interest some members. You may contact their 1st VP for the link.~~
- Nancy Grunwaldt suggested we check out Pam Chumbley's YouTube weaving videos.
- Cynthia Geyer-Goering needs news by March 27 for the April 1 issue of the newsletter.
- Pam Chumbley: We have had 5 new weaving I students using the new virtual format teaching model since November. Allowing them to take looms out of the studio has been a great option.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Submitted March 5, 2021

Marcia Steil



[She suggested that Weavers West consider a YouTube channel for our members.] Corrected March 10 MS