

SUN CITY WEST

WEAVERS WEST GUILD

KUENTZ RECREATION CENTER | 14401 W R.H. JOHNSON BLVD. | SUN CITY WEST, AZ 85375

General Meeting March 3, 2023

A Program was presented by Chris Acton, guest teacher from Illinois, on spontaneity in weaving before the general meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by CoPresident Pat Conway.

A Quorum was established and the agenda was adopted as published.

Kathleen Bloechl made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published. It was seconded and minutes were approved.

Officer Reports:

President:

Pat Conway reported that the Operating Procedures had been sent by email to each Guild member. Sue Fitzsimons made a motion to adopt the Operating Procedures as corrected. The motion was seconded and the motion passed. A PDF of the final document will be posted to the website.

A discussion was held on tie ups upon completing weaving. The loom committee will clarify and a motion was made by Kathleen Bloechl to include the changes in the Operating Procedures without another vote of the whole membership. It was noted that the tie ups on the Counter March looms must not be changed as all combinations are available.

Thank yous were expressed to Mary Wilder for her work on the Operating Procedures as well as the many hours she has spent on "cleaning up" the room computer to find files. She was presented with her favorite drink, bottles of Dunkin Donuts coffee.

A thank you was also expressed to Karol Woodbury for her donation of yarn stash that was used at the recent Not So Plain Weave class.

The Board will be contacting members to form a Nominating Committee for April to select the new officers for 2024.

Vice President:

Kathy Ingles reported that several new clamps have been purchased for the rigid heddle looms to replace the long handled clamps that do not work well on rigid heddle looms. She requested input on other handicapped assistive accessories so that members might continue to weave.

Kathy reminded members that the member to member stash sale will be held Friday March 24, beginning at 10 a.m. Members selling are responsible for their set up, clean up, and change.

Treasurer:

Alie Conrad-Lake reported \$5074.64 in savings, and \$6756.39 in checking.

Committee Reports:

Education:

Esther Federman requested that members complete a survey that was sent out March 3, giving input to Federation members planning classes for the upcoming event this summer.

She also mentioned there will be a Intermountain Weavers conference in Utah this summer. Information will be posted on the bulletin board for members.

Carole Byrne reminded people that if they are attending conferences or watching instructors on Utube that the education committee is open for recommendations for guest instructors in 2024.

Kathleen Bloechl reported that there will be a Weaving II class held March 27,29,31 and April 3, 5, 10th. The class on March 31 will dismiss at 11 a.m. for members to attend the Spring Luncheon.

Kathleen also demonstrated new handles for the Ashford rigid heddle looms and requested that they be signed out on the Weaver's card so usage can be tracked.

Kathleen also requested members save cardboard paper towel centers and plastic mini blinds.

Loom:

Paula Dean reported that the loom restoration will be March 25, 2023 beginning at 9:30 a.m. A sign up was passed around to members to encourage more people to sign up so that teams of two could work together and work could be completed in a minimum amount of time. A monitor credit will be given for participation. Members weaving in March need to complete their projects by March 24th or be responsible to oil and clean all parts of the loom they are using.

Paula also reported that reeds are being refurbished with new tape and reeds needing replacement are being noted. She requested members let the loom committee know of any repairs needed on looms or reeds and stated there is a form to fill out and deposit near the loom sign up sheet. Paula and Karen Vincent check the box regularly for reports of looms needing attention.

They have also been making an electronic record of loom usage which will be on the room computer. It will be used for input on which loom might need to be replaced, particularly if a new loom is to be donated, one that has little use will be traded out.

A reminder was made for looms to be thoroughly vacuumed and dusted when a weaver is finished for the month. That includes cleaning the floor underneath.

Action: A request was made for a list of cleaning products be posted for room use on a cupboard door by the sink noting how/where the product is to be used.

Newsletter/Publicity:

Marianne Culligan asked that members send her article information any time not just before the newsletter comes out. She would like pictures of current weaving.

Special Events:

Sharon Morken announced the Spring Bling luncheon will be at Tivoli Gardens on March 31st. The Guild will be collecting new shoes of any size and socks for firemen to distribute to those in need. She also requested donations of costume jewelry before the luncheon. Items may be placed in the member to member box. A sign up sheet for the luncheon will be posted in the room next week.

Window Display:

Janelle Kluch will be changing the room windows mid- March and would like to feature “color” and the pinwheel design towels that many members are making. She also will need donations of red, white, and blue items for display at the Library for July.

For the Good of the Order: A notice was read reporting Pat Hilts, a former teacher, will be interviewed by Zoom on the Handweavers Guild of America program “Textiles and Tea” on Tuesday March 14, 2023 at 2 p.m. Phoenix time. It may be viewed on www.weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/. It also will be available for later viewing on the HGA Facebook page or YouTube.

No unfinished business or new business was reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Marilyn Tschetter, Secretary