

Kansas City Weavers Guild Minutes-October 12, 2017

Rose Room of Loose Park, 5200 Wornall, KCMO

Jacqueline Jacobson, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Meeting Minutes from August (no meeting in September) were approved with no changes.

Becky Gaskill gave the treasurers report with the following balances.

Operating Fund	\$2,835.99
Workshops	\$ -110.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1289.53
Library Acc.	\$ 292.66
Equity	\$3,424.49

We have several new members: Kate Webb (attended the clasping warp workshop), Suzie Dutton, Jessica Power & family, and Gail White.

As a reminder, 2018 memberships need to be submitted by January 1, 2018 if you want to participate in Creative Hand. They can be sent to the Treasurer directly at the address listed on the form or brought to the meeting (I will not be attending the November meeting). Also, the membership application on the website needs to be revised. In 2018, it will cost \$36 to have the newsletter mailed to you.

There were two guests: Melinda Welte and Melody Miller.

Jacqueline thanked today's Hostesses: Lori Deason, Betty Haeberle, Jennifer Potts

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programs:

Susan Wyssman reported that today's meeting on weaving software would be presented by Vonda Sager, Mary Limpus, and Karen Neal. The November meeting is the members' challenge and should be something inspired by the sky. If you have a photo or image that inspired you, please bring it also. There will be prizes! The December meeting will be our Holiday luncheon. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped present with the fiber theme of something you can hang.

Newsletter:

No report.

Workshops:

Rebekah Foote reported on the Clasping Warp workshop conducted on October 7, 2018. Seven members attended. The workshop went well with everyone picking up on the technique quickly.

Scholarships:

Betty Haeberle reported that a scholarship was awarded last month. She also reminded members to add a little extra to their membership application for 2018 to benefit the scholarship fund even if it is only a dollar or two.

Felting:

Judy Saunter reported the meeting will be held the last Saturday of the month at Sue Metzler's house. If you plan to attend, call ahead to get the code for the entry gate.

KAWS (Kansas Alliance of Weavers and Spinners):

Lolly Buxton reported that KAWS 2018 will be in Manhattan, KS. Also, the Weavers Guild will be hosting KAWS in 2020 in partnership with MOFA. They are currently looking for sites, so if you have a suggestion please contact Lolly. The Guild needs

someone to volunteer to lead the effort for 2020. There will be committees to do the actual work, but someone needs to be in charge. Lolly will be available to assist, but she will not be leading the effort. Becky Stevens will be our coordinator with MOFA.

Library:

Debbie Buddish reported there is a new issue of Ply which has already been checked out. The library will have a new book next month and she is going to order a book on Shibori.

Creative Hand:

Leesa Duby brought postcards to the meeting. Everyone should take a few to distribute and help get the word out about the sale. There are only 5 1/2 weeks until Creative Hand. A meeting of the artists is being held on the last Sunday in October at the Johnson County Library. If you are not in the show and would like to volunteer to help, contact Leesa Duby. Volunteers get an opportunity to shop before the sale opens.

Tapestry Study Group:

Janet Meddings reported that like the slow food effort it is a slow weaving effort. :-)
Tapestry weaving is like painting with fiber, but there are similar challenges such as color, good selvages, tension, etc. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if just for one meeting!

Other Discussions:

Jacqueline Jacobson presented the following topics:

- A signup sheet was started for hostesses/hosts for next year's meetings. We need three members per meeting.

- We need volunteers to host and decorated a table for the Christmas luncheon. Four members volunteered: Susan Wyssman, Janet Meddings, Rebekah Foote, and Debbie Buddish.

- The topic of the Guild's future was introduced and considerable discussion followed. Jacqueline raised questions regarding what we want the size of the Guild to be in the future, community outreach, etc. Among the varied discussion that followed were the following topics:

- underutilized Guild equipment

- using the KC Parks and Recreation website to publicize our meetings and events

- ways to reach people who are interested, but work and can't attend a weekday meeting such as weekend/evening sessions

- the use of more study groups, with a special interest in a garment study group

- more outreach efforts partnered with the Fiber Guild

- recognition of the difference between ideas and the execution of those ideas

- Jacqueline requested the members consider these ideas and identify what they would be willing to follow up on.

- we also need a publicity person to help get our activities/meetings in press releases, on community calendars, etc. It was suggested we make a call for volunteers on the Guild's FaceBook page.

- Jacqueline requested ideas for programs for next year's meetings. These need to be planned in advance.

- Betty Haeberle made a motion that all monies made from donated items sold at the January Swap & Shop be allocated the Scholarship Fund. After much discussion it was voted on and agreed that this would be done for the 2018 year.

- Susan Wyssman initiated a discussion on allowing members to bring excess items they have to any meeting and not limit it to the January swap and shop. It was generally

agreed that this already happens by members placing their items on a table at the back of the room. It needs to be kept low-key and not become a market place for selling. Also, if you bring something in you must be sure to take it with you after the meeting if no one wants it.

-Discussions were held at the last PLY Away conference on holding a Saori workshop next year. We already have Robyn Spady booked for September, 2018.

-Jackie Kincaid-
Secretary

prepared by Becky Gaskill