

## **Weaver's Guild of Greater Kansas City Business Meeting February 10, 2022**

The meeting was held via Zoom due to Covid.

Janet Meddings called the meeting to order at 10:02

### **Treasurer's Report** - Kate Webb

Operating Cash	\$12,901.74
Scholarship Fund	3,323.78
Gross Operating Fund	\$16,225.52

2021 Financial information has been sent to the accountant

### **Creative Hand** - Sandy Cahill

- Financial Balance \$7,039.19
- 2022 artist applications will be available in June.
- The 2022 Creative Hand show will be held November 18 and November 19 at Shawnee Town

### **Programs** - Cindy Smith

- Today's program will be a virtual docent tour of the Nelson's Weaving Splendor exhibit.
- March and April programs are currently open.
- In May, Barrie Mason will be talking about paper making and book binding.

### **Directory** - Kirsten Kakolewski

The directory has been printed and will be distributed at our next in person meeting. Janet stated that:

- We have about ninety members
- We have gained about 20 new members this year. Most new people are finding our webpage via Google searches.
- Seventy percent renewed online.

### **Workshops**

Janet reported that the VP for Workshop position is currently open.

### **New Business**

Janet reported that she attended an all day virtual Handweavers Guild of America Guild Development Retreat. During this retreat she sat on a panel dealing with web presence. There were about 300 participants in this conference.

She learned that:

- The lack of youth in groups is a universal problem.
- A few guilds were large enough to have their own location.
- Several guilds had Facebook pages for interest groups.
- Many guilds were using Instagram.
- A number of Guilds are collaborating with other arts and culture groups (arboretums, art museums, history museums, other guilds.) We have been doing this recently with the Nelson.

### **Scholarship**

Gail White and Judy Santner have rewritten the guidelines for receiving scholarships to make them more inclusive. The rewritten guidelines were published in the January newsletter. The biggest change regards comes in the reporting of what was learned. Formerly a scholarship recipient was required to present a full program. Now the recipient can report learnings in one of many ways including writing an article for the newsletter or giving a smaller meeting presentation.

There were no questions or discussion in regard to the changes.

There is currently; \$3300 in the scholarship fund which had received a big boost from the sale of equipment in the fall.

It was moved by Lori Deason to adopt the new guidelines.

The move was seconded by Debbie Tindell.

By a show of hands, the new guidelines were unanimously approved.

### **March Meeting**

Janet said we will most likely be meeting in person in March so she asked for three volunteers to provide snacks. Abby Dearth, Gail White and Lori Deason volunteered.

### **Members in Good Standing**

Janet brought up that with discussion of scholarship eligibility changes, there developed discussion of the how we define "members in good standing", a term that is used in several places in our bylaws. The Board would like to loosen the requirements to meet this position. The Board's points will be presented in the next newsletter, positioning it for a future vote on amending our bylaws.

### **Outreach**

- Sandy Cahill reported that she will be presenting a retrospective of her fiber work to the Senior Arts Council on February 28th at 1:00 PM at the Roeland Park Community Center.

- She will also be teaching at Convergence this summer. Convergence, a conference held by the Handweavers Guild of America, will be held in Knoxville, TN July 14-18, 2022.
- Abe Buddish will also be presenting a class at Convergence.
- Cindy Smith held a Make and Take cardboard tapestry weaving program at the Nelson on January 30th. This was in conjunction with the Weaving Splendors Exhibit. About thirty people, mostly adults attended.
- Karen Neal will be demonstrating Shibori, the Japanese art of shaped resist dyeing on February 12 at the Nelson in association with the Weaving Splendor exhibit.
- Lolly Buxton is preparing to teach small card weaving at Lakeview Village. She is also involved with their Saturday morning knitting group, making hats for the homeless.

Janet suggested that Guild members who are doing demonstrations or workshops and need assistance, that they put their request in the newsletter.