

Vermont Weavers Guild

Minutes of the May 9, 2020 Annual Meeting

Held at 10 am via Zoom hosted by Donna Pratt, Co-president

Compiled by Layne Tharp, Co-president

Call to order: Layne Tharp

Attendance: Membership is 72. According to the bylaws, a quorum is 15% of the membership. Eleven members were required to be present to conduct business. Twenty members were present.

Donna Pratt, Layne Tharp, Jennifer Kortfelt, Sue Smith, Cynthia Quilici, Trudy Otis, Claudia Gibson, Debra Maloney-Evans, Annette Higby, Dianna Mitchel, Mary Schartz, Mary Ann Bennett, Frank Tegethoff, Heather Katz, Janet Clark, Julie George, Susan Rockwell, Rebecca Jensen, Sara Moulton, Patricia Rickart

Minutes of November 9, 2019 meeting were approved (Posted on the Forum)

Treasurer's Report, Jennifer Kortfelt (Posted on the Forum)

Library Report, Annette Higby

Annette reported that she has added some new shelving and improved book organization. The membership indicated that the remainder of the library budget allotment should be used to purchase books.

Programming Report, Dena Hirchak

Six fabulous workshops for Sept 2020 thru May 2021 are now scheduled and posted on the website. It will be so great to get together in person again and doing some weaving! The workshops include two afternoon workshops that were cancelled this spring--Mary Ann Sanborn's Tablet Weaving and Suzi Ballenger's Transforming Tools. We also have a wall-art rag-weaving workshop with Dena Gartenstein Moses.

In addition, this year we have two 3-day workshops planned. These are more in-depth workshops with hands-on weaving on your own loom to allow you to really dive deep into weaving and sewing techniques. In October, Deborah Silver will be coming to teach us split-shed weaving and in April, Sarah Fortin will be coming to teach a workshop on sewing a jacket or kimono with your handwoven fabric.

We are so lucky to have such high-quality instructors coming to share their expertise with us in our little corner of the country!

Please go to the website and check out the workshops. Make it a goal to try and register for at least one or two during the year. It's a great way to spend time with other guild members and the best way for you to support the guild!

NEWS

Claudia Gibson reported that the NEWS board is meeting via zoom and continuing to plan for 2021

Membership, Deb Maloney-Evans

Total 72:

50 basic @ \$35

14 contributing @ \$50

8 sustaining @ \$75

Old Business

The Study Tour has been postponed. Annette Higby requested a Zoom meeting with the executive committee to discuss a future date and the Lamson Howe request.

Liability, property, and D&O insurance through Paige and Campbell, has been carried since February 1, 2020

2020-2021 Budget Approval

The proposed budget had a deficit. There was significant discussion about membership dues which included the history of the three tiers of membership (Basic @ \$35, Contributing @ \$50, and Sustaining @ \$75) which had been instituted to increase revenue. With 50 of 72 members paying the basic membership, that plan has not worked.

Ideas to increase membership revenue included:

Making personal contact with members to encourage them to renew at the Contributing and Sustaining levels,

Adding a "Donation" button to the homepage of the website,

Making members aware of the \$300 non-profit donation that can be made on all federal income tax forms for the 2020 tax year,

Raising the Basic membership level,

Increasing fees for afternoon and multi-day workshops.

Following discussion, the membership unanimously approved raising the Basic membership level from \$35 to \$40, the cost of afternoon workshops from \$25 to \$35, and multi-day workshops from \$200 to \$250.

The budget was unanimously approved.

Officer and Committee Election

Cynthia Quilici was elected to a two-year term as treasurer.

The two-year term for secretary is vacant.

The nominating committee has a vacancy for a two-year term and a three-year term.

Adjournment