

Minutes Vermont Weavers Guild  
November 14, 2020, Via Zoom  
Compiled by Layne Tharp

Attendance: Dena Hirschak, Donna Pratt, Trudy Otis, Shirley Bergert, Claudia Gibson, Jane Bird, Andy Bird, Janet Ruggles-Power, Marty Reid, Debra Maloney-Evans, Mary Alice Favro, Heather Katz, Layne Tharp, Jacqueline Utton, Kate McIntosh, Becky Jensen, Annette Higby, Susan Rockwell, Shannon Cunniff

Minutes of September 12, 2020 were approved.

Cynthia Quilici's treasurer's report was read by Layne Tharp. The October financial reports are posted on the forum. No budget has been developed as programming is unclear due to COVID 19. A Pay Pal business account has been established along with a Donation button on the website. Cynthia will check to determine if there is a way for purchasers to pay fees rather than the Guild absorbing them.

Annette Higby had planned for an open library and sale on November 21, but following information from (Dr.) Kate McIntosh regarding the most recent COVID 19 guidance the event is cancelled. Annette continues to mail books when requested by members.

Annette Higby shared that Oaxaca has been hit by COVID 19 and the study tour is on hold. She also reported that the scholarship funding requested of Lamson-Howe was denied. Layne Tharp will follow-up to learn more about the denial.

Debra Maloney-Evans reported that there are 57 members including four new members. Nearly 50% of members renewed above the basic membership or made a donation this year. The anonymous donor's matching gift was \$845.

Dena Hirschak reported there will be programming in February and March. Updates are on the website. There was discussion of programming ideas which should be investigated by individuals and referred to Dena, Julie George, or Claudia Gibson. The anonymous donation for the October morning program and afternoon workshop by Dena Gartenstein Moses amounted to \$525.

Shirley Bergert and Claudia Gibson requested ideas for dynamic presenters for the virtual 2021 NEWS. The membership took issue with the requirement that Vermont's Legacy Weaver be deceased. Mary Alice Favro will send a request to the Neshoba Guild and/or NEWS to expand the definition to include those still living.

Layne Tharp reported on her discussion with Kevin Harty, Executive Director of the Craft Center. The guild was refunded \$300 for the rent pre-payment made in early 2020. Layne, Shirley Bergert, and Annette Higby will create a document to clarify the agreement. There was interest in offering individual financial support to the Craft Center. That can be done by sending checks to:

**White River Craft Center**  
**50 Randolph Avenue, Randolph, Vermont 05060**

The towel exchange due date has been extended to February 28, 2021. Contact Donna Pratt if you would like to participate.

Members are frustrated by the unreliability of the forum. Layne Tharp indicated that the executive committee does not have the energy to look for alternatives and that members will be notified via email when news has been placed on the forum.

Layne Tharp reported that there will be openings for the positions of president and vice-president/programming in May 2021.

Donna Pratt and Claudia Gibson will be offering Zoom gatherings for socialization in the near future.

Kathy Carvey and Layne Tharp will be creating “studio tours” for the website by the end of January 2021.