Vermont Weavers Guild Minutes September 12, 2020 meeting

Co-President Layne Tharp hosted the meeting which was held via Zoom with 20 members attending. May 9, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's report was given by Cynthia Quilici and will be available on the website.

Membership. There are 51 paid members for 2020-2021. \$3300 was budgeted from membership; \$2555 has been collected along with \$310 in contributions. Layne will work with an anonymous donor who has offered to match contributions. The possibility of using a PayPal button or some type of automatic renewal on the membership page was discussed; treasurer will investigate and report back.

Nominating Committee. Layne nominated Kathy Carvey to serve as secretary, Cynthia seconded, motion passed. There are currently openings on this committee.

Forum. Mary Ann Bennett no longer wants to coordinate the forum. There are still some problems receiving the digest format; there was a suggestion to look at Google or Facebook groups as an alternative. Due to numerous attempts by non-members to access the forum, it will be moved to the member page.

NEWS. Shirley Bergert reported that planning continues for 2021. A board meeting occurs in October.

Library. Annette Higby will offer curbside pickup and return of library materials on specified dates, beginning with September 19; a pop-up sale of donated books and yarn will happen concurrently. Email her with your orders. Media mail is also a possibility.

Programming. The September workshop and morning program have moved to October 10. November morning session is canceled; afternoon session will be Part 1 of Art to Wear. Preregistration required, see website for details.

Old Business, None.

New Business.

Donna Pratt will organize a towel exchange, likely following the HGA guidelines.

Craft Center rent was paid through May 2020, although room was not used in April or May. Discussion of whether to make this a donation. Room not large enough to meet in following COVID-19 restrictions. Rent is included in 2020-2021 budget. Layne will speak with craft center concerning the lease.

Study Tour. Annette is developing an itinerary and pricing for Oaxaca tour in October 2021. Funding request resubmitted to Lamson Howe.

Vermont Sheep and Wool festival will be virtual this year. They have asked for video from guild members and will have virtual weaving contests. Dena and Mary Alice Favro offered to contact them.

Scholarship Fund is available for workshop fees. Cynthia reported that there is not a line item scholarship fund in guild accounting; longtime members recall such a fund. Mary Alice Favro and Julie George will work to resolve this and to resolve criteria if Lamson Howe donates funds for study tour.

Dena Moses now has Brassard et Fils cotton and cottolin for sale.

Meeting adjourned.

Attendence:

Dena Hirchak

Donna Pratt

Shannon Cunniff

Shirley Bergert

Barbara Bendix

Jane Bird

Janet Ruggles-Power

Debra Maloney-Evans

Kathy Carvey

Trudy Otis

Annette Higby

Kate McIntosh

Mary Alice Favro

Christina Pignona

Sue Smith

Layne Tharp

Pamela Wilson

Cynthia Quilici

Diana Mitchell

Dena Moses

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