

Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo, Inc. August 26, 2013 Meeting called to order
at 12:09 P.M. by President, Juanita Manning-Walsh

Secretary Report: Minutes of June change over meeting were approved (M Williams, A Mehring)

Treasurer's Report: Nan Krapf submitted the Year End Treasurer's Report from 2012-2013. This report was unofficially audited by Cathy McCarthy. The Board accepted and approved this report.

Nan gave the Board a copy of this coming year's format. The Board accepted the format.

Some discussion was held about needing certain information (tax ID numbers or social security numbers) from instructor's. Marta and Nan will secure this information.

Nan reported that although she filed the 2011 State of Michigan income tax report forms via the internet, the State contacted her claiming (although they cashed our check) that the information had not been filed. Nan refiled, using the US Mail. She will call the State to make sure this information has been received.

Nan recently filed the WGK 2013 form to the State of Michigan, and will file the IRS form by the deadline.

Thus completed the Treasurer report.

Hospitality Report:

Dawn Mergener contacted Juanita and asked for a replacement person to head up the Hospitality job for our guild. She agreed to do the September meeting, to train the new Hospitality chairperson. Juanita was given a list of those people who volunteered to do general jobs for the guild on their membership forms. She will try to land a replacement by the September meeting.

It was determined if no one agrees to assume this job, each study group taking a turn bringing treats, would also be responsible for taking the hospitality supplies home and returning them to the center the following month.

Programs:

September:

It was suggested that our mission statement be stressed at the September meeting when discussing the program change for November.

November:

Mary Ilitch has not responded to our requests to sign her contract for the November guild meeting, so it was suggested that Pam Nyhoff, teacher at Woods Lake, overseeing

the weaving program there for Autistic children, and Keith Loehman from the Shalom organization, for mentally handicapped adults, give a presentation of about twenty minutes, each, to the guild regarding requests they have made of our members, asking for help with their weaving programs, specifically warping looms, and help with weaving advice. Motion made (A Mehring, E James) to change the November program, to cover both program help request presentations. Motion passed.

December:

The December meeting finds Gail Ross and Judith Jones, each giving a small presentation about their experiences using their guild scholarships.

Membership:

Mindy Tai reports that the yearbook is now being proof-read, and the cover fabric is all woven. It goes to the printer this week and will be constructed next week. She will send out a blurb to guild members asking for help with this project.

The guild currently has 91 paid members.

When the Shuttle goes out this month, there will be two separate mailings:
The first mailing goes to all paid members.

The second mailing goes to members from last year who have not paid dues for this year. Along with this Shuttle, will be a note reminding them of the dues requirement to continue receiving the Shuttle, as well as a membership form.

Scholarship Committee:

Anne Mehring reported that the two scholarship recipients from the past year will present their pay-back talk at the December guild meeting.

By September 9, the new Scholarship request form will be up on the Website.

- Scholarship applications are due either at the March 10th guild meeting, or received in the mail by March 31.
- The Scholarship Panel meets in April.
- Monday, May 12, scholarship awards will be announced.
- Funding letters will be mailed out in May.
- A final Report on the Scholarship Committee and its work will be given at the June change over meeting.

Exemption Committee Update:

Anne Mehring is serving her third year

Marry Ippel is serving her second year

Pam Van Degrift is beginning her first year on the committee.

Each committee member serves a three year term.

Website:

Jill Strobel continues to work on the Website. There are some issues with the Web designer, as she is often not available for help. She has not been responding to the need Jill has to create a "For Members Only" part to this Website. Some discussion was held on where we should go with this designer issue. It was suggested that Martha Reeves has a good working relationship with her, so Juanita will be contacting Martha for assistance in getting Mary to respond to Jill. The Board had some discussion on what to do to get help with our Website if our current Web Designer does not respond to our request for help - which was included in the up front cost of our contract with her.

Speakers for Next Year:

This is the job of the vice president and a committee appointed by the vice president. Letty will form a committee to do this.

September Speaker:

Judy Petrovitch and her assistant will be taken out for dinner prior to the September meeting. Please contact Letty Klein (381-0980, or lettykk@aol.com) if you wish to join Judy for dinner at Fieldstone Grill.

Shuttle Deadlines:

October Shuttle deadline is 9/27;
November Shuttle deadline is 10/25;
December Shuttle deadline 11/22.
Send Shuttle material to martag1111@yahoo.com

Future Board Meeting times:

This year the WGK, Inc. Board will meet the last Monday of the Month ay 11:30 A.M. The next meeting will be Monday, September 30, at 11:30 A.M. at the home of Cathy McCarthy

Motion to adjourn meeting. (A Mehring, M Williams). Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned, 1:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy McCarthy