

**Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo
Board Meeting
February 21, 2019**

Present: Ann Niemi, Susan Rice, Terri Feldt, Nancy Thornton, Karen Vanderweele,

Absent: Rhonda Alrick due to previous commitment

*WGK Board meeting was held at VBCMh due to cancellation of meeting 2-20-19, due to the weather.

January Minutes approved based on 1 correction sent to Rhonda.

- Motion by Nancy Thornton, seconded by Susan Rice

Treasurer's Report the new budget will be due in May so announcements will start and be noted in the *The Shuttle* in March, April and May.

- We have a cost overrun amount of \$18 from the Arts Council grant that we dedicated to the last lecture with Dawn Edwards. This means we have used all the grant funds and will absorb the \$18 amount from the general budget.
- Motion to accept the treasurers report; Karen motioned and Nancy 2nd, passed by vote.

Dues: The cost of WGK guild dues has not been increased for many years but the operations costs have risen and add to our budget limits. Membership dues stand at \$30. If dues were raised, the budget will balance depending on how much. And since WAFA will no longer be able to donate funds to WGK, we had become dependent on the donations, now we must find a way to be solvent without that support. Leaving dues at \$30 based on 82 members will give us a \$454 shortfall, with dues of \$35, a \$34 shortfall, and if dues were raised to \$40, we would show a surplus of \$376. This needs to be discussed with the membership and decided in a general vote. Terri plans to present this at the March general meeting. Membership renewals come due in May 2019, for year 2019-2020.

Nominating committee - Ann has agreed to stay on as president, Susan has agreed to stay on as vice president, Terri agrees to stay on as Treasurer, and Nancy will move to Archivist and will no longer serve as MLH representative, leaving Secretary, Service Bureau and MLH representative positions open.

Note cards: Cory Zann and Lestra Hazel have proposed we purchase laser cut note card that are tri-fold and are used to insert fiber thru the open window. The quote Lestra and Cory offered, are to have antique ivory and antique gray cards and envelopes. Terri suggests we get reservations for 250 by April before an order is made then the last 250 can be ordered at the same time and thus getting us the reduced bulk rate. But we need the reservations before the purchase is made. Discussion of this proposal will be put in *The Shuttle* and voted on at the March meeting.

- Motion by Nancy, 2nd Susan, motion approved.

WFA changes- WFA suggests that each person participating in the sale donate 1 item to the guild to support WFA needs since donations will not be made to the guild from the sale at KIA. Suggestions also include service bureau woven or made items.

MLH registration: MLH conference registration will close April 12. Nancy has presented a more open exhibit plan. Nancy has some who have offered to make and send items for the display.

Intro classes – Karen has had no further requests. She is willing and available to setup technique classes as the requests are made so the announcements will continue at guild meetings and in the Shuttle. We feel this is an important part of our existence and want to remain available to those who want learn.

Arts Council- there is some consideration that requesting a new grant may be an option for the next years budget.