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Meeting of the General Membership MINUTES December 10, 2012

I. President Martha Reeves called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm at the Portage Senior Center, after allowing members to look over our garage sale offerings.

- She welcomed members and asked that folks put away the chairs and tables after the meeting.
- The Senior Center expects their renovations will be completed in time for our February meeting.

II. Announcements:

Kristi Chapman reminded members Betty Dobbie's estate and Mary Jane Kreidler donated books to the Guild Library. Kristi will sell the duplicates.

- Kristi also said our customers commented on the variety of articles for sale at this year's Wafa sale.

Jill Stroble, Wafa treasurer, reminded members that Marilyn Livingston is missing two skeins of handspun silk/wool blend. Please check among your things to be sure they did not travel home to the wrong place.

- Our Wafa sales were \$27,330 this year, or \$3,000 below last year's gross.
- Customer traffic was about 1,000 people this year, somewhat lower than last year.
- The Wafa sale committee has agreed to donate \$2,000 to the Guild this year.

Lori Evesque announced she needs an instructor for the spinning classes at Tillers. Gracie Dailey cannot teach spinning as scheduled.

- Lori wants to offer both a beginning and advanced class.
- Anyone interested in teaching, please contact her.
- Class dates are flexible, but she has to get the schedule to the printer next week.

Ann Nemi reminded members that MLH is starting to schedule summer workshops.

- The theme is "All Mixed Up and Finding Your Path"
- They will have a "Yarn Bomb" and asks participants to bring knitted, crocheted and woven pieces to decorate the path between the dorms and the class room building.

Patty Reid had a call from a gentleman who is moving to Friendship Village and has to sell his wife's loom. Contact Patty if interested.

- Patty modeled a Brenda Mergen sweater brought to the sale by Cyndee Mishler and saying that if interested, see Cyndee to buy it.

Marta Williams announced the Four Harness meeting date was accidentally left out of the Shuttle. They meet this week. She then moved the meeting into the report on the website.

- **WebSite Committee Report**
 - Marta thanked the Committee (Martha Reeves, Jill Strobel, Nan Krapf, Anne Mehring, and herself) for their work.
 - She went over the three quotes as published in the Shuttle and presented at the November meeting.
 - Marta moved and Nancy Frost seconded to follow the Board's recommendation to utilize Mary Lukich, noting that
 - ✓ Mary is a weaver and "speaks our language"
 - ✓ Mary's estimate is the lowest
 - Discussion followed with questions and comments.
 - ✓ Word Press has recently been updated and should be easier to use.
 - ✓ Marta had discussed Lukich with Michigan Handweavers Guild and reported they are happy with her work.
 - ✓ Nancy Crampton suggested we had had enough discussion and called for the vote.
 - ✓ Juanita suggested the vote be for Lukich as that was the recommendation of the committee.
 - ✓ Marta called for a vote to select the Board's recommended Website designer, Mary Lukich. The motion passed.
- President Martha Reeves thanked Marta for spending her summer on this project, saying how much Marta's work is appreciated.
- **Judith Jones**, Workshop Committee Chair, announced that the Crackle Weave workshop venue is changed to the Girl Scout office. The class is full with 20 participants registered.
 - **Letty Klein**, a WGK member since 1986 will be our guest speaker in February 2013, as noted in this month's Shuttle.
 - Judith then introduced scholarship recipients Vice President Juanita Manning-Walsh and former President, Patty Reid who both used their awards to attend Dawn Edwards felting workshop last summer.
 - ✓ Juanita modeled her lovely red felted coat
 - ✓ Using Dawn's slides and a great sense of humor, she gave a power point presentation covering the three days of the workshop and outlining the process of attaching merino roving to a silk underlining and felting with soapy water over bubble wrap.
 - ✓ Juanita also showed the three garments she has since felted, two shawls and a lovely white stole she called "The Lamb of God with Vegetable Matter" created for her pastor using the process learned in the workshop, noting the steps and lessons learned along the way.
 - ✓ Patty then modeled her white open necked coat and added some slides she had taken during the workshop, noting it was July and they were thankful for the air conditioned venue.
 - ✓ Dawn, who attended the meeting, announced that Charity will return for another workshop next year.

- ✓ Felting tips from Juanita and Patty included
 - Placing the fibers in small bits of roving in one direction only—wool shrinks along the length of the fiber.
 - Be sure to raise the table height to lessen the strain on the felter's back.
 - When applying curly locks, keep them from felting together by using plastic to separate them from the base. Felt the top 2 inches of the locks into the garment to hold the locks.
 - Although olive oil soap was recommended, Patty and Juanita used dishwashing liquid which Juanita felt was hard to rinse out. Juanita shaved some lavender soap into a bucket of warm water for a later project.
 - This type of felting is a good way to use up bits of yarn and fiber from one's stash.

The meeting concluded at 8:15 pm. Martha Reeves then invited members to look at Patty and Juanita's work, and to continue to shop at the Garage Sale, noting we needed to put the chairs and table away and be out of the Senior Center by 9:00 sharp.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Mehring

Anne Mehring, Secretary