

**The Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo Executive Board, Inc**  
**October 7, 2013, 12:00 noon**

**Members present:** Juanita Manning-Walsch, Letty Klein, Nan Krapf, Marta Williams, Esther James, Judith Jones, Anne Mehring, Cathy McCarthy

**Meeting was called to order** at 12:03 by president Juanita Manning-Walsch

**Minutes:** stand approved from the August meeting

**Treasurer Report:** Nan gave her report and a motion was made to accept the treasurer report (C McCarthy; M Williams). Motion passed

Nan reported she was still trying to get information from Susan Wilson and Mary Lulich for filing the 1099 Form. Marta said she would contact Mary and Nan

**Membership:** Marta reported that we now have 113 members, 7 of them being new to the guild. Last year the guild gave out 30 free memberships in the buy one get one free promotion. Of the 30 new members from last year, 14 have signed up for this year.

**Website:** Things are not going well. Now that the site is developed we are not getting support help from Mary Lulich as had been promised. The site does need some updating, and overall Marta reported the site does not look as good as it should. Changes can't really be made without Mary's help. Marta and Jill are working on it, but currently Jill is having a challenge on her time to do things and Marta does not feel very comfortable running the site. Marta plans on contacting Mary again to see if she can get the information she and Jill need.

**Committee Reports:**

**Programs:**

Letty has formed a committee for securing next year's programs. Lestra Hazel, Cory Zann, Nancy Crampton, and Letty Klein comprise this committee. Letty had some questions for the Board, a kind of clarification, and she was given her answers. She was complemented on being so far ahead of the game, on securing speakers for next year. Already September, October and November speakers are in place.

Discussion was held regarding Dawn Edwards being our October speaker. Dawn is no longer a guild member, and several on the board felt she should be paid to do her presentation to the guild. A couple others did not feel she should be paid, as she once was a member. We left it that Juanita will speak to Dawn, will rewrite a contract offering to pay her, and should Dawn choose to not accept compensation, we will be very grateful!

The Board was divided on whether guild members, who are no longer guild members should be paid, or should active guild members be paid for their services. Two differing opinions from discussions with lawyers were presented, and there appears to be some questions regarding this issue. Since the speakers after October and all next year are not guild members, it was decided to let this issue be addressed by a future Board.

**Other Business:****Newcomers:**

There was a question regarding a packet for Newcomers. There used to be such a packet, and it is thought it might be a good idea to have something to hand to the new members of our guild as another way to have them feel welcome.

**Education** Chairperson, Judith Jones, reported she is feeling she should be doing some outreach to the members, so she will start putting helpful Weaving and Fiber hints in the Shuttle. Additionally, she will put information about our various study groups in The Shuttle.

**Guild Sale Tags:** Marta reported that different magazines have recently had articles in them regarding people selling hand made creations at art fairs and other such venues. The articles have discussed the labeling that is required of items made by artists and being in compliance with the FTC labeling requirements. This includes labeling all materials used, including percentages of each, and the care instructions. These need to be on permanently attached labels to most garments we have in our WAFSA sale.

Marta will be forwarding this information to the WAFSA Board. It was felt we need to become more aware of this requirement, and begin to make plans for how we will implement the requirement with our fiber creations for sale. Two places one can look for further information are: [spinningdaily.com](http://spinningdaily.com) and [www.business.ftc.gov](http://www.business.ftc.gov)

**Guild Membership Cards:**

It was suggested that Marta include a blurb in the next newsletter regarding places our membership cards can be used. Cathy volunteered asking Kelly from Your Local Yarn Shop and Jeannie of Yarn Den if we can use them at their shops. *(Not from the meeting: Cathy checked and we can get 10% discounts at these shops)*

**Pre-meeting Dinner:** Letty will be taking Dawn Edwards out for dinner prior to her October Meeting presentation. She asked for members to join them at Fieldstone Grill and had a couple of volunteers.

**November Speaker(s):** Juanita asked Cathy if she knew if Shalom was still planning on speaking at our November meeting. Cathy has extended an invitation to them, but has not heard back from them. Cathy will get back to Juanita to let her know what she finds out.

**Next Meeting Place and Time:**

Discussion was held on when and where our next meetings should be held. Letty Klein will host the end of October board meeting

Nancy Krapf will host the November board meeting.

We will change the meetings to Tuesdays at 2:00 in the afternoon.

**Motion was made to adjourn** (N Krapf, A Mehring). Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:35.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy McCarthy

