

## **Weaver's Guild of Greater Kansas City Business Meeting January 11, 2024**

The meeting was held at Westwood City Hall.

Lynette Beebe called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

**Guests:** Dora Agbas and Martha Steinacker

**Programs** - Sylvia Crawford

Today: Swap and Shop

February: Haley Sheriff from the WWI Museum will be talking about how the area fiber arts guilds can be involved in the Museum's Mrs. Wilson's Knitting Circle programs.

March: Vickie Raynes will be presenting on her sock knitting machine.

April: Kansas City Art Institute

There was discussion about moving the Swap and Shop to June as it has had to be cancelled due to weather in January and there is often lower January attendance.

Ken Keister moved that we officially move Swap and Shop to June. Leesa Duby seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion passed.

**Newsletter** - Trudie Byers

Have submissions for the newsletter to Trudie by January 25th

**Scholarship** - Barrie Mason

One scholarship was awarded this past month.

**Directory** - Kirsten Kakolewski

If you have not done so already, renew your membership immediately if you want to be included in the directory.

**Felting Group**

The next meeting will be at Jackie Kincaid's house on Thursday January 18th.

**Creative Hand** - Sandy Cahill

Kate Webb will be submitting financials to the accountant.

**Hospitality** - Lynette Beebe

A sign up sheet for the 2024 was circulated. We need four people for each month.

### **Web** - Janet Meddings

We received fifty hits from KCUR's article on textile arts in Kansas City.

### **70th Anniversary** - Janet Meddings

The important dates of our anniversary events are listed in the newsletter. Janet will be meeting next week with the Johnson County Heritage Center to discuss display parameters. All display items need to be ready for hanging. There will be no display tables or ability to stand anything on the floor. Neither the Center nor the Guild carries insurance on displayed objects.

Display items can be sold. We need a title for the show.

Kansas City Public Library would like to have a speaker to accompany our exhibit at the Central Library. Janet thought of Rebecca Mezoff, a tapestry weaver from Colorado. Shin-hee Chin, a professor at Tabor College, was suggested. If you have any suggestions, contact Janet.

Kirsten Kakolewski is working on a grant to be submitted to ArtsKC. An important aspect of the grant will address the Guild's plan for diversity outreach.

Members are invited to stay after the March meeting to help assemble the little loom kits that will be given out during our celebratory events.

### **New Business** - Lynette Beebe

#### **Service Project**

Members were asked to suggest service projects for this year.

#### **Diversity Outreach**

As we are embarking on diversity outreach, we need to develop a committee for this. Sandy Cahill stepped forward to lead the committee. Members who volunteered to assist Sandy were Lynette Beebe, Sylvia Crawford, and Pam Jenkins.

Some outreach suggestions include: having evening meetings, partnering with other Guilds, "Saturday Fun Days," mentoring, sponsorships, and reduced membership fees for students. There was much discussion but decisions were postponed until the Diversity Committee could make recommendations to the Board.

#### **Guild Library**

Debbie Buddish will be retiring from being our librarian at the end of 2024. We need to have someone take her place and/or decide where to house our collection.

### **HGA Guild Development Retreat**

The HGA Guild Development Retreat is Saturday January 27. Each Guild with a membership can register four attendees for free. Lynette will be in attendance. Kirsten Kakolewski asked to be included.