

## **Weaver's Guild of Greater Kansas City Business Meeting November 9, 2023**

The meeting was held at Westwood City Hall.

Lynette Beebe called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

**Reminders** Lynette reminded everyone to stack chairs before leaving and to leave the room clean.

### **New Members, Guests and Returning Members**

Lorry, McDonald, Tammy Taylor, Haley Sheriff, Katherine Claflin, Nancy Piepenbring  
Susan Wade, Christina Berger, Becky Gaskill, Rebekah Foote

### **Treasurer's Report** - Kate Webb

Operating Cash:	\$11,576.16
Scholarship Fund:	\$1,792.78
Total	\$13,368.94

### **Officer Election**

Trudie Byers was elected as Vice President - Newsletter.

Pamela Jenkins was elected as Secretary.

Kate Webb was elected for Treasurer.

### **Programs** - Lynette Beebe

The December meeting is our Holiday Party. Those who volunteered to host are: Janet Meddings, Jacqueline Jacobson, Diane Hinkley, Kirsten Kakolewski, Nancy Osborne. Everyone should bring a pot luck food item. There will be a gift exchange for those who wish to participate with the theme of red and a household item.

### **Newsletter** - Lynette Beebe

Send newsletter items to Lynette by November 25th. Trudie Byers will be taking over the newsletter in January.

### **Workshop** - Erin Taylor

Erin is working on a natural dye workshop for the Fall of 2024.

### **Scholarship** - Barrie Mason

Barrie received one application this month. She reminded members to apply for scholarships for Convergence.

## **Web** - Janet Meddings

Web analytics has been updated.

YTD our web site has had 1,700 unique visitors, 93% new with an average stay of four minutes. Most visit two pages with the newsletter being the most popular followed by meetings and membership. Outside of the United States, Ukraine has had the most visitors to the Guild's webpage, followed by the UK and Poland.

## **Seventieth Anniversary** - Janet Meddings

We will have two major exhibits during the year. One at the Johnson County Arts and Heritage Center (JCAHC) and the other at the Kansas City Public Library, Central Library. The exhibits should include all fiber arts, not just weaving.

Janet passed out a detailed schedule of activity for our 70th anniversary in 2024.

The highlights include:

February 8 - begin collecting artwork for both exhibits at the guild meeting.

April 29, 30 - Drop off artwork at the Johnson County Arts and Heritage Center.

May 2 - Opening reception. The exhibit will end August 17.

May 9 - Begin collecting towels for the Westwood City Hall towel exhibit

June 15 - Public expo of fiber arts making at JCAHC

August 1-31 - Westwood City Hall towel exhibit

September 1- November 16, Exhibit at KCMO Central Resource Library.

September 1-30 Towel exhibit at the Basehor Community Library

## **Convergence/Small Looms**

Janet Meddings started a short discussion as to what we should donate for the Convergence goodie bags. Retractable tape measures cost approximately \$3.50 each. We can order 1000 small looms for a kit that would include a needle, weaving yarn and our business card for \$2,200. About 700 looms would be used for Convergence and the balance would be used for our anniversary events and possibly to sell at Creative Hand.

Jacqueline Jacobson moved that we purchase the looms. Leesa Duby seconded. By a show of hands, the movement to purchase the looms passed.

Kirsten Kakolewski is working on a grant application to the ArtsKC organization. It will help defray the cost of the looms and other expenses related to the planned fiber arts display and demonstration at the JCAHC in June of 2024. Send information you have regarding past exhibits to Kirsten.

## **Felting**

The Felting Study Group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. Contact Judy Santner if you are interested.

**Creative Hand**

Diane Dory said that volunteers are still needed to help set up.

**Social Media** - Jacqueline Jacobson

Let Jacqueline know if you do not want your work posted on Instagram. We have 103 followers.