

**Weaver's Guild of Greater Kansas City  
Business Meeting April 14, 2022**

The meeting was held at Westwood City Hall

Janet Meddings called the meeting to order at 10:07

**Treasurer's Report** - Kate Webb

Operating Cash	\$12,843
Scholarship Fund	3,344
Gross Operating Fund	\$16187

**Programs** - Cindy Smith

April - Susan Ferguson and her big loom

May - Barrie Mason - Paper Making and Bookbinding

June - Victoria Newman - Embroidery

July - Open

August - Linda Stoker, overshoot and coverlet

April 2023 - Kansas City Art Institute

It was decided to schedule a field trip (with a charter bus) to the National Silk Art Museum in Weston, MO

**Outreach**

The Fiber Guild is looking for re-enactors for a living history event in May.

**Treats**

May: Susie Souder, Kara Barlett

June: Jacqueline Jacobson, Lynette Beebe, Vickie Raynes

August: Cyn McArdle

**Creative Hand** - Diane Dory

The planning committee is seeking feedback from artists and will be holding a meeting on May 15th at the Antioch Library, 1-3 PM.

**KAWS** - Cindy Lessenden

2022 KAWS Conference is scheduled for September 16-17 at the Auburn Community Center in Auburn, Kansas.

**Constitution and Bylaws** - Janet Meddings

Janet handed out proposed changes to our Constitution and Bylaws

- Propose to delete Article 6 of the Bylaws regarding equipment rental.  
 Since we no longer have equipment we no longer need this clause.  
 Jacqueline Jacobson moved we delete Article 6. Barrie Mason second the motion.  
 By a vote of hands, the motion passed.
- Definition of member in good standing.  
 From the handout: "One of the provisions in Article 3 [of the Constitution] states that membership in good standing means attendance at regular monthly meetings. This requirement prevents a lot of people from enjoying all benefits of membership because they are not able to attend meetings. E.g., people that work every day, caregivers, out of town members who otherwise support the Guild, and a majority of our members who do not attend meetings. Meeting attendance count is usually at a rate of 30-40% of total members.  
 We could simply remove that portion of the sentence so that it reads: "Membership in good standing means that timely satisfaction of financial obligations to The Guild and support of The Guild's projects and development.""  
 It was noted that we had the stricter definition because of equipment rental, scholarships, and Creative Hand. We no longer have equipment to rent and scholarships and Creative Hand requirements have been written to take membership into account.  
 Financial obligations are defined as dues and return of scholarship money if it was not used.  
 It was moved by Wendy Donnell to accept the proposed change. Gail White second the motion. By a show of hands, the motion passed.
- Inclusion statement.  
 From the handout: "By incorporating an inclusion statement in our bylaws, we can posture the Guild as a contemporary organization. It can show our commitment to fostering creativity across all demographics. It also builds trust in our community in which many people feel they are a member of a diverse population. We should not take their trust for granted. We've been around since 1954 and a well-crafted statement can contribute to a long-lasting, successful Guild that embraces inclusion and looks to the future."  
 Janet proposed the following wording be added to our Constitution after our current wording of "We Warmly Welcome all Fiber Enthusiasts"  
 "We are committed to making our members feel valued, engaged, and inspired in order to make a positive difference in our community. We foster an inclusive culture that encourages, supports, and celebrates the diverse voices of the people in our community and our members."  
 Susan Ferguson suggested we add the word guests to the statement.  
 It was proposed that we post this prominently on our webpage.  
 Leesa Duby moved we accept the proposed addition including the word guest.  
 Trudie Byers second the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried.

