

## Weaver's Guild of Greater Kansas City

Business Meeting January 8, 2026

Sylvia Crawford introduced Sheila Bennett who presented the program, Knitting the National Parks.

Sylvia called the meeting to order at 10:55.

There were no new members. There were no guests.

### **Treasurer's Report:** Kirsten Kakolewski

\$17,042.73 General Account

\$2,220.19 Scholarship Account

\$19,262.92 Total

Kirsten said she will print the new directory at the end of January.

**Workshops:** Diane Binkley is working on one for April. She will have more information next month.

**Scholarship:** No report, but Janet Meddings commented her request for extra donations for scholarships had been fruitful.

**Newsletter:** Janet will now only accept ads for looms in "reasonable working order" on the website as too many ads for irreparable looms have been submitted.

**Felting Group:** Members should get in touch with Kathryn Worley for information.

**Swap and Shop:** Has been moved to the July meeting.

**Creative Hand:** Sandy Cahill reported sales of \$35,224.08 with \$27,122.54 returned to the artists after expenses and sales taxes were paid. Five to six hundred people attended, and 63.6% of them made purchases. Next year the show will be in the Merriam Community Center, a much more cost-efficient venue.

Sandy is looking for a publicity chairperson for next year.

### **KAWS:** Cindy Lessenden

KAWS biennial conference will be held this year on October 9-11 in Manhattan at Pottorf Hall on the Riley County fairgrounds.

**Discussion:** KAWS is held on alternating years with the Midwest Weaver's Association. The next MWA conference will be in 2027. It would be good if Kansas City could host the 2029 conference. To this end, Sylvia has spoken to the presidents of guilds in Manhattan, Topeka and Lawrence and other active fiber groups about cooperating in hosting the event with our guild taking the lead in coordination. The Yarn Barn's Susan Bateman is willing to be the vendor coordinator for the event. The board will discuss this after the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 for show and tell.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gurley