

## **Weaver's Guild of Greater Kansas City**

May 14, 2026

The meeting was held at Westwood City Hall. President Sylvia Crawford called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Teddy Wiberg introduced the guest speaker, Jeff Reynolds, who spoke about the process of entering the Missouri State Fair. His handouts included detailed information on rules to enter items into any category, costs involved, descriptions required, etc. One caveat is the requirement of Missouri residency. Jeff brought along several samples of his color grouping weaving which were greatly admired.

### **Business Meeting:**

**Minutes** of April 2026 were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kirsten Kakolewski

General Fund: \$15,410.22

Scholarship Fund: \$2,139.52

Total: \$17,549.44

Kirsten added that our insurance is now taken care of for the year.

**New Member:** Ed Wiberg, who is not actually new, introduced himself.

There were no guests.

### **Committee Reports**

Creative Hand: Karen Ecton announced the applications are available for entering the November 20-21 sale. An exhibitor must be a member of the Weaver's Guild. She will have an update for the June newsletter. Helpers are still needed for set-up.

Instagram/Facebook: Jacqueline Jacobson had nothing new to report.

Mentoring: Barrie Mason suggested we should re-instate the mentoring committee.

KAWS: Cindy Lessenden announced the theme for the conference held in Manhattan this year will be, "Threads Through Time".

According to KAWS bylaws, two members of our guild should be on the board. Cindy is one and Sylvia would like to be the second as our guild will be hosting the next KAWS in 2027. Kirsten moved Sylvia be elected to the KAWS board, Cindy seconded. There was no discussion, the vote was unanimously in favor.

Felting Study Group: Barrie Mason announced the group will meet May 28 at 10:30a.m. at Judy Santner's home.

Website: Janet Meddings remarked there have been many looms and equipment from retirees and estates offered for sale.

Programs: Teddy Wiberg said Samantha Herrington from the Emerald Ewe Yarn Shop will give the June program and is not yet sure of the topic.

Workshops: One possibility in late September is a workshop on color grouping led by Jeff Reynolds. If it is held during the week, the Westwood City Hall space is available for free.

Scholarship: Barrie said entry forms are on the guild's website.

Community Service Project: Mother's Refuge is the recipient this year. Their wish list is on their website.

Old Business: Sylvia spoke of the need to amend our bylaws reflecting the separation of the Fiber Guild from the Weavers Guild. She read the three articles of our Constitution and By-Laws which should be changed and outlined the steps we must take to make those changes. The articles and steps are:

### 3 Steps

1. A motion to modify the constitution during a regular meeting
2. The motion needs to be published in the next newsletter
3. At the meeting after the newsletter is published, we will need to vote on the proposed change.

There are 3 references to the Fiber Guild in the Constitution and By-Laws.

First Reference: Constitution, Article 3 Membership, Second Bullet point, includes the sentence "The Guild shall accept, as non-voting members, members in good standing of the Fiber Guild of Greater Kansas City.

Second Reference: By-Laws, Article 2, Optional Standing Committees, 2. Directory Committee, includes the sentence "The committee is responsible for the preparation of the directory in cooperation with the Fiber Guild and include a list of all 25 year plus members in the annual directory.

Third Reference: By-Laws, Article 5, Dues, 3rd Paragraph, includes the sentence "Members of the Fiber guild my participate in activities of the Guild such as shows, meetings, workshops, book rental, etc. but shall not have voting privileges nor hold office.

Given that the Weavers Guild insurance coverage is limited to members of the Weavers Guild for the Guild's meetings, activities, and the Creative Hand Show, I move that references to inclusion of the Fiber Guild in Weavers Guild Membership, Directory Preparation, and Guild Activities be removed from the Weavers Guild Constitution and By-Laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.