

Weavers Guild of Greater Kansas City

Meeting Minutes

Jan. 10, 2019

President Jacqueline Jacobson called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. at the meeting room at Westwood City Hall.

No changes were offered to the minutes of the December 2018 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Janet Meddings reported that the organization has \$13,110 in current assets. That includes \$10,834.78 in cash, \$634.88 in workshops, \$1,244 in the scholarship fund and \$396.40 in the library fund. She noted that applications for membership are available at the meeting and online. She also said that the guild received \$3,800 in donations (including looms, spinning wheels and other supplies) from the membership in 2018.

Jacqueline thanked Margaret Wisker, Iva Jo Dyess, Janet Meddings and Juli Sackman for stepping up at the last minute to bring refreshments. The refreshments sign-up sheet was then passed around.

Programs: Lynette Beebe reported that the programs committee will be working on program planning in the coming months. She asked that members email her with ideas. Lynette added that she will be the program presenter in February, delivering a presentation about the Creative Strength Training online course that she completed, thanks to a scholarship she received from the guild. Members will also do an activity related to the course.

Newsletter: Kathryn Worley said she sent out the newsletter and is interested in finding out how many people received it. She said she would resend the newsletter as a test. She recommended that people check their spam folder in case her email got routed there by mistake. If they still haven't received it, she asked that they please contact her at kkatw@aol.com to let her know and she will figure out what is amiss. She reminded everyone that the deadline for information to include in the newsletter is the 28th of the month.

Workshops: Marcia Harvey provided registration forms to members interested in attending the Painted Warp Workshop presented by Melissa Jones on April 4-5 at Westwood City Hall. The cost of the 2-day workshop is \$185. An additional optional workshop that focuses on dyeing will be held April 6 at Melissa's studio in Excelsior Springs. The fee for the dye workshop is \$90. Contact Marcia for information. A fall workshop about making wool Christmas trees is in the planning stages.

Service Project: Jacqueline mentioned the service project briefly.

Library: Debbie Buddish said new magazines are available in the guild library. She also mentioned that money is available to purchase additional materials that members request. Contact Debbie for more information.

Scholarships: Jacqueline said that scholarships are available for classes and courses that members want to take part in. She encouraged members to apply for scholarship funding. Gail White is the chair of the scholarship committee.

Felting Group: Judy Santner said the felting study group will meet Jan. 26. An exhibition is scheduled for the Overland Park Arboretum, starting in early February.

Sewing Group: Jacqueline said the sewing group is working to complete their origami tops by the group's next meeting on Feb. 2 at Trails West Library.

KAWS: Cheryl Davis reported that KAWS (Kansas Alliance of Weavers and Spinners) members are working with members of Missouri Fiber Artists to plan the joint annual conference on **May 1-2, 2020**. The conference, called Fiber Fusion, will be held at Lake Doniphan Retreat Center in Excelsior Springs, Mo. Volunteers are needed to help plan and organize the event. The planning committee will meet right after the guild meeting.

Cheryl also said that the **2019 KAWS Conference will take place Oct. 11-12, 2019, at the Lyon County Historic Center in Emporia, Kan.** Registration will be available online at the KAWS website. The registration fee is \$30 per person, with additional fees for specific projects.

The Weavers Guild board will meet right after the guild membership meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Lynette said a workshop is in the planning stages for the Beginner-Mentor program that will pair beginning weavers with mentors who can help them develop their skills.

Sandy Cahill said a retreat for Creative Hand artists past and future will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Create-It Studio, 1409 W. 11th St., Unit 200, Kansas City, MO. People interested in taking part in Creative Hand are invited to join those who have participated in Creative Hand in the past to make suggestions about ways to bring positive changes to the annual event. There will also be a time for socializing and checking out the features of the Create-It Studio. Reservations aren't needed. Parking is available.

Cindy Smith said that she and Jackie Kincaid visited Susan Ferguson's house in December to inspect the guild's equipment library. She said that she and Jackie inspected the equipment, which is available to all guild members for rental, and found that it was in working order. An updated inventory list was provided to Jacqueline.

SHOW AND TELL happened. It was followed by the Swap and Shop event and refreshments.

Following the Swap and Shop, meeting was adjourned. The guild board met after the general membership meeting.