

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Members present: Diane Ayres, Norma Dengler, Else Drengler, Marie Christine Mahe, Ruth Rusch, Yvonne Smith, Jannie Taylor, Kay Thorne, Rosemary Thorne, Nancy Weber, Karen Wiley

Members absent: Marya Bolyanatz, Roberta Foster, Camille Nelson.

President Karen called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Treasurer's report – Norma reported that our checkbook balance of 8/22/17 was \$6384.49. The balance of the sale account is presently \$ 616.69. She presented a recap last year's budget, which showed an excess income of \$12.46. The proposed budget for 2017/2018 is similar to last year's budget, with an income of \$15,357 and expenditures of \$15,357. After a brief discussion of the use of Paypal for memberships and some awkwardness it is causing at present, it was agreed that Camille would bring this up in the future if she sees significant problems. **Approval of the budget was moved, seconded and passed.**

Minutes – Rosemary reminded members that the minutes are on the website. She also passed around a paper copy. **Approval of the minutes was moved, seconded and passed.**

Programs

Thursday meetings – Yvonne distributed plans for next year's meetings. At this time, the October meeting is open. There was wide agreement that a presentation by the Tapestry SIG would be of much interest, following their very successful exhibit at the Methodist Church. Yvonne will look into this.

Saturday meeting – Nancy reported that they have lots of ideas but nothing scheduled yet. She will talk to Marya when she gets home about some firmer plans. There is a good possibility that Sally Fox might be able to do a program. January will be the luncheon. Nancy asked about the potluck lunch. This is a longstanding tradition but not a requirement.

Workshops – Diane. Jennifer Moore will be doing a doubleweave workshop in February and Katherine Weber will do one in April. Jannie has developed a new Summer and Winter workshop, a two-day workshop. There was much interested in having it possibly early December or 2018. A summer workshop, like the old summer basket workshop, might be something to plan for, but not for 2018 due to Convergence.

Policy papers – The draft policy statement for Special Interest Groups and a draft updated Workshop Policy were distributed to members prior to the meeting. **Jannie moved to approve the SIG policy; it was seconded and passed.** Karen will add SIG progress reports to the general meeting agenda, so all members are better aware of

their activities. **Nancy moved to approve the amended workshop policy; it was seconded and passed.** Marie Christine will add them to the policy statements already on the website.

Fair – Rosemary reported that the new home arts coordinator is very enthusiastic and has great ideas for boosting the visibility of weaving at the fair. The judge was excellent and has tentatively agreed to judge again in 2018. There was general discussion of ways to encourage greater participation. A couple possible ones were Guild awards for some categories and a way to separate beginner from open categories. A Saturday meeting on how to be successful at the fair might be a possibility.

Hospitality – Else expressed concern that the same people volunteer for refreshments. She pointed out that many people leave after the program, so aren't present when sign-up sheets are circulated. Although the business meeting isn't designed to be as entertaining as the program, newer members who don't stay for the meeting often aren't aware of all that the Guild does. To help alleviate these problems, Karen will occasionally switch the agenda order. Another possibility is for sign-up sheets to be sent around early in the meeting.

Membership – Karen, reporting for Camille, announced we have 132 paid members, with an income of \$ 3599.58. 26 people paid by Paypal. We may be able to search Roster in the future. Discussion showed that everyone likes the membership booklet!

Website - Marie Christine. Members of the public need to sign up for the sale publicity on MailChimp; however, that feature is not working at this time. Jannie is now using MailChimp to send messages to members, but it doesn't seem to take attachments. MarieChristine needs pictures for the website to publicize meetings. Jannie will have many pictures for the sale site.

Retreat – Karen, reporting for Roberta. We need 2 more people to sign up for the retreat, as only have 17 have paid so far. It was suggested that Roberta send a message to people signed up, asking those people to see if they know of someone. As retreat participation has dropped in recent years, discussion of the future of the retreat raised several suggestions, including the possibility of a single day retreat. Jannie will include information about the retreat in the forthcoming Draft.

Sale – Jannie reported that the Sale Committee decided they did not need a pre-sale meeting this year. Activities have already begun - the postcard and posters are prepared and a supply of hangtags has been ordered. Barbara Frantz will head up a design committee for a new banner, which probably won't be ready for this year's sale.

Library – Kay announced that there are a lot of new items, which she will bring to the September meeting. We will receive books we requested from HGA, but we don't know how many. Kay and Rosemary are considering buying an additional shed. Then one could be devoted to Guild materials, including some low-use library items, as well as sale storage, etc. They would use the other one for storage of some of their weaving

materials. If this happens, they might request funding for some shelving for the Guild shed.

New Business

Studios on the Park, Paso Robles – Sasha Irving, executive director of Studios on the Park, has expressed an interest in selling woven items on consignment. Consensus was that this would be up to individual weavers. If Sasha wanted to put together a show of textiles, she could contact the Guild about participating.

Next Meeting: October 17 or 24, date will be announced.

Karen adjourned the meeting at 7:29.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Thorne
Recording Secretary