

Western Reserve Spinners & Weavers Guild
Minutes, June 28, 2016

Members present: 26

Guests in attendance: the evening's presenters Nicole & Dean Joseph.

New members: No new members were in attendance.

Bobbie Shaffer called the meeting to order at 7:00 and immediately requested volunteers for providing demonstrations at the FarmFest to be held at Lake Farm Park on Saturday, July 9th. She distributed sign-up sheets.

Program

Nancy Curtiss introduced Massage Therapists Nicole and Dean Joseph. They provided a demonstration of how to give a self massage, and information about areas of the body on which to focus both before and after engaging in a fiber art activity. In addition they answered many questions from the membership.

Officer reports

Vice President, Jan Gibson stated that the Program Committee is close to securing a full schedule for next year. Workshops under consideration are Daryl Lancaster, who would be available in late 2017 or early 2018, for a 2-day work shop on making a vest, or a 1-day workshop on an inkle loom, and Ruth Manning for making a small tapestry.

Treasurer, Nora Eason reported that we have a balance of \$6,219.06. Changes to this balance are due to an increase in membership, the workshop registration, and library expenditures.

Secretary, JoEllen Salkin stated that the link to the minutes was in the meeting announcement, and hoped all had an opportunity to read them. Many did not because they do not have access to the internet. She distributed a copy of the minutes for members to read.

Newsletter Editor, Cheryl Laufer wanted to make sure that the members who are receiving the newsletter via USPS are, in fact, receiving them. Anyone who is not should contact her. She also reported that she receives newsletters from other guilds. There was discussion on the best way to share these with the membership and it was decided to share the links on the Yahoo Group.

Librarian, Cindy Kolacz stated that the library now contains the DVD Weave A Good Rug by Tom Knisley. Bobbie added that she purchased some books at the Cuyahoga Guild's sale.

Committee Reports

Show: Bobbie thanked the many members who volunteered for the FarmFest on July 9th. Nora reminded all that Lake Farm Park has a sign in sheet for volunteers.

Bobbie suggested that we have a more prominent show to display members' work and publicize the guild. Suggestions included Lake Farm Park, Penitentiary Glen, Lakeland, Willoughby Hills Community Center, West Woods, and Fairmount Center for the Arts. Cindy volunteered to chair the committee and Linda Christopher and Linda Zeiter both volunteered to participate.

Publicity: Sheri Gettinger stated that there was nothing new to report.

Anniversary: Nancy said they are waiting for eligible members to take advantage of reimbursement opportunities. If anyone has questions they may contact her or Liz Mather.

SIG updates

Spinning: Nancy said that members are continuing to work on their spinning challenge.

Felting: Bobbie reported on the recent meeting at Darlene Smith's home in Geneva, and the tour of the unique home and gardens. Everyone brought something to work on. Jan added that the July 12th meeting will be at Diane Watson's home.

Lace: Sue Ingrassia reported nothing new this month.

Weaving: Nancy reported that the group members are continuing to work on projects & skills.

Old business

Nancy stated that there are now 20 registered for the Rigid Heddle workshop. A waiting list has been created in the event that someone cannot participate.

New Business

Sheri indicated that The Woolery offers a cash-back-reward program that returns a percentage of sales to the guild. She will investigate further and report back next month.

A reminder that the Annual Picnic and Stash Relocation will be July at the West Woods shelter. This event begins at 6, and dinner will be at 6:30. Bring a dish to share. Nancy suggested that anyone selling items price them to sell; a percentage of the sale will go to the guild.

Show & Tell

Uarda Taylor, Cheryl Laufer, Olivia Hoffman, Aura Perez, Mo Doerner, Nancy Curtiss and Jennifer Luscher all brought examples of felting, spinning, knitting and weaving projects to share.

Nancy, Uarda and Nora recently went to the Complex Weaver's Conference in Chicago. They reported on the various lectures they attended.

Submitted by
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