

## **Weavers Guild of Rhode Island Minutes**

**Room: North Kingstown Library**

**January 5, 2019**

### **Call to order**

Mary Brunell called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Meeting started with a welcome to visitors.

Norma Smayda was the guest speaker for this month's meeting.

#### **Executive Committee members present:**

President: Mary Brunell

Vice President: Lynn Morriseau

Treasurer: Gretchen White

Secretary: Elizabeth Hill

Past President: Janet Cooper

### **Announcements**

Mary reminded people to use Amazon Smile when they make purchases from Amazon.

Hospitality Host - Coffee and tea were provided. We continue to handle this very informally. People are welcome to bring food in to share, if they would like; we will not have a sign-up sheet for this. *We encourage people to bring their own coffee cups/mugs.* It is so much nicer to drink your coffee/tea from a regular cup, while also reducing the waste and the cost of having to replenish/purchase new cups.

### **Minutes from the December Meeting**

Minutes from the December meeting were accepted by the membership with no corrections. Ginny Walsh made a **motion** that we accept the minutes. **Seconded and approved by the membership.**

### **WGRI Program Report by Lynn Morriseau**

The programs for the Guild's monthly meetings are posted on the WGRI website and fall newsletter.

## **Treasurer's report by Gretchen White**

**December 1 thru December 31, 2018**

Checking Account \$9,394.86

General fund \$3,559.89 Encumbered funds \$5,834.97

Total incoming funds: \$350.00 (Dues, BGH book sales, Dorrie Burton Auction and Raffle)

Total outgoing funds: \$0.00

As of this meeting, there are 63 members, 59 paid, and 4 honorary members.

### **Committee Reports**

**Educational Grants:** No changes. Funds are still available for NEWS workshops. Check the WGRI website for details.

**Nominations:** Sally Rianhard had no report at this time.

**Publicity:** No report

#### **Weavers Challenge 2018-2019:**

Margaret Moone recapped her idea for this year's challenge, continuing with a Beatles and/or 60's theme. This will be a part of our table at NEWS. With a partner or alone we are encouraging everyone to participate.

**Newsletter:** No report

**Yardage Challenge:** Gretchen White has agreed to organize the yardage challenge this year. Thank you, Gretchen.

**Website:** No report

**Community Outreach:** Janet Cooper and Mary Brunell report on the collaboration with Alycia Skaggs from the North Kingstown Schools: Alycia sent thank you notes to all of the members who volunteered their time. Many of the students have been touched by the project, some having developed a long-term interest in weaving. We would like to continue to maintain this relationship with the schools, going forward.

**NEWS:** NEWS registration will begin in March. At 2pm, March 10<sup>th</sup>, registration opens online. Information about the classes being offered is already available online.

## **Old Business**

Sale of Dorrie Burton's Weavings and Raffle: \$170.00 for weavings and \$90.00 for raffle with total of \$260.00 to WGRI General Funds. Thank you to all who participated and to Norma Smayda for bringing her work to the WGRI.

Linda Rhynard has 3 copies of BGH left for sale.

## **New Business**

Claire Wanabo has graciously offered to hold the Annual Meeting in June at her farm in Bristol, RI.

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the business meeting at 9:55 am.**

## **Presentation**

Norma Smayda was our speaker today, and she covered "Weaver Rose and His Weavings". The breadth and depth of information and knowledge to glean about Weaver Rose and his era is amazing.

Norma shared her knowledge of Weaver Rose's contributions to the handweaving world, as it existed in the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Norma was able to provide many samples of cloth woven in the patterns designed by Weaver Rose, or inspired by him. They were simply beautiful.

Without question, several people left the Guild meeting inspired to take up the challenge of a Weaver Rose project.

## **Show & Tell**

Margaret Moone led us in our monthly show and tell.