

Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2019
Chavez Library, Levee AZ

The January 12th Board Meeting of the Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners was called to order by President, Debbi Brunner, at 1:00 PM. A quorum was established.

Those in attendance were: Debbi Brunner, President, VFAG; Wendy Webster, VP, Tucson Hand Weavers and Spinners; Carol Byrne, Secretary, Weavers West; Mary Humme, Treasurer, Artistic Weavers; Lita Doesken, Website Manager, Tucson Weavers and Spinners; Sheryl Merkel, Artistic Weavers; Gary Terlisner and Deb Maroney, Bisbee Fiber Arts Guild; Esther Federman, Weavers West; Sue Durling, VFAG; Sus Bunker-Alvarado, FANA; Judy Dunlap and Peggy Lokin, Sundial Handweavers and Spinners; and Paula Rudnik, Desert Weavers.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

A motion to accept the October 13, 2018 Minutes as written was made and carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mary Humme gave the attached Treasurer's Report for September 1 thru December 31, 2018.

Checking Account

Beginning Balance September 1, 2018	\$21,471.32
Ending Balance December 31, 2018	\$20,950.79

Savings Account

Beginning Balance September 1, 2018	\$ 1,685.87
Ending Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 1,686.04

Mary announced that \$10,000.00 has been moved into a 1 year TIAA CD at an interest rate of 2.78 % that will be effective February 1.

Yearly AZFED Guild dues at a rate of \$1.00/member are due January 31, 2019. Debbi Brunner will send a dues due reminder to all member Guild Directors.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written was made and carried.

GUILD REPORTS

Wendy Webster reported for *Tucson Hand Weavers and Spinners* that the Guild will be featured on a ½ hour PBS on VTAT. The Guild will have a presence at the Fiber Arts Sale at the Dunbar Center on October 26, 2019. A book of Member's work will be published in August and available at the sale. The Guild will have a presence at the Meet and Greet event at Bookman's, the Tucson Museum of Art in March, Pima County Fair

in April, and an article the Desert Leaf, a local newspaper. There are also ongoing workshops.

Sue Durling reported that *Valley Fiber Arts Guild* is a thriving community of fiber artists. The Guild has 13 Study Groups in a variety of fiber art disciplines including a new dyeing group and a rigid heddle group. Robyn Spady will give a class in February and Jennifer Gould will lead a one week workshop in March including doll making, printing and stamping. In March there will be a Make and Take event.

Sus Bunker-Alvarado of *Fiber Artists of Northern Arizona* reported that they now have 38 members and about 14 are very active in Guild activities. The Guild is a sponsor at the Flagstaff Wool Festival where Vickie Howell will be the Keynote Speaker. There will be make and take booths at the festival, and the Guild will have a big membership drive. The wool festival is open to all fiber artists. The Guild has both a Spinning and Tapestry Weaving Study Groups.

Judy Dunlap of *Sundial Hand Weavers and Spinners* in Sun City reported that the Guild Membership is in the 80's and includes about 40 beaders. The members represent 9 Weaving and Spinning disciplines.

Paula Rudnick of *Desert Weavers and Spinners*, a guild of 80 members will have a demo at the Phoenix Quilt Show in the end of January. The Guild offers classes in Saori and tapestry weaving.

Sheryl Merkel of *Artistic Weavers* who meet in the Oakmont Rec Center of Sun City reported that the Guild did very well at the Sun City Arts and Crafts Fair. Key chain holders made on the Inkle loom sold well. They offer ongoing workshops and classes in weaving and have Spinning, Rigid Heddle and Inkle loom groups. Artistic Weavers will have a presence at the upcoming Sun City Event for Newcomers to their community. Classes in Box Loom Weaving and a weaving class taught by Deborah Silver are coming soon.

Gary Terlisner of *Bisbee Fiber Arts Guild* reported that there is a Rep Weave class being taught today and they have a Nuno Felting class coming up. Members are exploring Pine Needle basket weaving, have a knitting study group every Wednesday evening. The Bisbee Fiber Retreat is coming up June 21-23 at the Seven Sisters Studio. Guild members attended an Alpaca sale in the Barn, and will participate in the sale at the Mariachi Festival in November.

Esther Federman presented the attached written report on the many activities that are ongoing at *Weavers West* in Sun City West. Carol Byrne also of *Weavers West* announced that the Guild has openings for "Cutting Loose with Tied Weaves" taught by Robyn Spady in February and "Split Shed Weaving" taught by Deborah Silver in March. Flyers for both were given to Directors to share with their guilds.

GUILD INFO FOR WEBSITE UPDATES

Debbie Bruner urged all Directors to send all guild updates, such as officer changes, to Lita Doesken, Webmaster. You can access your Guild's information on the Website at AZfed.org and use the email address there to advise changes.

Two resources that would be of interest to our members were mentioned. GIST, a weaving pod cast can be accessed at GIST.yarn.com, and Jan Miller's Weaving Arts Resource Pages, WARP is on Facebook.

Debbie suggested that these be put on the Forum. In a later discussion, it was decided that a Resource page be added to the Federation website to be used for resources such as these and the Visual and Tactile Arts of Tucson, Inc.

OLD BUSINESS

Debbie announced that we need a Nominating Committee as two positions, President and Secretary will be open this year.

Mary Humme volunteered to head up this committee and to ask someone to serve with her. Everyone was encouraged to submit names for possible candidates to Mary Humme.

An update on the Traveling Teachers was given by Mary Humme. The March 1-22, 2019 schedule has been set for Deborah Silver's classes at the participating guilds, Weavers West, Artistic Weavers, Prescott/Flagstaff guilds, and Telerana. Bisbee had to cancel due to lack of participation. Bisbee, Tucson and Green Valley guilds will get together to try to fill that space with her program rather than the originally scheduled class.

Debbie suggested a possible Traveling Teacher for March 2020. Carol James was suggested to teach Sprang weaving and Caroline Wise has volunteered to coordinate the visit. Sprang is an interesting ancient native technique that has been featured in museums such as Tucson Museum of Art where a piece by Carol James is displayed and she has written books on the subject. Carol James supplies the looms and materials for the classes. All agreed that we should pursue this possibility.

NEW BUSINESS

Based on the Actions taken at the October meeting it was decided that the AZ Federation will act as facilitators rather than producers. Federation will reinstate the Guild Grants as described in the By Laws. The board reviewed the Application for Guild Grants which provide for a guild to apply for a maximum of \$500.00/year to be used for a retreat or special event such as a workshop or instructor. Directors were encouraged to take this information back to their Guilds. It was suggested that a written budget for the request be required on the application, and that it be noted that if the event does not come to fruition, the Grant monies must be returned to the AZ Federation.

Guilds are also encouraged to work together to plan local events where organization, costs and profits are shared, and the guilds involved receive a greater benefit than each could have realized individually. The AZ Federation will support these endeavors with publicity, advice and in some cases financially.

To be used by guilds in planning events that involve guest educators or speakers, Debbie reviewed the attached Workshop Procedure for Study Groups/Guilds used by VFAG with the Directors. Also attached is the Weavers West Independent Contractors Check List. Both documents are examples of suggested ways to organize events and apply to individual guild events or local events involving two or more guilds.

It was suggested that Guilds submit the following information to Leda Doeskin for posting on the website:

- Examples of standard contracts
- Tips on advertising venues
- Tips on finding instructors and speakers
- Announcements of Guild events including links to their websites
- Links to events such as Arizona Fiber Arts Retreat and the Bisbee Fiber Arts Retreat

Leda Doesken reviewed the Visual and Tactile Arts of Tucson and asked the group if it is appropriate to post that information. After discussion, Paula Rudnick moved that a resource page be added to the AZ Federation website. The motion carried. VTAT will be added to that page along with other groups of interest to textile artists.

Debbie distributed the attached information on the Mourning Project, and suggested that each guild donate 10 pairs of booties to the project. Additional information, such as patterns, is available on the website TheMourningProject.com.

The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2019 at a location TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM

Submitted by:
Carol Byrne, Secretary

