

Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners, Inc.  
Board Meeting Minutes for September 28, 2019  
Scottsdale Neighborhood Arts Place, Room 2

The September 28, 2019 Board Meeting of the Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners was called to order by President Ruth Greenspan at 1:07 PM. A possible quorum was established with email from Louisa Ballard from Fiber Artists of Northern Arizona.

Those in attendance were: Ruth Greenspan, President, AZ Desert Weavers and Spinners; Wendy Webster, VP, Tucson Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild; Sue Durling, Secretary, Valley Fiber Art Guild; Mary Humme, Treasurer, Artistic Weavers; Debbi Brunner, Past President, Valley Fiber Art Guild; Sheryl Merkel, Artistic Weavers; Gary Terlisner, Bisbee Fiber Arts Guild; Esther Federman, Weavers West; Paula Rudnick, AZ Desert Weavers and Spinners.

#### ELECTION RESULTS

Election of the President and Secretary for 2 year terms beginning in July 2019 took place by email in April-May. Elected were Ruth Greenspan, President and Co-Secretaries Sue Durling and Carol Byrne.

#### SECRETARY'S MINUTES

A motion to accept the April 6, 2019 minutes as written and distributed was made and carried.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mary Humme gave the Treasurer's Report for April 1 thru August 31, 2019.

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance April 1, 2019	\$ 20,876.89
Deposit Dues	737.00
Refund on Storage Unit	100.00
Withdrawal	
Traveling Teacher	-1399.91
Insurance	- 525.00
AZ State Filing Fee	- 10.00
Ending Balance August 31, 2019	\$ 18,932.98
Savings Account	
Beginning Balance April 1, 2019	\$ 1,686.17
Interest	.21
Ending Balance August 31, 2018	\$ 1,686.38

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made and carried. The treasurer stated that the monies of the Linder Fund have not been moved to a CD yet since interest rates have been erratic. Although a TIAA CD is still a possibility she is also looking into a very favorable rate at Capital One.

The treasurer presented a budget for the 2019-2020 year as follows:

Liabilities	Storage Unit	\$ 60
	Insurance	525
	Meeting Room	180
	Traveling Teacher	3000

	Education Grants		500
	Licenses, fees		50
		Total	\$ 4315
Assets	Membership Dues	\$	1200
	Gardner Fund		1686
	Lindner Fund		10000
	Cash		6933
		Total	\$ 20133

Discussion ensued about traveling teacher expenses with agreement that these should be booked two years in advance whenever possible.

The Board's storage requirements are now being met by a small space provided in the storage unit of AZ Desert Weavers and Spinners. It is hoped that the historical documents can also be moved to this space. Ruth Greenspan will meet with the historian to further this goal.

The SNAP meeting space rents for \$10/hr with an annual \$25 maintenance fee. The Board also paid a one-time \$10 fee for utilizing the space. Members present agreed that the location is convenient to most at reasonable cost and is a workable solution to where the board can meet.

## GUILD REPORTS

Esther Federman reported for *Weavers West Guild*. The guild made a concerted effort this past summer to offer a varied program for those who live year round in Sun City West, starting with a no-host luncheon. Classes were offered: weaving fabric baskets; bead leno; dream catchers; hoop weaving with hula hoops; spinning with vegies; inkle belts and straps; scarf dying; macrame; box weaving. Plans are in the works for new construction for the various craft clubs in Sun City West.

Debbi Brunner reported for *Valley Fiber Art Guild*. There are thirteen study groups, each focusing on a particular fiber art. Workshops this year will include Wildflower Ribbon Brooches in October, Painted Floor Cloths in November, and a 3-day Gourd and Pine Needle workshop with Toni Best in January. This year at Christmas, instead of exchanging handmade items, members are making a red ruana for themselves and for a Fashion Show at the holiday party. Debbi also announced the inauguration of the Red Ruana Retreat, a new fiber art event in Southern Arizona featuring classes and workshops with a Southwestern theme: Colors, Techniques and Projects reminiscent of Southwest style and culture. The event will be held at the Canoa Ranch Golf Resort in Green Valley, November 12-15, 2020.

Gary Terlisner, *Bisbee Fiber Arts Guild*, reported nothing new at this time.

Paula Rudnick reported for *Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners*. They are planning the annual December fund raiser which is a big auction of weaving materials from looms to spinning wheels to baskets of fiber items. They are also beginning to plan for a big 75<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration in 2023. They continue to demonstrate weaving techniques. They will be at the State Fair in October 2019. They have a workshop scheduled in March 2020: Painted Warp with Sarah Saulson.

Sheryl Merkel reported for *Artistic Weavers and Fiber Artists*. The club room was busy this summer with members on floor looms, Inkle looms, rigid heddle, Swedish weaving, basket weaving and spinning.. As snow-birds begin returning, we resume our winter hours in October. Beginning weaving classes start mid-October, with basket weaving and pine needle coiling classes to begin later in the Fall. The rigid heddle, Inkle and Swedish weaving groups meet weekly and teach one-on-one throughout the year, as do the spinners in the club. The annual Sun City Arts and Craft Show will be held the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 29 & 30. The event is run by volunteers and our club will have tables of items made by our members for sale. Right now everyone is busy getting the things they've made labeled, priced and checked by Quality Control. At our first Member meeting in September, President Mary Humme stated that a committee will be formed to select topics for presentations at future meetings. These can be our own members or outside guests. We hope this will increase interest and attendance, as well as enrich our

skills.

Wendy Webster reported for *Tucson Hand Weavers and Spinners*. The guild is planning a big Fiber Arts Show and Sale for October 26 at the Dunbar Center in Tucson. There will be a live auction, music, food trucks and more. A handsome program book was created to promote the Show featuring many members of the Guild, completely supported by advertisers.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was lengthy discussion of the the proposed Fair Isle Spinning and Knitting Retreat for May 2020. This would take place instead of a traveling teacher. It was finally agreed that the Federation would not pursue this further, mainly because beneficiaries of such a plan would probably not exceed 35-45 people, which seems a too small percentage of the statewide membership. Also the May timeframe is very problematic considering the many members who are not in Arizona that late in the spring. Plus the traveling teacher program was very popular and well received by the member guilds. Thus efforts will be made to book Patti Barker, a felter from Washington State who has expressed an interest in holding workshops in Arizona. She will be contacted for the time period Jan-Mar 2020. There also is a weaver who has shown interest in holding workshops but there was agreement that it is about time for a traveling teacher in another modality. If Patti Barker can be booked, Wendy Webster has volunteered to coordinate the schedule.

At the same time, it is hoped to book Carol James as traveling teacher for 2021 during the same time frame of Jan-Mar.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will be on February 22, 2020.

Meeting adjourned 3:50 p.m.

Sue Durling, Secretary