

Valley Forge Rug Braiding Guild

November 2, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – President Rissa Moore called the meeting to order at 1:00pmEST. There were 32 attendees.
2. **Approve/Add to the Agenda** – No additions to the agenda. Motion to approve by Peggyann Watts. Seconded by Gail Stephens. The agenda was approved.
3. **Amend/Approve Minutes of Last Meeting** – No amendments to the minutes. Motion to approve by Gail Stephens. Seconded by Christine Manges. The minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Sherry Chilcutt presented the Treasurer's report. Our revenue so far this year is just under \$4000. Sherry added a reminder that members do not need to pay for Special Events.
5. **Committees**
 - a. **Conference** – Sherry reported that the conference will be held at Stella Niagara Center of Renewal in Lewiston, NY on April 25-27, 2025. The committee is working on classes and costs for the conference. Sign up will be in late January or early February.
 - b. **Education** – Christine Manges reported that the Education Committee will be discussing classes to be held at the conference on Sunday, November 10 at 4pm. Christine is working on an oval rug beginner braiding handout with teacher recommendations. Gail Stephens suggested putting it in the members only section of the website.
 - c. **Exhibit Committee** – Pam Rowan reported that the Exhibit Committee will meet in December. Rissa suggested members work on their Braided Water pieces for the conference.
 - d. **Finance** – No report.
 - e. **Fundraising/Scholarship** – Kris McDermet reported that the committee will meet soon to plan a fundraiser at the conference. She reported that the raffle rug at the Wyoming Conference raised \$1500.
 - f. **Media** – Facebook and Instagram addresses are listed in the agenda.
 - g. **Membership** – Mary Ragno sent a report that we have 185 members. Gail suggested looking at class lists to see how many students join the guild after taking classes and also having a survey at the end of each class. Kris McDermet added that teachers would appreciate the feedback. Gail and Kris will work on a survey. Marjorie Corrow and Pandora Bryce offered to assist them.
 - h. **Nominating** – Mary Hibbard reported no activity at this time.
 - i. **Programs** – Christine Manges presented the current schedule of Special Events and Demos which are listed in the agenda.
8. **Exhibit Opportunities** – Exhibit opportunities are listed in the agenda.
9. **Demo** – Christine Manges gave a presentation on **Drawing Braids**.
10. **Adjournment** – President Rissa Moore called for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Lucinda Harrison-Cox and seconded by Maddy Fraioli. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05pmEST followed by show and tell.

Submitted by Karen Levendusky 11/26/2024