

Valley Forge Rug Braiding Guild

April 5, 2025 General Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – President Rissa Moore called the meeting to order at 1:02pmEST. There were 23 attendees.
2. **Approve/Add to the Agenda** – No additions to the agenda. Motion to approve by Lucinda Harrison-Cox. Seconded by Christine Manges. The agenda was approved.
3. **Amend/Approve Minutes of Last Meeting** – No amendments to the minutes. Motion to approve by Christine Manges. Seconded by Mary Hibbard. The minutes were approved.
4. **Vote** – Vice President Gail Stephens reported that we had 107 early votes for our name change and bylaw changes, 105 yes votes and 2 no votes. President Rissa Moore asked for a vote of the meeting attendees that had not already voted. This vote yielded an additional 8 yes votes for a total of 113 yes, and no additional no votes. Online voting will be kept open until Monday night.
5. **Committees**
 - a. **Conference** – Sherry Chilcutt reported that we still have space at the conference. Janet O’Connell will be coordinating transportation if anyone needs a ride from the airport.
 - b. **Education** – Christine Manges reported that a beginner class with Mary Hibbard is in progress. Lots more classes will be listed soon. She is working on a long-term class schedule. Christine and Marlene Breitenbach will be sending out a survey to right openers to see if they lace on the top or on the back.
 - c. **Exhibit Committee** – Pam Rowan reported that we have received a donation to the Exhibit Committee and will be meeting soon to determine how to allocate funds.
 - d. **Finance** – Sherry Chilcutt reported that Pennsylvania has approved our new name and now she is working on changing it with the IRS and then the bank account.
 - e. **Fundraising/Scholarship** – Cathy Winship reported that the Teacup Auction has received many items.
 - f. **Media** – Christine Manges reported that Judy Fahnestock will help set up Instagram after the name change. Sherry requested an updated brochure for events with the new name. Christine will need a team of people to check the website after the changes are made to be sure all links work and name and color changes are complete.
 - g. **Membership** – Marlene Breitenbach reported that we are up to 232 members. Sherry confirmed that Marlene is able to update member addresses.
 - h. **Nominating** – Mary Hibbard formally introduced our Vice President nominee, Judy Fahnestock.
 - i. **Programs** – Christine Manges reported that we will not have a special event in April. A list of upcoming special events and demos is in the agenda.
7. **Demo** - Christine Manges presented a demo on Left-Handed Braiders.
8. **Adjournment** – President Rissa Moore called for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Christine Manges and seconded by Pam Rowan. The meeting was adjourned at 2:09pmEST followed by show and tell.

Submitted by Karen Levendusky 4/17/2025