

Rug Braiders International

June 7, 2025 General Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – President Rissa Moore called the meeting to order at 1:00pmEST. There were 18 attendees.
2. **Approve/Add to the Agenda** –Gail Stephens added holding our election for Vice President to the agenda. Motion to approve by Christine Manges. Seconded by Pam Rowan. The agenda was approved with the addition.
3. **Amend/Approve Minutes of Last Meeting** – No amendments to the minutes. Motion to approve by Mary Hibbard. Seconded by Gail Stephens. The minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurers Report** – no report
5. **Presentation of the proposed budget for 2025-2026** - Gail Stephens presented the proposed budget that is attached to the agenda. The \$5 member discount for classes will no longer be deducted from teachers' compensation but will be an expense for the Membership Committee. Additional Zoom accounts will be purchased for teachers. Yearly membership fees will not be increased.
6. **Progress on Name Change** – Our name change is in progress but the name has not been changed with the bank. All checks for classes and membership renewal should continue to be written to Valley Forge Rug Braiding Guild and mailed to Karen Levendusky.
7. **Committees**
 - a. **Conference** – Our 2026 conference is being planned in Washington State. More details will be available soon.
 - b. **Education** – Christine Manges reported that the Education Committee will be meeting at 3:00pm EST on Sunday, June 8. One final class for this year will be starting next week.
 - c. **Exhibit** – Pam Rowan reported that the committee met and has decided to use the \$700 to assist 14 braiders with up to \$50 each toward shipping costs for getting their rugs to Sauder Village. Christine Manges encouraged braiders to enter their rugs to be exhibited at Sauder Village.
 - d. **Finance** – no report
 - e. **Fundraising/Scholarship** – no report
 - f. **Media** – Christine Manges reported that she is working on updating the website with the new name and colors. The Duties and Procedures section will be updated over the summer.
 - g. **Membership** – Mary Ragno reported that we are up to 232 members. She reported that the member list is updated on the website a few times a year and members can choose to not have their email and phone number listed.
 - h. **Nominating** – Mary Hibbard presented Judy Fahnestock as candidate for Vice President for 2025-2026. Mary made a motion to hold a vote. Gail Stephens seconded. The vote was a unanimous “Yes” and Judy is our new Vice President. Mary added that we will need to elect a new Secretary for 2026-2027 since Karen Levendusky will have reached the term limits for the position.
 - i. **Programs**- Christine Manges reported that we have one more Special Event this year. Details are in the agenda.
8. **Demo** - Christine Manges presented a demo on Stripping Wool.
9. **Adjournment** – President Rissa Moore called for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Maddy Fraioli and seconded by Pam Rowan. The meeting was adjourned at 2:08pmEST followed by show and tell.

Submitted by Karen Levendusky 6/7/2025