

# **Rug Braiders International**

## **January 3, 2026 General Meeting Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** – President Rissa Moore called the meeting to order at 1:00pmEST. There were 46 attendees.
2. **Approve/Add to the Agenda** –No additions to the agenda. Lucinda Harrison-Cox made a motion to approve. Gail Stephens seconded. The agenda was approved.
3. **Amend/Approve Minutes for November Meeting** – No amendments to the minutes. Donna Dunn made a motion to approve. Mary Ragno seconded. The minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurers Report** – Sherry Chilcutt presented the treasurer’s report which is attached to the agenda. Over \$900 in donations have been received. She has opened a \$5000 CD with some of our available funds. She reported that our finances look good and we are doing well.
5. **New Business/Old Business** – No old business or new business at this time.
6. **Committees**
  - a. **Conference** – Sherry Chilcutt discussed the upcoming conference at the Seabeck Conference Center in Seabeck, Washington on April 30-May 3, 2026. Pricing will start at \$495 depending on room choice. Christine Manges presented conference info on the website.
  - b. **Education** – Christine Manges reported that we had an active fall class schedule. She presented the future classes which are listed on the website. Several beginner scholarships are still available and there are also scholarships for intermediate and advanced classes. Scholarships can be requested at checkout using the coupon at the top of the page.
  - c. **Exhibit** – Pam Rowan reported that the exhibit Committee has funds available for shipping rugs and chair pads to Seabeck.
  - d. **Finance** – Rhonda Beaupre reported that the committee has met once this fall and will be meeting again in March or April.
  - e. **Fundraising/Scholarship** – Patsy Simon reported that the committee is working on a rug and chair pads to raffle at the conference.
  - f. **Media** – Christine Manges presented that the plan for the website is to have a website page for each committee. This will be especially helpful to new members who would like to get involved.
  - g. **Membership** – Marlene Breitenbach and Mary Ragno reported that we are up to 197 members.
  - h. **Nominating** – Gail Stephens reported that we have a candidate for secretary for next year.
  - i. **Programs**- Christine Manges presented the upcoming Special Event with Tom Guiler, Museum Curator at the Oneida Community Mansion House, on Jessie Catherine Kinsley’s Braided Silk Tapestries and the Oneida Community.
7. **Demo** – Pam Rowan presented a demo on Braided Acorns.
8. **Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Patsy Simon. Pam Rowan seconded. President Rissa Moore adjourned the meeting at 1:47pm followed by Show and Tell.