

Valley Forge Rug Braiding Guild

December 7, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – President Rissa Moore called the meeting to order at 1:00pmEST. There were 25 attendees.
2. **Approve/Add to the Agenda** – No additions to the agenda. Motion to approve by Gail Stephens. Seconded by Lucinda Harrison-Cox. 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. **Treasurer's Report** – Attached to the agenda.
5. **Committees**
 - a. **Conference** – Gail reported that the committee found a great place for the conference and co-chair and treasurer Sherry Chilcutt is committed to keeping the conference affordable, probably around \$495.
 - b. **Education**– Christine Manges reported that the Education Committee is receiving class proposals for the conference. Assistant teachers will be required for classes that include butting. Assistants will receive a \$100 stipend to the conference. More online classes are being added to the website for 2025 including an oval beginner rug for beginners second level.
 - c. **Exhibit Committee** – Pam Rowan reported that the Exhibit Committee will meet soon. Exhibit opportunities are listed in the agenda.
 - d. **Finance** – No report.
 - e. **Fundraising/Scholarship** – Kris McDermet reported that the committee will meet soon to plan a fundraiser at the conference.
 - f. **Media** – Christine has added a teacher resource page to the website. More teacher training info will be added soon.
 - g. **Membership** –Our current membership is 189.
 - h. **Nominating** –Mary Hibbard reported that our Vice President, Gail Stephens, will be completing her last term in June 2025. Anyone interested in the position should contact Gail or Mary.
 - i. **Programs**- Christine Manges presented the current schedule of Special Events and Demos which are listed in the agenda. Pam Rowan still has some spots available for her Franciscan Braid Retreat February 27- March 2. Contact Pam at braidarug@gmail.com for more information. The Methuen Braid In will be October 10-12, 2025.
6. **Demo** – Pam Rowan demonstrated testing fabric to determine wool content with bleach.
7. **Adjournment** – President Rissa Moore adjourned the meeting at 1:50pm followed by show and tell.