

Valley Forge Rug Braiding Guild

February 1, 2025 General Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – President Rissa Moore called the meeting to order at 1:00pmEST. There were 38 attendees.
2. **Approve/Add to the Agenda** – No additions to the agenda. Motion to approve by Gail Stephens. Seconded by Christine Manges. The agenda was approved.
3. **Amend/Approve Minutes of Last Meeting** – No amendments to the minutes. Motion to approve by Mary Ragno. Seconded by Mary Bird. The minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Sherry Chilcutt attached the Treasurer's Report to the agenda.
5. **Guild Name Change** – President Rissa Moore and Vice President Gail Stephens presented the new name for the guild, Rug Braiders International. Details are in the agenda.
6. **Committees**
 - a. **Conference** – Gail Stephens reported that registration opens on February 2 and we have a maximum of 45 braiders. Judy Fahnstock suggested including information that credit cards can be used as well as PayPal.
 - b. **Education** – Christine Manges reviewed the conference classes.
 - c. **Exhibit Committee** – Pam Rowan reported that the Exhibit Committee met recently and the board approved \$500 for the committee for this year.
 - d. **Finance** – No report.
 - e. **Fundraising/Scholarship** – Kris McDermet reported that four scholarships have been awarded for the conference and up to 12 scholarships will be awarded for the upcoming beginner classes. She will send out info soon on the Tea Cup Auction to be held at the conference.
 - f. **Media** – Christine Manges shared that the new domain name for the guild has been obtained and she is working on changing over the website.
 - g. **Membership** – Mary Ragno presented a spreadsheet comparing membership statistics from last year to this year. The spreadsheet is in the agenda.
 - h. **Nominating** – Mary Hibbard reported that she has not received any inquiries for the open Vice President position for next year but has some names she will be contacting.
 - i. **Programs** – Christine Manges presented the current schedule of Special Events and Demos which are listed in the agenda. She also listed several outside events of interest which are listed in the agenda. Karen Drevyanko spoke about the braiding event in Elverson, PA that she is coordinating. Spaces are still available. Contact information is in the agenda.
7. **Demo** – Rissa Moore presented a demo on Braided Hearts. The handout link is in the February newsletter.
8. **Adjournment** – President Rissa Moore called for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Christine Manges and seconded by Maddy Fraioli. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05pmEST followed by show and tell.