

# Valley Forge Rug Braiding Guild – September 2021 General Meeting

## Minutes for Zoom Meeting Saturday, September 11, 2021, 1:00pmEST

1. **Call to Order** –President Christine Manges called the meeting to order at 1:02pmEST. There were 30 attendees.
2. **Approve/Add to Agenda** – A moment of silence for 9-11 was added to the agenda. Carol Rizzo moved to accept the agenda. Mary Bird seconded. The agenda was approved. A moment of silence was observed.
3. **Introduce Officers** – Officers for 2021-22 were introduced.
4. **Survey Results** – A summary of the survey conducted by Mary Hibbard will be posted in the members only section of the website.
5. **Budget** – The budget prepared by Vice President Gail Seay was presented to members at the June meeting. The executive board has approved the budget. Carol Rizzo made a motion for the general membership to approve the budget. Rebecca Smith seconded. The budget was approved unanimously.
6. **Tour of the Website** – Christine gave a tour of the website.
7. **Committees:**

**Education** – Christine Manges reported that there are classes this fall for all levels of rug braiders and for teachers.

**Program** – Christine reported on the upcoming special events for September (Nancy Young), October (Peggyann Watts), November (Val Galvin), and January (Leanne Sitler). Christine requested ideas for future meeting demos.

**Conference** – Debbie Wykosky reported that the conference is a go as of now and she will be contacting members who volunteered to be on the committee later this fall.

**Fundraising/Scholarship** – Kris McDermet discussed the Tea Cup Auction planned for the conference and also the scholarships that will be offered.

**Media** – Our Instagram account is RugBraidingVF. Send pictures for Instagram to Hanna Gritton at [hanna.gritton@gmail.com](mailto:hanna.gritton@gmail.com). Christine will work on setting up member albums on the website.

**Membership** – Christine reported that we currently have 88 members. Daria Gehris will be holding welcome meetings for new members.

**Finance** – We have an opening for chair of this committee. Contact Christine if you are interested.

**Nominating** – The nominating committee is not active at this time.

- 8. Exhibit Opportunities** – Christine encouraged members to enter braided items in the Braided Food Rug Challenge at our 2022 conference and also Sauder Village Rug Hooking Week in 2022.
- 9. Demo** – Christine demonstrated braiding and lacing row 1 of a braided round.
- 10. Adjournment** – Linda LaMontagne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peggyann Watts seconded. Christine Manges adjourned the meeting at 2:47pm with show and tell to follow the meeting.

Submitted by Karen Levendusky 9/11/2021