



Valley Forge Rug Braiding Guild General Membership Meeting

**Minutes for Zoom Meeting:
Saturday, Feb 13, 2020, 11:00 am EST**

1. Call to Order

Vice President Eileen Colligan called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

2. Approve/Add to: Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

3. Correct/Approve: Minutes of 01/09/2021 meeting

There were no corrections to the minutes.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Debbie Wykosky presented the Treasurer's Report. Balance is high (\$6332) but this includes class payments which will in large part will be paid to teachers once their classes start. It also includes a recent reimbursement of \$1500 from the St. Francis nuns – since we are not having the braid in, our down-payment has been returned to us. Debbie also reported that she picked up the tables – owned by the guild – that were stored at the St. Francis Retreat Center.

MOTION:

Mary Hibbard made a Motion to Approve the Treasurer's report as written
Second by Karen Drevyanko
Motion passed.

5. Committees – Program, Education, and Charity Committees met over the past month.

A. Charity: Chair Kris McDermet

Raising money for scholarship fund so that people could attend who would not otherwise be able to.

Planning outreach to other organizations that we could all participate in – the Keep Feet Warm Project, which would make 2' X 3' rugs for shelters or subsidized housing, for example.

Also planning an auction of used braiding equipment that could raise money for the guild at our next gathering.

Also discussing making group rugs by each person adding a couple rows then sending the rug on to the next person, perhaps with a common fabric to run through the rug. The group rugs would incur personal postage costs, but the postage would probably not be too expensive for small 2' X 3' rugs.

B. Education: report from Christine Manges

Online classes are listed on the website. Class openings were discussed. Teachers were encouraged to suggest new classes.

C. Program: report from Christine Manges

Christine reviewed the upcoming programs.

D. Finance Committee: About to be active! Budget requests are due to the Vice Pres. by May 1.

Side Comment: Christine brought up that when people RSVP to events and do not use their \$5 off coupon code for guild members, that the \$5 payment is considered a donation to the guild.

6. New Business

A. Classes.

See "Classes" tab on the Website: <https://www.valleyforgerugbraidingguild.org>
Classes are present for beginner to advanced students, all conducted over Zoom.

B. Upcoming Special Events

Working on trying to get Donna McKeever as a speaker.

Rug Challenge – scheduled for May 8 because if we had been able to have our braid in, that would have been the day for the Rug Challenge. The challenge is braided hats and braided Sculpture – the crazier the better!

Sat, Feb 27, 2021, 11 am EST: Review of Rug Braiding Books and Booklets

Sat, Mar 27, 2021, 11 am EST: Sarah Jurta of Country Braid House

Sat, May 8, 2021: Rug Challenge: Braided Hats and Braided Sculpture

Sat, May 29, 2021: Helen Condon of Adirondack Rug Braiding

C. Upcoming meetings: Second Saturdays through June:

Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, Jun 12

7. **Demonstration: 9-Loop Center** – Christine Manges
8. **Show & Tell: Hearts! And other braided items...** were presented.
9. **Vice President Eileen Colligan Adjourned the meeting** at 11:56 am EST.