



Valley Forge Rug Braiding Guild Minutes of General Membership Meeting

**Minutes of the Zoom Meeting, Saturday,
Nov 14, 2020, 11:00 am EST**

1. Call to Order

President Colleen Blaisdell called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

2. Approve/Add to: Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

3. Correct/Approve: Minutes of 10/10/2020 meeting

There were no corrections; the minutes were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Debbie Wykosky presented the Treasurer's Report, which is attached. She plans to alter the schedule of presenting the finances to match the dates of Paypal activity reports.

5. Old Business

The recent lecture on the History of Rug Braiding went well and will be placed on the website for members, once Christine's son finishes his schoolwork and can help her edit and post the lecture's video.

6. New Business

A. Committees — Although the plan was to break out into committees, it was not feasible for this meeting due to limited sign-ups. Instead, it was agreed that there will be Wednesday evening meetings at 7 and 7:30; these will be advertised in emails to members.

Program Committee: What upcoming events do you want? Thoughts: holiday projects; artist retrospectives; informational programs?

Education Committee: What classes do you want – either at conferences (when we can have them) or via virtual classrooms? What demos at meetings?

Charity Committee: This committee is in charge of group rug projects either for donation or auction to raise money for scholarships (classes, or conference fees).

Membership Committee: This committee promotes membership, welcomes new members, and keeps track of member data. Should there be a membership booklet?

Retreat Committee: In charge of all the details and decisions regarding the January Retreat...which may or may not happen.

Spring Conference Committee: In charge of all the details and decisions regarding the Spring braid in... which may or may not happen, including Rug Challenges.

Finance Committee: The Treasurer is an important part of this committee. How much should we pay our recruited speakers? What do we want to spend our money on? Reviewing expenses and creating a budget.

Media Committee: website, Facebook, newsletter (the newsletter for the guild has not yet gotten started but will be emailed to members in December). We need writers and topics.

B. Classes – there was a discussion about classes. It was agreed that there should be classes over Zoom for beginners and also for more advanced braiders. The classes will have to be small group sessions which are conducted over Zoom. Please contact Christine and join the Education Committee if you are interested in teaching a class. Pam Rowan volunteered to teach a January chair pad class for Left Opening, beginning braiders.

C. Discussion of January Retreat option – Contact Debbie Wykosky if you are interested in attending the January Retreat. At the moment, plans are still continuing for the retreat; plans may change based on the course of the pandemic.

D. Upcoming Guild Events

Saturday, Nov 21: **The Rugs=Food=Love Project**: a presentation of the unique and beautiful rugs created to benefit food banks across America. **Free to all.

Saturday, Dec 5: **Kris McDermet: Retrospective and Studio Space**: Her work combining the two arts of rug braiding and rug hooking. (Proceeds benefit scholarship fund for braid conference).

Saturday, May 8: **Rug Challenge: Braided Hats and Braided Sculpture**

D. Upcoming meetings: Second Saturdays through June:

Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 15, Jun 12

7. **Demonstration**: Patterns across the Center Line of an Oval -- Christine Manges

8. **Adjournment**

President Colleen Blaisdell called for adjournment at 11:52 am.

The meeting was followed by Show & Tell, which focused on Hit or Miss Rugs.

TREASURER'S REPORT
CHECKING ACCOUNT
NOVEMBER 14, 2020

BEGINNING BALANCE ON 10/10/20		1,763.64	
INCOME:			
17 Memberships	340.00		
Donation	20.00		
PayPal Transfer	249.46		
PayPal Transfer	170.77		
PayPal Transfer	<u>105.15</u>		
	885.38	<u>885.38</u>	
TOTAL INCOME:		2,649.02	
EXPENSES:			
None	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	
ENDING BALANCE on 11-12-20			2,649.02