



Valley Forge Rug Braiding Guild General Membership Meeting

**Minutes of Zoom Meeting:
Saturday, Oct 10, 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

The Agenda was reviewed.

MOTION: Kris McDermet motioned to approve the Agenda.

Dianne Tobias seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Correct/Approve: Minutes of 9/12/2020 meeting

The minutes were reviewed.

MOTION: Kris McDermet motioned to approve the minutes of 9/12/2020.

Karen Levendusky seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Debbie Wykosky presented the Treasurer's Report (attached).

5. Old Business

A. Website: <https://www.valleyforgerugbraidingguild.org/> (use the full address — it's too new simply to google).

B. Bank Account - Covered by Debbie Wykosky in Treasurer's Report above.

6. New Business

A. Membership — Meetings open to members only after January.

B. Committees — Need to select Committee Chairs. Please email Secretary Christine Manges with committee interests.

C. Teacher Certification - easy to do; see website for information.

D. Online Courses - Christine Manges taught two online teaching courses.

E. Discussion of January Retreat option. Debbie Wykosky presented information about a possible retreat January 7-10 at St. Francis Center in Easton. Many precautions have been taken - single rooms, acrylic-shielded food service, limited number of guests. Would require a waiver to free the VF Guild of responsibility during the pandemic. Contact Debbie Wykosky if interested.

F. Program planning

Events free to members; guests \$5.

Decided on 11 am as acceptable time for programs right now.

Saturday, Oct 26: Christine Manges: Lecture: The History of Rug Braiding: Peasant Craft to Art Form.

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).

G. Upcoming meetings: Second Saturdays through June:

Nov 14, Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 15, Jun 12

7. **Demo** of Two-Needle Shoe-Lacing

8. **Adjournment** - President Colleen Blaisdell adjourned the meeting at 11:59 am.

The meeting was followed by Show & Tell, and it was agreed to focus on Hit or Miss Rugs at the Show & Tell after the next meeting (11/14/2020).

Treasurer's Report:

BEGINNING BALANCE on 9/16/2020				\$ 2,190.29
INCOME:				
5 Memberships (Checks and cash sent to Treasurer)			100.00	
Paypal Transfers (Memberships and class payments)			167.22	
			88.51	
			38.24	
2 class payments (checks)			20.00	
TOTAL INCOME:			513.97	
EXPENSES:				
Check order			30.05	
Wix.com Website (2 Years)			810.57	
Reimburse Treasurer (Deposit to open account)			100.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES:			940.62	
ENDING BALANCE on 10/10/20				\$1,763.64