

FSWG – November 2020 meeting minutes

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Treasurer's Report

Financial activities in October include:

- Income: Membership dues and studio rent payments
- Expenses: VA State Tax Filings, LibertyTown Rent

October 2020	
Opening Balance	\$1,164.61
Deposits	\$890.00
Expenses	\$830.00
Closing Balance	\$1,294.61
Current Balance	\$1,294.61

Late tax filing fee- \$30 because we missed paying for the 1st 3 quarters of 2020. \$10 late filing fee/ quarter. FSWG has a tax id number for the rare times when the guild sells an item.

Question posed – do we need to collect tax on an item that has been donated to the Guild and then we later sell to a member or another entity? Are donations made to the guild, like our January donate what you want for X items event?

2021 Budget Proposal

For 2021, the Finance Committee submits the income and expenses forecast.

- \$860 short fall
- No MAFA dues paid in 2021

	2021
Income (Total)	8,820
Member Dues (\$30/year per each member)	~2,100
Monthly Studio Space Rent (\$70/month per studio member)	6,720
Donations/Guild Sales	-
Expenses (Total)	9,680
LT Studio Rent (\$800/month)	9,600
Spinoff Subscription (Once ever two years)	55
Miscellaneous	25
Projected Balance (Total)	- 860

We are paying the 2021 MAFA dues at the end of 2020 for a 2-year membership, through 2022.

For those who do not have studio space in our guild space, and they want to sell items in our space. The items have to be approved by 3 of our guild members. Then Liberty Town lets them

display their items. Liberty Town gets a percent of the sale and pays the member the remainder.

Question was asked – will there be a surplus. Guild tends to run about \$1,200 in the bank. We need the buffer. And we are kind of flush with dues being paid right now. Can't really dip into the surplus to cover the 2021 discrepancy.

President



- **Calendar Coordinator**
- **Handbook and By-Laws**

Communications Director – use to be the Newsletter Director. The way to communicate and disseminate information has changed over the years. So this position has been updated, more than just a newsletter that they need to understand the parts of.

A communications team meeting will be set up.

New position – Calendar Coordinator. This position will fall under the Education and Outreach. We need someone to manage the Guild's handwoven workshop schedule. They would make sure members aren't double booked, keep an eye on what workshops people are taking and see where interests are falling or if a group can be formed to view those classes together.

Amanda Schamp – volunteered to do this position. She and Leslie will work together to get this role off the ground.

Vice President



- **Share the Warmth Holiday Campaign**

Aileen Campbell:

Drop donations at Empower House. They prefer gloves – fingerless is okay, mittens, scarves. Make sure the material is washable.

Aileen is working with Liberty Town to have a drop off spot and then Aileen would pick them up. Have them donated by December 19th.

Education and Outreach



Nothing to report

Membership



We have about 8-10 new member in 2021. We have lost a few members because they can't get the value out of the virtual format. We have gained more members than we have lost.

Tom: he is keeping up with sending out the new member information and encouraging them that the membership is valuable now and will be even more valuable as covid-19 calms down.

Hospitality



- **Holiday Recipes**

Mary:

Send Mary their favorite recipes and she will put it together and make a digital file to send out to everyone. Make sure you don't violate any copyright laws.

Deadline- By Nov 25

Send them to - marysnellings@yahoo.com

Library



Denise: no new updates

Officer Elections

Vice President

- Presides over the guild meetings when the President is unable.
- Standing member of the Finance Committee
- Coordinates the monthly program for the membership meeting.

Treasurer

- Receive all deposits and disburse Guild funds as required
- Report the financial status of the Guild at each meeting
- File required tax documents with the state in accordance with applicable state codes and regulations.

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The nominating committee reached out to some members:

VP – Kara Pekar

Treasurer – Denise Kash (she will also continue to be the library coordinator)

Nominations accepted and closed.

The Guild membership voted and elected unanimously the following individual, Kara Pekar, to the positions of Vice President. There were no dissenting votes.

The Guild membership voted and elected unanimously the following individual, Denise Kash, to the positions of Treasurer. There were no dissenting votes.

New Open Positions:

The Guild is looking for volunteers for the - Program Coordination Committee – this will be a multi-person committee. We would like individuals that represent different fiber arts to get a broader representation of all the fiber arts.

OTHER:

A big THANK YOU to Denise Kash, Kara Pekar, and Amanda Schamp for volunteering to help out the Guild.

Special, small, electric fiber tools – like the Electric Eel Wheel - can be found at:

<https://www.dreamingrobots.com/>

Videos can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DreamingRobotsBlog/featured>

November Program

Needle Felting Mini Gnomes



We are viewing the Handwoven class to learn to make felted Gnomes
Can purchase a kit and get more information at: www.goinggnome.com