

FSWG 10 Feb 2024
Membership Meeting



February
2024

Jan meeting minutes – approved

Donna also did not get newsletter

Vice President

Program committee forming

Contact Kara Pekar if you have program ideas or suggestions.

Upcoming programs

- **TODAY:** Abby Pasinski will demonstrate her Introduction to Spinning online course

Please let Kara know of ideas or interest in presenting a program

Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT	
FEB 2024	
7,144.98	Opening Balance
1,097.10	Deposits
8,242.08	New Balance
800.00	LT Rent Pmt. (15th)
7,442.08	Ending Balance (16th)

Lesley – funding ask – the cable for the AVA equipment is broken. She'd like to get a new one for \$10. This request was approved. She will purchase it and submit the invoice.

Engagement Committee

Purpose: Explore ways to support Guild members' interests and grow the Guild

Meetings:

- Open to anyone interested
- Monthly; on Thursdays at 7 pm, a week and a half before the Guild meeting
- Link is in newsletter

The Engagement Committee – is a place for guild members to be involved and for members to go more in-depth on guild members

We always meet the Thursday a week and half before the next membership meeting

It is always announced in the newsletter and in the calendar

Engagement Committee Report

Discussed (details later)

- vacuum cleaner
- Monthly crafting social on Zoom

Guild Development Retreat Report

(Aileen Campbell, Kara Pekar, and Judy Klehm)

- **Involvement** as 2024 theme
 - Training new leaders
 - More use of committees
 - Retaining & recruiting members

Engagement Committee Report (cont.)

LibertyTown – how to help?

- Patron show
- October fiber focus
 - Rita Brown retrospective
 - Possible scholarship

There is more information about these items in the newsletter. Also, the committee will be flushing out details about these items as time goes on.

Education & Outreach

Upcoming Events

- **Earth Day** – Apr. 20, 11–4, Old Mill Park
- **International Family Day**, May 11, James Madison Museum
- **Maker Faire**, June 22, Bull Run Library, Manassas

-Earth Day - We do need to bring our own tables, tents, etc. Sign up sheet will be available at the March Meeting

-International Family Day – more details to come

-Maker Faire – How does the membership feel about going out to Manassas? Several members would like to attend. It would be good for networking. The Guild's in Manassas are very active.

Not a lot of information yet.

Part of International Maker Week

Sounds like we will indoors

Retreat Committee:

Karin

The committee has started meeting. They are checking out locations and working on ideas for a weekend retreat.

Library

Report

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- *Spin-Off* & *Handwoven* are in binders
- *Shuttle*, *Spindle*, & *Dyepot* will be next



A lot of good resources in the library.

Hospitality

Report

- **Sign-ups for post-meeting snacks**

You can sign up by contacting Mary. She has the sign up at the meeting and it is listed in the newsletter
Pair up with another member and have fun with it

Sales/Jury Committee

Report

If you wish to sell in the guild space it needs to be juried. More info on the website.

State Incorporation Committee

Report

Seeking committee members. No experience needed. Meetings via Zoom. Contact Toni Stevens if interested.

Outline of Process:

Establish Nonprofit Corporation

- Obtain Fed tax ID number (FEIN)
- Review bylaws

We have a committee dedicated to the Incorporation and becoming a nonprofit
They are hard at work on the details

MAFA Update



Virtual Learning Classes (Feb.)

- **Echo and Jin: Variations on a Theme** (Denise Kovnat). Sat., Feb. 24, 1 pm
- **Sculptural Vessels with Right Angle Bead Weaving** (David Heustess). Sat., Feb. 24, 2pm

Textile & Cultural Arts tour of Bolivia

- April 2024.
- Offered by Mary Zicafoose, Jennifer Moore and Marilyn Murphy. Contact Mary Zicafoose at maryzicafoose.com

Our new rep is Georgette

The next conference is 2025

If you'd like to volunteer to help go to their website

They have lots of interesting virtual classes. More info in the newsletter

MAFA Update, cont.



MAFA Movie Nights

- Free
- On Zoom
- 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm
- Sign up at movies@mafafiber.org to receive reminder emails and Zoom link

Next MAFA conference: June 26-29, 2025

Along with the movie nights they now have a book club. See the MAFA website for info about the book club. All movies and books will be fiber related.

If you sign up for an on-line class the you have access to the class recording for several month.

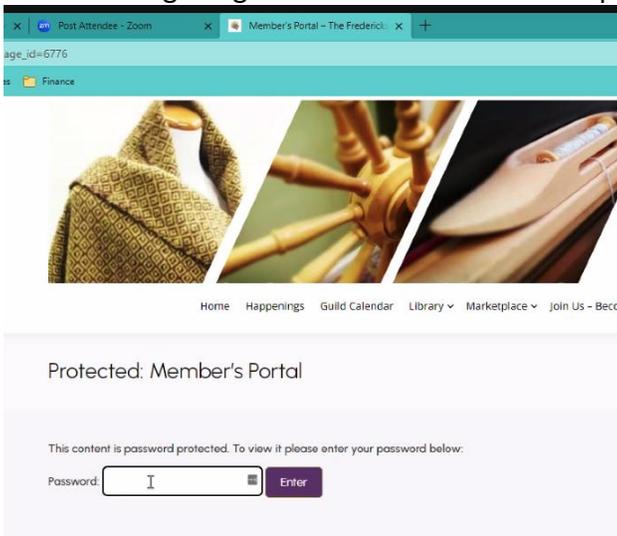
It is thanks to MAFA that we can host our virtual/zoom meetings

They are generous with their grants. Aileen doesn't mind writing grants – so if you have an idea reach out to her to work on it.

Unfinished Business

- Can members access Member Portal on website?
- Online classes update
- Photographers needed at guild events. (Repository?)
- Need policy for sharing photos, esp. of children. What level of permissions do we need?
- Social media support needed

If you are having difficulty accessing FSWG website – see the newsletter for the details. Also, log in using the “member portal” in the dropdown not the “log in” button. The “log in” button is for administrative purposes. The following image shows what the member portal log in page looks like.



The Guild would like more photos of our events and to create a repository for those photos.

Part 2 – taken by Kara Pekar following loss of Zoom features (and our guild secretary)

PARTIAL MINUTES for FSWG meeting on February 10, 2024 (taken by Kara Pekar, after the Zoom meeting ended unexpectedly)

Old business, continued

- I. Social Media
 - a. We need volunteers to run our social media sites.
 - b. We need people to take photos at our events, and we need to get those photos onto our social media sites (Instagram, Facebook page, and Ravelry group.)

- II. Members Portal:
 - a. Could we have a demo of where it is and how to access it, and also where the newsletters and Guild roster can be found?
 - b. Maybe we could put together training videos on how to use our website, and how to use Moodle (for classes.)

New Business

- III. Scholarship to honor Rita Brown
 - a. We are forming a committee
 - b. The scholarship will be announced at LibertyTown's October retrospective honoring Rita Brown

- IV. Vacuum cleaner
 - a. Current one is old & heavy and has no attachments. It has good suction, but it's hard to access where it is stored.
 - b. Aileen proposed that we get a stick vacuum that converts to a handheld
 - i. This would be under \$200.
 - ii. Fran Slaterbeck moved we do this; Toni Stevens seconded the motion; Mary Snellings amended the motion to include authorizing the funds. The motion carried unanimously.

- V. The carpet is sticky and worn, and will need to be replaced eventually. However, the door to the outside leaks. That will have to be fixed first, and is LibertyTown's responsibility.

- VI. Crafting Social Events
 - a. We have started a monthly Craft & Chat session. It takes place the 3rd Tuesday of each month, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Zoom. All crafts are welcome.
 - b. Arts & Crafts Night Out takes place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Howell Branch Library, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

- VII. LibertyTown Arts Workshop alcohol policy
 - a. LT now has a limited ABC license. That means they (and only they) are licensed to serve alcohol.
 - b. FSWG members may not bring our own alcohol into the studio nor serve alcohol at events held in the studio.

- VIII. New members and visitors:
 - a. Jill Carrick (new member) has been weaving since 2015; she is also a knitter.
 - b. Karen Perry (visiting) would like to get back into weaving, and would also like to learn to spin.
 - c. Jan (I'm sorry; I didn't catch her last name) is on our roster; she spins and knits.

- IX. March Guild meeting will be on March 9 at 10:00 am, at the Howell Branch Library.
 - a. This is a change from our usual venue.
 - b. We will be back at the Fredericksburg Branch in April.

- X. Fran Slaterback talked about Suzanne Swan, a former knitting student.
 - a. Suzanne moved to North Carolina, learned to weave, and is now teaching classes.
 - b. It was suggested we invite her to join our Guild at the out-of-state rate (\$15) and attend meetings on Zoom.

- XI. Meeting adjourned.
 - a. Lesley moved to adjourn the meeting; Mary Snellings seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Things that came up after the meeting was adjourned:

We donated over 100 hats for EmpowerHouse.

We have a Google Photos account.

Someone mentioned that Tiny Fibre Studio has some really great spinning tutorials on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/@TinyFibreStudio>

Show & Tell

Mary Snellings showed her handspun and a lovely cowl she made with it, as well as a pair of baby booties which she resized herself from a larger pattern (using commercial yarn, I think.)

Georgette Champagne showed us a beautiful blue-and-grey shawl she wove using overshot technique.

Lesley Reynolds showed a pretty blue crocheted blanket/shawl she made which is one big granny rectangle.

She is also working on a granny hexagon temperature blanket (using 2023 temperatures) for a king-size bed.

Fran is making a bunch of hats, and showed us one.

Jill Carrick showed the wonderful red sweater she knit and wore to the meeting.