

Meeting was called to order by Donna Wilson (President) at 10:00am on October 21, 2023, via Zoom.

Secretary: Kathy O'Hern moved to Approve Spring 2023 Minutes, 2nd by Carrie Gordon - Approved at 10:04am.

Roll Call by Cassandra del Nero (Secretary):

Present:

Executive Board Members: Donna Wilson (President), Kathy O'Hern (Vice President), Cassandra del Nero (Secretary), Annali Cross (Treasurer, Communications), Dorald Stoltz (State Fair Coordinator), Marlene Lloyd (Education, Workshop Coordinator), Sue Walsh (ANWEG), Pam Sullivan (State Fair Demonstrations)

Guild Representatives: Leigh Wheeler (Aurora + Portland), Cheryl Richardson (Columbia), Sarah Mostkoff (Eugene), Kathy O'Hern (Gorge Handweavers), Dorald Stoltz (Salem), Cindy Fowler (Saturday Handweavers), Linda Bushman (Threadbenders), Corienne Geddes (Umpqua), Patty Beckman (Webfoot)

Guests: Julie W (Representing Clatsop), Kathy Nelson

Absent: LeAnn Meyer (Clatsop), Sandie McDonald (Humbug), Kelly Drake (Klamath), Brenda Belongie (Heritage)

Secretary by Cassandra del Nero:

Notes for Fall of 2022 were approved to be archived. Thank you Sue Walsh!
Several Guilds have outstanding Dues for 2023, and will be contacted soon.

Vice President: by Kathy O'Hern

Scholarships: All scholarships were accepted by the receiving parties. Clatsop had two classes with Robyn Spady, Eugene had a Zapotec weaving class, Klamath sent two members to ANWEG, and Webfoot Weavers had an indigo dyeing class Guilds. Please have your reports and reimbursements to Kathy O'Hern by the end of the year.

2024 Recipients: Portland Handweavers Guild, Aurora Colony Handspinners, Heritage Textile Arts, Saturday Handweavers Guild.

2024 Alternates: Humbug Weavers Guild, Rogue Valley Handweavers, Threadbenders, Umpqua Weavers and Spinners.

Treasurer's Report: by Annali Cross (UNDER REVISION)

Total Bank Account Assets: \$29,305.30

Checking Account: \$28,133.26

Savings: \$5.00

Disaster Relief: \$1,105.60

State Fair Shipping: \$61.44

2023 Net Income: -\$998.13

2022 Income: \$769.61

2022 Expenses: \$4,857.87

2022 Net Operating Income: \$-4,088.26 (Annali notes that this is a very average amount)

2023 Profit and Loss (January 1 - April 15, 2023)

Total Income: \$850.47

Total Expenses:	\$1,848.60
2023 Net Operating Income:	\$-998.13 (Annali notes that dues have not come in yet)

Only two Scholarships have been cashed, please contact Annali if you have requested your money and not received it.

ANWEG:

By Sue Walsh: (Conference Mastermind and Queen)

561 registered attendees, 36 were Zoom only. There were 26 onsite instructors, 3 Zoom only

694 hours of volunteer hours were donated. Thank you volunteers!

\$97.00 were raised for the disaster relief fund.

The largest loss was caused by last minute cancellations in the hotel block bringing the ANWEG amount below the minimum. Also, coordination for the meal cost was much higher than expected.

Biggest surprise was that the online component was so profitable!

Recommendations for next time:

- There must be a printer at registration! (Thank you Dorald!)
- We need access to coffee and tea, say the Weavers!
- Eliminate cash awards? Many weavers only wanted the recognition.
- The Volunteer Coordinator did a massive amount of work, thank you Michelle Lee!
- The timeline organization of different elements should overlap more accurately.
- Fashion Show: attendees really wanted to look at the garments up close.
- Vendor Hall: some vendors said it was too expensive to have a booth, others had conflicts with other show events.
- Registration: Off-site online went well, and it was needed and expected to be able to sign up for events On-site.
- Accessibility needs to be addressed earlier in the process: particularly hard of hearing folks.
- For perspective: the ANWEG committee began meeting in 2017 for the 2021 planned conference, and met for an additional two years to make this happen.

Most important thing for next time? Have a STRONG, GREAT committee.

If you would like a copy of the full ANWEG report, contact Sue Walsh directly.

Communications Report:

Kelley Drake needs to step down as Communications Officer, and Lisa Krebs is willing to step up and take over this position. This involves managing the WeGO website and the WeGO Facebook page.

Annali Cross moves to nominate Lisa Krebs as Communications officer, 2nd by Dorald Stolz. The motion was approved unanimously at 10:49am.

Education: by Marlene Lloyd

The traveling show is currently in Bend, and it is looking incredible!

Patty Huffer has turned in her receipts for the 2022 for the Rigid Heddle Traveling Workshop.

Thank you Marlene for all your efforts as Education Coordinator for WeGO. We will miss you!

State Fair: by Dorald Stolz

We had 116 entries this year, which is the largest yet!

Dorald is so thankful to her team who carried on fantastically when she fell ill during the Fair this year.

Dyeing and Felting categories have been fantastically successful.

The State Fair theme will be announced soon and shared with WeGO representatives.

Please go to your Guilds and ask what would help them to enter into the Fair.

Lisa Krebs will consult with the OSU Extension office locally, if they would be willing to add weaving items to their shipment of 4H entries.

Demonstrations by Pam Sullivan:

This was Pam's first year of solo coordination: 74 individuals and over 900 hours of volunteers. Congratulations!

Pam would love to have presentations or meetings with your Guilds to recruit volunteers, and to grow the relationships between different fiber arts.

Is WeGO interested in adding space to the booth area at the State Fair. Is there room in the budget to buy a larger sign?

Traveling Show "Filaments":

Currently the show is in Bend, then headed to Salem.

If possible, can a designated representative of each Guild pick up their Guild's items to save on postage? Contact Sarah Mostkoff directly if it is possible for your Guild to do this.

More than 50% of items in the show for sale have been sold. Feedback for the show has been fantastic, and the members who have been able to attend have loved it.

At 11:10am we took a break until 11:15am.

Guild Reports:

The representatives presented reports of their guilds' activities since the last meeting. Thank you all for sharing!

Nominating Committee: by Kathy O'Hern, Cheryl Richardson, Sarah Mostkoff

Positions to Fill: Vice President, State Fair Coordinator, Treasurer, Education Coordinator.

Treasurer: Kathy Nelson (Klamath)

Education: LeAnn Myers (Clatsop)

Vice President: Karen Sieradski (Eugene)

State Fair Demonstrations: Pam Sullivan (Salem)

All positions were elected at 12:34pm.

These positions will be in office from 2023 Fall to 2025 Fall.

Weaving Mastery Certificates: by Donna Wilson

Potential creation of an Oregon Mastery Certification.

SHG and RVHG do not want their names attached to a statewide program.

There is some interest in a guided study program.

Committee of Study:

Members: Cassandra del Nero + Cindy Fowler

They will bring a report to the April Meeting.

10 Year Planning for WeGO:

Form a Committee to Study the financial path of WeGO, and plan its future.

Map the existing expenditures, create income generators.

- Create virtual classes 2-3 times per year?
- Charge for a weaving mastery study?

Fall 2023

WeGO General Board Meeting

October 21st, 2023

Table this for Spring 2024.

Old Business:

A MASSIVE thank you to Annali Cross for 10 years of service as our Treasurer!

Next Meeting:

We will meet via Zoom, on April 20th, 2023 at 10:00am.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:pm, April 15th, 2022.

Lisa Krebs moves to adjourn, 2nd by Annali Cross. Meeting ended at 12:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra del Nero (Secretary)