

Minutes of the 51st Annual National Guild Meeting held July 23, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Lisa Chaloner.

Holly Garman read the minutes from the previous meeting held July 25, 2023. There were no corrections. Vivily Powers made a motion to accept the motions as written, and the motion was seconded by Benita Raleigh. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl Singley provided a report.

Balance on hand as of June 1, 2023	\$45,853.80
Total Income	\$21,172.73
Total Expenses	\$21,339.90
Balance on hand as of May 31, 2024	\$45,686.62

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report and to file it for audit was made by Jane McGown Flynn and was seconded by Vivily Powers. The motion passed.

Chairman of the Board: Jane McGown Flynn stated that without the National Guild board members the organization would not be progressing as it is. The Board works hard all year. There will be more exciting events happening on the internet. Jane appreciates all the efforts to continue the growth of the National Guild.

Governing Board Reports

Director of Exhibits: Benita Raleigh and Cyndy Duade stated that there were no requests for any funding for exhibits this year. Please submit any requests for funding if you have an event that will be taking place. The application can be found on the National Guild website and also by contacting Cyndy or Benita directly.

Editor of the Newsletter: Lisa read Nan Flynn Bass's report. There were four issues that were printed in 2024 in the months of February, May August and November. The issues were added to the website so that they are accessible digitally. The issues include valuable information including Guild challenges, Guild sponsored School reports, Pearl's Pastels, Chapter news and events and unique articles. The aim of the Newsletter is to provide information so that members can help each other. There were over 25 authors that submitted articles. Nan thanked those who submitted articles.

Corresponding Secretary: Benita Raleigh reported that 32 cards were sent out for the time period of July 2023 - July 2024. The cards were sent for an assortment of reasons.

Chairman of the Chapters: Marty Liptak stated that as of May 5, 2024 there were 311 members in Chapters and 434 Members at Large, for a grand total of 745 members. These members are spread throughout 22 Chapters and 14 states. Membership increased by 20 people, and most of these new members were added to the Members at Large category. Three members reached out for rug history information. Two members reached out for information about the benefits of belonging to a Chapter.

Chairman of the Loanables: Kathy Spellacy reported that no loanable items were requested this year. Kathy brought all the loanable items to Northern Workshop including books, CDs, photo albums and hooked pieces. Some of the items will be in the Silent Auction at Northern Teachers Workshop.

Chairman of Communications: Lisa read Jennifer Curran's report. Jennifer has been monitoring communications, adding members, changing passwords, and updating documents on the internet over the past year with Mike O'Dell assisting. Jennifer needs copies of documents in Word format, if someone wishes to post them on the website. Constant Contact is the method that is being used to

send out emails to National Guild members. The email list needs to be updated, as approximately 10 % of the email addresses are invalid.

Historian: Lisa read Karen Krepp's report. The Historian is a role which involves the collection and preservation of rug hooking related items. The pursuit of the opportunity of collecting materials and digitizing them is paramount. The goal is to properly preserve and maintain these items. The Historian should only temporarily house these items. The items should be kept in Museums and a list of Museums and repositories is being created. No questions regarding rugs were presented to the Historian this year. If there is any material that needs to be preserved and becomes available, contact Karen Krepps.

Chairman of Activities and Members at Large: Lisa read Martha Lowry's report. Martha became Chair in July 2023. She assisted with and promoted the first two Share, Show and Brag Zoom events. The first Share, Show and Brag (SSB) had 14 attendees, and the second SSB had 16 attendees. Constant Contact helped get more interested attendees. It is a great outreach tool.

Chairman of Education: Lisa read Sue Minorini's report. The Education Committee and Members at Large Committee have joined forces to create a community of McGown members who are not members of a local guild to share their creations on Zoom along with sharing information about rug hooking. This sharing is called Show, Share and Brag. There have been two meetings so far and both have been very successful. We hope to expand the program in the future.

Guild School Reports

Country Inn: Benita Raleigh reported that September 2023 had two sessions, September 10-15, 2023 and September 17-21, 2023. The first session was comprised of 45 students and four teachers. The second session was comprised of 47 students and three teachers. The teachers for the first session were Cherlyn Brubaker, Sarah Guiliani, Betty McClentic, and Diane Stoffel. The teachers for the second session were Lisa Chaloner, Jayne Nevins, Kathy Spellacy and Diane Stoffel. Covid was still an issue, so every session will have a teacher on call starting next year, just in case a teacher becomes ill. The first session had 55 rugs in the rug show. The second session had 66 rugs in the show. \$1000.00 was raised for the Sally Ballinger Education fund through a Christmas tree raffle that was held for each session, as well as through generous donations.

Maryland Shores: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Nominating Committee Report: Lisa read the slate of officers.

President- Laura Kenyon; Vice President- Emily Williams; Members at Large- Margaret O'Connor; Recording Secretary- Holly Garman. There were no nominations from the floor. Holly Garman as the current Recording Secretary cast one vote to accept the new officers as nominated.

Announcements

Laura Kenyon thanked Lisa for her services as President. She stated Lisa will be assisting us with the digital aspects of the National Guild. Lisa stated it had been an honor to advance the art form of rug hooking and to serve.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Emily at 7:08pm, and the motion was seconded by Stacey Van Dyne.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Garman, Recording Secretary