

August Board Meeting Minutes by Deb Greer

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am, August 19, 2010, by Bev Weaver. In attendance were: Ellen Alderson, Susan Bowman, Barb Byerly, Anne Vickery Evans, Deb Greer, Pam James, Emily Jones, Doreen McLaughlin, Maria Robinson, Debra Scott, Cozy Swickard, Beverly Weaver and Dottie Weir.

Scholarship Proposal: Kathleen Cook submitted a scholarship application to attend the John C. Campbell Folk School, to study Acadian Weaving with Melissa Weaver Dunning. The class will weave useful samples unique to early French Canada and Louisiana using a two harness loom and simple techniques. The workshop will occur on Oct 10-16, 2010. Kathleen proposes to present a program for the scholarship exchange requirement showing Acadian cultural traditions and new weaving patterns outside of our normal boundaries. Barb Byerly moved to approve the application and the motion was seconded by Debra Scott. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Scholarship award. Kathleen's program will be scheduled for the future. **Budget:** Emily Jones presented the proposed budget for 2010-11. Highlights include: Library and Demos have significant amounts of proceeds from last year's fund raising, therefore asked for no additional budget this year. The Guild has \$177 in funds from the May book sale for Scholarship, so will award \$150 of that amount for the Kathleen Cook Scholarship. Other Scholarships are still available, and if awarded will be drawn from the PPWG Memorial/Vanguard fund as previously practiced. Emily will add \$150 to Anticipated Expenses to cover this item. The budgets for mailing Yearbooks and Newsletters were discussed. Also, Emily will email the monthly treasurer's report to Doreen for the Treasurer's Corner in the Newsletter.

Programs: Ellen Alderson. The JoAnn Catsos Black Ash Basketry Mini-workshop in September previously announced has been opened to other Guilds and the public. Out of 12 available positions, 8 have been reserved by Guild members. Ellen presented a full schedule of Programs and Mini-Workshops for the year, with Mini-Workshops scheduled for every month except December. Dottie Weir will present her Shibori program per the 2010 Scholarship requirement this Guild year. The mini-workshop for May will be a weekend workshop on an alternate date from the May meeting due to our many activities at the May meeting. She has also proposed suggestions for alternative viewing of tapes and DVDs from the Guild Library in place of programs cancelled due to inclement weather. For the Convergence Wrap-up program slated for October, Ellen asked for volunteers to speak about their experience at Convergence, bring something interesting that was obtained at the event to display, photos or anything that might inform the Members. Dottie Weir will provide a CD of the event. Barb Byerly and Pam James volunteered to speak on Convergence, and Doreen McLaughlin and Sandra Hutton will speak on Complex Weavers. Ellen will seek additional speakers re: both events.

Bylaws and Standing Rules Revisions: The location of the proposed December Sale has been withdrawn by Deb and Denis Lane, in a letter to the President. Therefore, language pertaining to the Sale for addition to the Bylaws was discussed at length. Alternative wording relating to a potential Guild Sale was decided upon to make the references more generic. The Board agreed that the question of having a Guild Sale, possible revised timing, and alternatives should be re-presented to the Members in the September meeting. The section will either be deleted or amended according to the vote of the Membership. Alternative wording for the proposed Decorum section was discussed and generally agreed on, as well as minor revisions to other sections. Eligibility to vote in the Annual Meeting was proposed to be cut off by Dec. 31st in relation to paid dues for the year, and added to the proposed language. The final wording for all proposed Bylaw and Standing Rule changes will be presented by Past President Susan Bowman in the newsletter, posted on the website, discussed and voted on by the Membership in September. The approval of the revisions will be presented at the choice of the Membership, by section or as a whole. Several items pertaining to the May Election/Annual Meeting were discussed in conjunction with the proposed changes to the bylaws. The Board will present discussion of these topics to the Membership in the September meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.