

SUNSHINE COAST SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD MINUTES
DATE: January 7, 2019

Doors open @11:30 AM Meeting to be called to order @1:07 PM. 40 members in attendance.

Start time was delayed in order to allow for our annual STASH sale. (Members cull their STASH of items that have lingered too long in their stash and release them for sale to other members who will love and appreciate them. Members may also sell items and donate the proceeds to the Library.)

President Dianne L. welcomed everyone and introduced the following new members:

Daniella Boccassinin Testa who works at UBC and also lives on the Sunshine Coast.

Katherine Drasic is a new weaver and lives in Gibsons.

Freda Cook who lives in West Van

Moved by Joan F. to adopt the Minutes from the December 3rd 2018 meeting as posted on the SCSWG website; Motion seconded by Bonnie.

Moved by Kim F. to adopt the Agenda as emailed. Peg requested that the projector be included in Old Business. Motion seconded by Janice T.

Old Business:

IGA Fundraising – clarification: The idea behind joining the IGA card program is to raise money in order to fund changes to our website platform. Our website currently uses a promotional free platform that includes advertising. Not all member requested functions are possible in this platform. The provider has a few possible website platform plans. A personal website plan is \$3 per month; the premium website plan is \$10 per month or \$120 per year. This doesn't include domain name annual costs of about \$30. The business level website plan is considerably more expensive, so we will likely use the premium plan.

IGA card usage is a loyalty program. 4% is paid to the guild on each grocery bill purchased using one of these cards. If you shop at IGA anyways this would not impact you in anyway. So far we have earned about \$70 in less than 3 months, so the program would easily cover our web expenses.

Projector – Peg: Epson is the best brand with the most history. Purchase cost would be about \$400 to \$650 to project quality bright images that would not require blocking outdoor window light. Janice needs a budget for its operation. We will vote on this as the next meeting.

New Business:

Policy and Procedures: Dianne announced that she will be creating a Policy and Procedures binder in order to clarify these items for subsequent boards. For example, policy has been to simply top up budget items, but when we changed over to a format so that the budget is reconciled with the bank statement the budget items were topped up and created surpluses in certain areas where the previous year's money had not been spent.

Budget – to be voted on at next meeting (February 4, 2019) along with voting on the purchase of a projector. A notice of 4 weeks is needed for the topic/item to be voted on at a General Meeting. More specific details will be distributed before the meeting.

Fibres Plus Debriefing Meeting: Through a process of elimination it was decided to meet on January 25th at 2:15 pm at Muriel P.'s house in Selma Park. She will send out an email with address and directions. This meeting is open to all who were involved or are interested for next year.

Email from ANWG: Workshop list is out; registration starts on Jan. 27th. Do we want to have a booth or display? Theme is “Confluences”. Dianne will send out an email. There is also a “Design a pocket” design challenge. The poem “Dangerous Coats” from the ANWG website was read.

Reports:

1. Financial: Pam and Janice. Bank Balances for December 1st and 31st were announced. There are still a few outstanding cheques to be cashed. (So please cash your cheques!) The complete December statement will be filed in the financial binder.
2. Librarian: The Color Cauldron was found in the book return box. Was it mislaid? or donated?
3. Equipment: Nothing to report
4. Newsletter & Website: Joan would like a weaving reporter.
5. Membership: Anyone who has not paid has been dropped from the list. We are at 82 members total.
6. Archivist: nothing to report
7. Presentations: Ann, Muriel and Marjory Ann to present in April about their trip to Norway last August (2018) to attend the Mushroom Symposium. (Provided we have a projector.) Ursula to present in February

Projects:

1. Fibre Camp - Janice T. The team is working on an ‘Exit Strategy’ as requested.
2. Fibreshed - Merrily still working on establishment of their own society.
3. Weavers Circle – Bonnie. They are continuing with Mary until Feb. 6th and will reconvene when Mary returns. Watch for her email announcing her return. The CAMEL project is progressing with some Weavers Circle members weaving the first tea towels which will be used for fundraisers. New weavers on the list will be mentored by an experienced weaver. More info will follow either in an email or at the next meeting.
4. Fibres Plus sale. Arts Centre booked for Nov. 22 and 23, 2019

Upcoming Dates:

Southern Spin-In: Thank you Lynn Sturm for hosting on January 15th. Anyone thinking about hosting February?

Northern Spin-In: January 31 @ Fibreworks Gallery from 10 am - 2pm. Pot Luck Lunch + \$3 donation for tea/coffee.

Next Guild Meeting: February 4, 2019