

WeGO Spring Board of Directors Meeting

May 2, 2015

Bend, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:00 AM at the First Presbyterian Church in Bend. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Shana and seconded by Janis. Passed.

Officers present: *Pres.* Carol Piersee; *Vice-pres.* Barbara Wythes; *Sec. and Membership* Darlene Wingfield; *Treas. and Newsletter Ed.* Annali Cross; *Education & Workshops Coordinator* Kathy Semmes; Absent were Denise Maas (*Long-Range Planning*) and Dorald Stoltz (*State Fair Coordinator*).

Guild Representatives present: Carrie Rohn (*State Fair Demo and Aurora*); Mary Wonser (*Central*), Linda Frizzell (*Columbia*), Shanna Suttner (*Eugene*), Kim Thompson (*Heritage*), Kathy Nelson (*Klamath*), Janis Johnson (*Portland*), Gloria Way (*Rogue Valley*), Penny Unverzagt, (substitute for *Salem*), Mary Portinga (*Saturday Handweavers*), and Corienne Geddes (*Umpqua*). Missing representatives were Christina Scott (*Webfoot Weavers*), Barbara Martin (*Humbug*), LeAnn Meyer (*Clastsop*) and Bonnie Powell (*Yaquina*). A quorum was present with 11 of the 15 guilds represented.

Others present: Ladella Williams (*ANWG rep and Complex Weavers rep*), and five members of the Central Oregon guild: Kay Flynn, Linda Gettman, Gilliam Burton, Dee Ford Potter and Mary Swinnerton.

Secretary: The minutes of the previous fall meeting were read and approved. Motion by Barbara W. and seconded by Gloria. Passed.

Treasurer: Annali presented the financial reports for 2014 and year-to-date for 2015. We experienced a loss of \$3,797.21 for the fiscal year 2014. She had the final figures for Heather Winslow's workshops of \$1,788.14. She presented a proposed budget for 2015. Total revenue will be \$775 and total expenses of \$5,565 for a net loss of \$4,790. The budget was approved as written.

History of WeGO: Carol made a special presentation on the history of WeGO. She passed out an article written in 1990 from the **Headles & Treadles** guild newsletter. She had updated it to include our work since then.

Carol also invited **Dee Ford Potter** who was instrumental in starting WeGO to speak about the origins of the organization. It began as a group of Oregon guilds coming together to put on a 1981 ANWG conference. Funds derived from that conference were used to establish the organization we have today.

Guild Reports: The representatives presented reports of their guild's activities since the last meeting.

Executive Board Meeting Comments: Carol reported on the Executive Board meeting held March 29, 2015. Some changes were recommended to the scholarship policy which will be voted on later today. Also the Executive Board is recommending changes to the officer positions. The current State Fair and Exhibits Coordinator position will be split to have a State Fair Coordinator and an Exhibits Standing Committee to be appointed. Dorald Stoltz from Salem has agreed to be the State Fair Coordinator. The current Newsletter Editor's position will also include maintaining the website. Annali has agreed to take on this position.

Motion 15-5: We will change the State Fair & Exhibits Coordinator position to a State Fair Coordinator and a separate Exhibits Standing Committee to manage future exhibits. The Newsletter Editor position will remain, but include maintaining the website. Motion made by Barbara W. and seconded by Kim. Passed.

Scholarship report: Barbara W. presented a report for the guild scholarship activities so far this year. The Humbug Guild had Janice Thompson present a workshop April 25th on color. Their report was read by Barbara W.

Kathy Seemes gave the report from the Columbia Guild's workshop with Heather Winslow on twill blocks.

Barbara passed out the current Scholarship policy and reviewed the recommended changes with the group.

Motion15-4: A motion was made to approve housekeeping changes to the Scholarship policy and to alter the policy so that funds will not be released until the Chair approves the expenditures. Motion made by Janis, seconded by Shanna. Passed.

Barbara W. has also been serving as the rep for the Corvallis Guild. She reported that the guild is disbanding. There were not enough members participating to continue.

Newsletter & Website: Annali demonstrated the website and answered questions regarding its use. She asked for guild event notifications from the reps, along with pictures. Almost everything is posted as a PDF so different browsers should all work for documents. Instead of a calendar she will continue to list events and update the times as the year progresses. The most current events will be at the top of the list.

Annali is working to make the website more interactive, so that someone could click on links to guilds and vendors. There was a discussion about sharing guild newsletters on the website. It was determined to wait for now. If someone is interested they can contact the guild directly. A good suggestion was made to include a map of Oregon with the guilds noted.

Policies & Procedures Review: The Executive Board decided to require the use of the member notebooks for continuity of information. Darlene and Annali have been working to update and post all WeGO policies to the website. Darlene passed out several new policies to be included in members' notebooks:

- WeGO Officers Notebook policy dated May 1, 2015. It lists everything that should be in the notebooks (and where to find them).
- An Updated Orientation/Reference Guide for Members dated May 1, 2015. It contains everything anyone wants to know about WeGO.
- A new Meeting Protocol policy – If you agree to host a meeting, this is what you do.

Education & Workshop Coordinator: Kathy reported that the Heater Winslow workshops had been held. She is next looking for someone to come next year and is open to suggestions.

State Fair Coordinator: Carrie reported that she and Dorald have been working with the fair board. The demonstration days will be August 28th through September 7th. Please contact Carrie if you can offer to demonstrate during the first three dates, August 28, 29, or 30. Ravenstail weavers will demonstrate on some days.

No delivery system has yet been set up. The registration book will be available online soon. New felting categories will be added for entry. There was a general discussion of how to assist with shipping items to and from the fair.

Carrie asked at the Executive Board meeting that we have business cards made to pass out at the fair, etc.

Motion 15-6: We should explore the cost of obtaining about 500 WeGO business cards with a for an amount of less than \$100.00. Motion made by Barbara W. and seconded by Carrie. Passed.

Long Range Planning: Denise sent in a new update to the Long Range Plan. She will be stepping down end of year.

One of the goals of the current plan is to host a conference in the future. WeGO is beginning to consider hosting the 2021 ANWG conference. Mary Anne Swinnerton, who is on the current ANWG board provided some information; and noted that there is more to be passed down from the previous conference planners.

Nominating Committee: This fall we should elect the following officers: Vice-president, Treasurer, Education & Workshop Coordinator, and Long Range Planning Chair. Barbara W. will serve as chair of the nominating committee along with Carrie and Dorald. Barbara W. has agreed to continue as Vice-president. Kathy has agreed to continue as Education & Workshop Coordinator and Annali has agreed to continue as Treasurer. Thus, we need to find only a Long Term Planning person to have a full group.

Membership Report: Darlene reported that the 15 guilds paid their dues on time. There is a total of with 806 people, but some individuals could belong to more than one guild so the membership is something below that. She reminded to use the directory on the website when sending out emails as it is the most current list.

ANWG Rep: Ladella will attend the AGM meeting in Boise in June and obtain more information for planning for a conference. She noted that ANWG is continuing with the challenge grants that are due in November. The planning for the 2017 Victoria conference is continuing. The teachers have submitted proposals.

Complex Weavers: Ladella reported that guilds can join to get the Complex Weavers newsletters. The next conference will be in Michigan in 2016.

Future Meeting: The Fall meeting will be held in Hood River about October 3, 2015. The Rogue Valley guild may hold the spring meeting.

Administrative Details: Carol asked that members please respond to all emails from her.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Wingfield Date

WeGO Secretary

These minutes were approved on _____
at the Fall 2015 WeGO Board Meeting

Darlene Wingfield, WeGO Secretary

Meeting Handouts/ Secretary's Records

Agenda

WeGO's Contributions to Oregon's Guilds

Financial Reports/2015 Budget

Policy & Procedures Updates

- Scholarship Protocol dated May 1, 2015
- WeGO Officers' Notebook Policy dated May 1, 2015
- A Quick Orientation/Reference Guide for Members dated May 1, 2015
- WeGO Meeting Protocol dated May 1, 2015

Long Range Plan updated March, 2015