

WeGO Executive Committee Minutes
61 Nutley Street, Ashland, OR
October 6, 2017 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Members present: Marty Lemke, Linda Gettmann, Sue Welsh, Barbara Wythes, Doral Stoltz, Annali Cross, Yvette Lowry (guest), Marlene Lloyd, , Kathy Nelson

Meeting commenced (off agenda), with enthusiasm, then,

Minutes of October Board meeting: No changes, no items needed to be discussed.

Reports:

Finances- Annali shared 2017 Statement of Activity, Statement of Financial Position Comparison (Oct. 2016 to Oct. 2017) , and the budget projections worksheet. Annali will begin to use Quickbook in the Cloud to lower the monthly fee by \$5 and provide access anywhere to the Treasurer. Fund location was discussed; moving the WeGO account from the current Washington Federal location to Rivermark Credit Union would save the \$5 monthly fee and provide a higher 1% interest on the account. Also, it was discussed and decided that two signers (Treasurer and President) on the checking account would be sufficient and more manageable than the currently required 5 signers. It was moved , seconded and passed that the change of bank and two signers on the account should be put in place, and the budget was accepted.

Scholarships: The scholarship winners for this year are Heritage, Eugene, Aurora and Threadbenders – the last 4 in the current cycle.

Long range Workshops and Education: Possibilities for workshops in the 2018/2019/2020 interim were discussed. Marlene's handout presented a list of possible teachers and a few more were added. The idea that we might want to do a workshop for more entry level weavers was entertained, acknowledging that we also want to have something interesting for the experienced weavers in the Guilds. After discussion, topics most liked were: Rosalie Nielson (Rep Block Weave), Karen Gelbard (garments), Karen Searle (Rigid Heddle weaving), and a Saori workshop. WeGO financial involvement was discussed and we said WeGO would pay for teacher transport and lodging between venues, and hosting Guilds would cover food, lodging and transportation to workshops during the workshop. (The question of who should cover lodging if there is not a host in the guild is undecided). Locations for the 2018 workshops to be determined, but most likely Bend, Portland, Eugene and the Rogue Valley.

State Fair Report: Doral gave her report on the 2017 Fair. How to get more participation from Guilds was discussed. Entries were down, especially weaving, and cash prizes are offered. If every guild had a state fair advocate who brought it up at each guild meeting, that might work- choose someone who could correspond with Doral. Possibly incorporate fair entries entries to guild challenges.

Travelling Show - All seems to be going well. Entries must be submitted by Oct. 21. Carrier and transportation fees added to projected budget are \$1373.26.

2021 ANWG Conference- Linda Gettmann (Bend) and Sue Walsh (Portland) are working hard on this. WeGO must send \$1000 to Willamette Univ. in 2019 – seed money which will be paid back to WeGO. Conference colors are chosen, logo and name tags, and postcards are being worked on. - disbursement for these in 2019 of \$650 will be added to the projected budget, this was voted on and accepted. – Conference treasurer will be Ila McCallum, other officers and helpers will be posted to WeGO board members. Still needed are Open Show Chair, Webmaster, Publicity, and Instructor ShowcaseCoordinator. Discussion of perks for conference chairpersons resulted in stating WeGO would pay for their housing and food at the conference, but not for their conference registration. A general plan for the Conference week was described.

Communications - Facebook pages are a good way for Guilds to get their activities out and recruit younger members. Guilds should let Annali know and share their pages so she can put links to their FB pages, Blogs, etc. on the WeGO website. Instagram is another good tool for guilds that people ≤ 35 like to use - mostly pictures and hashtags. Best to put events in a calendar, not in PDFs. ALSO, remind Guild reps that they must let Annali and Kathy know when a new rep takes over , or fill out a request to update on the WeGO website.

Old Business – nothing, but Facebook (see communications) (what happened to the 10 min teach topic photographing created works?)

New business - Discussed the general meeting for tomorrow

Future General WeGO Meetings: April's Guild Rep meeting will be in April in Eugene. The October 2018 meeting will be Oct 6th in Klamath Falls. April 2019 meeting set for Bend.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nelson

WeGO Secretary