



Valley Forge Rug Braiding Guild General Membership Meeting

**Minutes for Zoom Meeting:
Saturday, March 13, 2020, 11:00 am EST**

1. Call to Order

President Colleen Blaisdell called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. Approve/Add to: Agenda

It was requested that a discussion of the "hit or miss" rug be added to the agenda.

Zoom Link: Future Zoom Monthly Meeting link will be emailed the morning of the meeting with appropriate subject line.

The agenda was approved.

3. Correct/Approve: Minutes of 2/13/2020 meeting

There were no corrections to the Minutes of the previous meeting and it was unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was included in the agenda for this month (attached). Treasurer Debbie Wykosky explained the income reported is mainly class registration checks and transfers from our PayPal account with a few new memberships.

5. Nominations for Interim Vice President:

President Blaisdell reported Vice-President Eileen Colligan has left the Board due to personal reasons and nominations for an interim VP will be opened this meeting. General Elections will be in June. Kris McDermet nominated Gail Seay for interim VP and read a letter from Gail with her background and qualifications. Kris highly recommended her to be a great addition to the Board of the VFRBG. Debbie Wykosky added that Gail has done the Guild's Wufoo registration conference form in previous years.

MOTION: Kris McDermet made a motion to elect Gail Seay to the position of Interim Vice President.

SECOND: Motion was seconded by Debbie Wykosky

The members present unanimously accepted Gail's nomination. After member discussion, no ballot will go out to the general membership since Gail has already accepted the position. Full elections will be at the June monthly meeting.

6. Committees:

All Committees: Must submit budget requests for this year to the Vice-President by May 1st.

- a. **Charity:** Chair Kris McDermet reported the committee met on Wednesday, March 11, and 8 members were present. Good ideas were brought up, which she wrote out and sent to those present at the meeting. Five or six people responded and by the time of our next meeting they should have a definite plan to present to the general membership.

- b. **Education:** Christine Manges reported the **Education Committee** has many classes going on. Pam Rowan currently has two Easter Basket classes in progress. Christine is finishing up two beginner oval classes. There were already a few butting classes and the next one is Pam Rowan's Triangle over 3 counted loop class. The previously held Picot Edge class went well. The next Fancy Border class is for the Stacked Picot and Christine showed a sample of two rugs with stacked picot edges. Sign-ups for classes can be done on the website under the online classes tab. The Education Committee needs a few more members and a Chairperson.
- c. **Program:** Christine Manges reported the **Program Committee** has had some good participation and she has received some fantastic suggestions, i.e. a program on running an Etsy Shop. Pam Rowan will be hosting an event on how to repair braided rugs. This will be the last program of this year in June.
- d. **Finance:** Christine Manges reported the **Finance Committee** met once. The VFRBG without non-profit status got started in 2007 but just obtained non-profit status this year.
- e. **Membership:** Christine Manges reported Daria Gehris has volunteered to Chair the Membership Committee.

President Blaisdell stated Chairperson are still needed for:

1. **Nominating Committee** for the afore-mentioned elections.
2. **Finance Committee**
3. **Program Committee**
4. **Education Committee**

President Blaisdell requested nominations or discussion. Mary Hibbard volunteered to Chair the Nominating Committee. An Assistant is still needed for Mary Hibbard.

President Blaisdell mentioned that committees can set when and what time they meet.

Vice-President Gail Seay requested the duties of the Finance committee be set forth and Secretary Manges read the duties and responsibilities of the finance committee chairperson (sent out previously in the Agenda). No one present expressed an interest. VP Gail Seay volunteered to be a member of the finance committee as the duties overlap those of the VP and she is happy to be in meetings. She is also familiar with Quick Books, a finance program that has capability to send invoices. Pat Marchesano sent a chat message she is also familiar with Quick Books.

President Blaisdell requested anyone interested in the Finance Committee to email her or go through the website.

7. New Business:

a. Upcoming Special Events

- Sat., March 27 at 11:00 am: Sarah Jurta of Country Braid House
- Sat., April 27 at 1:00 pm: Donna McKeever Presentation
- Sat., May 8 at 11 am: Rug Challenge: Braided Hats & Braided Sculpture
- Sat., May 29 at 11 am: Speaker: Helen Condon of Adirondack Rug Braiding
- Sat., June 26 at 11 am: Pam Rowan: Repairing a Braided Rug

b. Upcoming Meetings: Second Saturdays through June

April 10, May 8 (brief meeting), June 12

8. **Demonstration:** Christine Manges – 8 Loop Center

9. **Show & Tell:** None due to length of meeting. In place of Show and Tell A discussion of the “hit or miss” rug then took place for approximately 24 minutes.

10. **Adjournment:** President Colleen Blaisdell adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.



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TREASURER'S REPORT
CHECKING ACCOUNT
MARCH 10, 2021

Beginning Balance on 2-10-21		\$6,332.61	
INCOME:			
Class Registrations	\$175.00		
Donations	\$40.00		
Memberships (4 @ \$10)	\$40.00		
PayPal Deposits	<u>\$1,063.59</u>		
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME:	\$1,318.59	<u>\$1,318.59</u>	
		\$7,651.20	\$7,651.20
EXPENSES:			
Teacher Payments:		\$1,040.13	\$1,040.13
Ending Balance on 3-10-21			\$6,611.07