

Contemporary Handweavers of Houston

Board meeting minutes: 09/15/2018

Location: CHH 2327 Commerce #106

Houston TX 77002

Members present: Barbara Esterholm, Susan Antrican, Diane Ferguson,
Pat Powell, Carol Moseley, D'Anne Craft, Dee Dee Woodbury,
Fern Handler, Dinakar Iyer

Items/issues discussed:

1. Blaine Davis, had emailed the budget/balance sheet (dated as of Aug 28, 2018) before his vacation.
The treasurer's report was discussed and approved by all the members.
2. Barbara Esterholm: CHH job description's needs to be updated prior to the next board meeting.
Board by-laws needs to be checked and revised accordingly.
All the members are extremely thankful to Ann Stephens for the beautiful curtains she stitched and hung up for the guild house.
Barbara is actively pursuing venues for a juried show (tentative) of items made by members as part of CHH 70th anniversary celebrations in 2019.
3. D'Anne Craft: CHH currently has 140 members who have paid their annual fees and about 30 people have yet to renew. The list of 30 non-members will be sent to Barbara. An email notification will be sent to all the study group coordinators to make sure that all the participants in the study group (s) have paid their CHH membership dues.
4. Carol Moseley: \$447.00 spent on printing annual sale invitation cards. Cards will be sent to guilds around the State and most of the members and others totaling approx. 550. The number of participants who have items in the sale is around 25.
5. Pat Powell: Gallery items have been removed for the sale. Pat has put forth a suggestion of participating in "popup" sales by guild members. Pat also suggested that there is a need to see whether visitors to Maritime museum can come over to CHH as part of community outreach program and thus bring awareness about CHH and its activities. Pat is the CHH representative at the HCCC 8th annual Hands-on Houston family festival: celebrating color in craft. She is collecting items (naturally dyed fabrics or yarns by various techniques) from members for display. She and other CHH volunteers will teach visitors how to color/dye fabric using natural material from the HCCC craft garden.

6. CHH/ guild house: Ginger Bertrand (grant writer) had submitted grants to 3 agencies. 2 of the sources have rejected the grant. The outcome for the 3rd is awaited.
CHH participation in Community Outreach Programs should be the main route to get a grant awarded. One avenue is to teach weaving/fiber study programs in private schools. Henceforth CHH will not participate in Maker Faire and Girl Scouts programs.
Need more ideas for community outreach.
Prof. Kelly Cargill (Texas Tech. Univ.) plans to write about Margaret Shepard, the founding member of CHH.
The members voted to donate Tilly's loom to Kyla Crawford at Univ.Houston.
Need more pictures and articles for the CHHit-CHHat.
Tall Pines study group will do the sample woven pieces for CHT Dec.2018 newsletter.
Annual party is on Dec 9, from 4-7 PM at the guild house.
7. DeeDee Woodbury: Last Thursday of each month will be "library work day".
DeeDee, Connie Elliott, Ann Stephens, Rebecca Krepper and Terry Zeever will be the core group for the smooth functioning of library. Members can view the library collection on "library thing" page under library of CHH web site.
Donated books will be processed at the earliest.
8. Fern Handler: 2 people on waiting list for Jennifer Moore's workshop.
Workshop by Daniel Graver (Ikat) in Feb-March 2019 and Liz Gipson (rigid heddle) in Sept 2019 are being worked out. Liz Gipson's workshop should also be advertised through e-news letter.
9. Tracy Kaestner: Classes are going well. Donna Sanner has coded all the reeds and only the reeds with red tape will be rented out to members. Lace, Inkle, and wire (Christine Miller) weaving classes will be conducted as planned.
10. Sale recap meeting on 17th Nov 2018 at 1PM.
Next board meeting on 19th Jan 2019 at 1PM.

Minutes recorded by Dinakar Iyer.