

GMRHG executive board meeting - September 6, 2021

Present - Suzanna Brown - President, Fern Strong - Secretary, Biffie Gallant - Treasurer, Sharon O'Neill - Program Chair, Barb Ackemann - Communications, Suzanne Girouard - Education Chair, Sandra Grant - At-large Director, Tricia Miller, At-large Director

Meeting called to order at 3pm.

Agenda :

We discussed the agenda out of order starting with:

Educational kits

Sue Girouard led off the discuss related to us charging for kits. The members present discussed options and opinions. Charging for the rug hooking kits is not warranted. Our main goal is to educate and encourage people to try the craft and join the guild. At hook-ins, we can offer the punch needle kits for people to try. They are more costly and maybe we can take a deposit for those. After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to make hooking kits available to members to teach interested people and use the punch needle kits at hook-ins.

Should we sell the plywood "walls" that we have used for our rugs shows.

After much discussion, it was concluded that we should sell the 190+ plywood sheets. Through an email sent to Biffie and others, someone that works at Booska, might be interested in buying some or all of the sheets. A motion was made, seconded, and past to try to sell all of the plywood and start with an asking price of \$50 per sheet and be open to price negotiation. Biffie will contact Booska for first refusal. We will keep the lighting for now and move them to smaller storage unit.

Show 2022

The issue of the plywood sheets used for display walls at shows lead directly to a discussion of possible sites for our next show. We still want one next year. It is important to the members, who look forward to it. Sandy and others will reach out a possible site across from the fiber mill in Waitsfield at Lareau Farm and get details. We will talk with them at the hook-in on Oct. 8 scheduled at the Mad River Fiber Mill and take it from there. We will schedule another executive board meeting on Oct. 5 at 3pm to continue the discussion of a possible show next year. Suzanna will compile questions for us to ask possible show locations, dates, how large a space we will need, etc. at that meeting. Please email your questions to her before the meeting and we will discuss on the 5th.

251 Hook-ins

This "gimmick" is designed to encourage members to gather together informally and perhaps interest passerby in our art form. Not meant to be official hook-ins. The 251 hook-in is planned for Sunday, Sept. 12 at Camp Meade in Middlesex at 10am.

Barb shared that approximately 30 non members have requested copies of the last 2 newsletters. Sharon mentioned that we have 920 followers on our Facebook page. Suz and Biffie demonstrated at the Champlain Valley Fair and had much interest and sharing from fair attendees.

Meeting closed at 4:38.