

GMRHG board meeting - November 2, 2021

Present - Suzanna Brown - President, Fern Strong - Secretary, Biffie Gallant - Treasurer, Sharon O'Neill - Program Chair, Barb Ackemann - Communications, Sandra Grant - At-large Director, Cherie Giddings- At-large Director, Nancy Mongeur, At-large Director, Tricia Miller, At-large Director, Louise Clark, At-large Director, Belinda Whipple Worth - At-large Director,

Meeting began at 3pm.

The latest quote from the college comes in at \$18,073.98. It seems like a lot, but the costs in the previous show in Essex were more like \$19000. The end costs for us with the 2022 show will be approx. the same.

Those attending agreed the the show title will be: "Together Again". The admission fee will be \$10 for adults and children under 12 free.

Barb spoke with Tanya at the college and they are interested in taking the plywood (the amount to be determined). If they do take most of the plywood we could use it to line the brick walls in the Almunx Hall to display more rugs. Barb will continue the discussion with the college. Suzanna spoke with 4 different rug hooking teachers about class fees. Their opinions were: \$35-50 per student per day or \$300-\$600 per day (3-6 hours) with 8-15 students per class. The final fees will be determined when we have teachers lined up.

So far Davey Degraff, Ribbon Candy Hooking, Pam Bartlett, and Rose Raymond have stated an interest. Subjects for these classes to be finalized. Barb has spoken with Stephanie Krauss who said she is not interested in being in charge of teachers. Barb will aske Mariah Krauss.

Biffie has received an advertisement invoice from ATHA and will pay it. Barb is working on the ad and will share with members when ready and send off to ATHA by deadline.

Louise had some questions about the reception. She has spoken with Shannon Bates the chef and owner of a new restaurant in Montpelier named Enna. Shannon is interested in catering for us. Louise asked what food we would want and in the past we had finger food. Louise will speak with Shannon about menu, their license and if they have or will get an alcohol license, and bartender. In the past we have had about 100 to 160 people attend the reception. in the past we have had 2-3 water stations and we will provide tea and coffee for attendees. Sharon has food truck contacts and will reach out to them. It was decided that the reception will be from 5-7pm. Plenty of time for people to gather and then get home before it's too late.

Sandy will reach out to rug hooking vendors and see how many are interested. For the space available, 8-10 vendors is a good number. Their fee will be determined by their space size with perhaps \$3.6 per square foot. That works out to about \$365 or \$575 for a double booth.

The committees and people who said they would chair them:
Rug Registration- Sue Girouard

Vendors - Sandy Grant
Publicity - Barb Ackemann
School (teachers) - Maybe Mariah - Barb will reach out to her. Sandy said maybe Pam Bartlett would be interested.
Hanging - Jennifer Davey
Guild Table - Belinda Whipple Worth
Opening Reception - Louise Clark
Raffle Ticket Table - need to reach out to hooking groups for a raffle rug.
Front Desk - Biffie Gallant
Breakdown and cleanup - Sue Girouard
Hook-In area - not determined

Barb will post information about the various committees in the next newsletter, respectively. Sharon will start posting show dates and other information on our Facebook page. Barb will need information for the December 1st newsletter deadline.

Next, Sharon spoke about our program on Saturday, November 5th at 4pm. with artist Liv Aanrud. We will pay her \$100. Susan Feller will do a program on January 22, 2022 after our Annual Meeting.

Barb needs pictures, etc. for the newsletter by November 15th.

Suzanna reiterated a need for new members on the board which include: Vice President, Treasurer, Education Chairperson, and Directors' At-large. She has posted this request on our Facebook page. We will reach out on social media and Barb will post this in the newsletter.

Next board meeting is December 8 at 4pm.