

GMRHG board meeting - January 5, 2022

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, Nancy Mongeur, At-large Director, Tricia Miller, At-large Director, Louise Clark, At-large Director, Belinda Whipple Worth - At-large Director, Deb Campbell (potential board member), Connie Cote (potential board member)

Meeting began at 4:08pm.

Planning for 2022 Rug show:

The college will take the full plywood panels. Not sure about partial panels. The lights and other fixtures will likely be sold after the show. Shouldn't be needed any longer.

Barb emailed Mariah Krauss about being in charge of workshop teachers, etc. No response so far.

Potential teachers discussed. A few people have shown an interest, but no confirmed list yet.

Sandy has confirmed 7 rug hooking vendors: Dorr Mill, Nancy Jewett, Mary Lee Conner, Pam Bartlett, Lucille Fest, Susan Synder, Stephanie Krauss. During discussion decided we should have at least 8 vendors, so, Sandy will contact Amy Oxford and see if she is interested.

We need a person to get caterer for opening reception and possibly food for students, etc. Pam Finnegan has been contacted. (on Thursday it was confirmed that she would take on the task).

Fern will contact Jennifer Davey to confirm that she will head the rug show hanging committee.

Barb will contact two Canadian hooking guilds about advertising in their newsletters. Also, the Pearl McGown Guild. She send information for the calendars of ATHA and Rug Hooking Magazine. We discussed whether to print postcards or business cards with information about show and guild contact information. Barb will research pricing on both.

Sue Girouard brought up the subject of rug registration. She will contact the people who were in charge of the last in-person rug show registration and get information and help with that task. When and how to register was discussed and will be addressed at a later meeting.

The hours for the rug show were decided to be 10am-6pm on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and 10am-2pm on Sunday.

The subject of a virtual show was discussed. We will bring that idea to the members at the annual meeting on January 22. If members are in favor, we will proceed with planning. Sharon will post that poll during the annual meeting and put the subject of committee sign-up for members in the chat. also, Barb will include the need for committee volunteers in the upcoming March newsletter. The deadline for that is February 15.

If and when to have a spring hook-in and wool sale talked about. Also, promotion of outdoor “251” event. That will be put on the agenda for the annual meeting. We will also vote at meeting for new board members to fill positions of those retiring. Barb will post information about our two scholarships on front page of website and we will mention at the meeting also.

Deb Campbell volunteered to shadow Biffie and learn more about her job as treasurer and membership chair.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03. The next board meeting scheduled for March 3 at 4pm.