

WASHINGTON STATE GOURD SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2018

Members present: Bev Lavdas, Toni Davenport, Evie Scribner
Members present via Zoom: Jeanette Chrane, Debbie Cain, Mary Bakko

Confusion with Zoom connection, so meeting was delayed temporarily...

The Minutes of our Meeting held February 24, 2018, were approved as written.

Bev stated that as of two weeks ago we have 68 members.

In Kathy Allison's absence, Toni gave the Treasurer's Report, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

Motion made and seconded that we establish guidelines for patch-sponsored events. Passed

Motion made and seconded that WSGS will reimburse the member housing a visiting teacher \$50.00 per day for expenses. Passed.

Motion made and seconded that WSGS will offer a \$15 discount (per class) to each member who is current with their dues on or before April 1, 2018. Passed. *Note:* All of the above Motions were discussed at length at previous meetings.

Motion made and seconded that the sponsoring patch of a workshop will have a 3-day window for their current patch members to sign up for classes prior to it being offered to the remaining membership. Members will have a one week's advance notice (via email) prior to the classes being advertised on our website and to the general public. Passed.

Motion made and seconded that WSGS will pay \$125/day to help with venue expenses. Passed.

Discussion held regarding dates for classes to be held across the state. Bev has spoken with Ron Swank, and he is willing to come during late July or August. The Lake Connor Park location (Lake Stevens area) was felt to be a good location for his class. Also, Crystal Patch is having Bonnie Gibson come in October, and Bev will put the information out on this at a later date. It was noted that Bonnie's class has not been filled yet. Contact Crystal Patch leader Jane Smith in Onalaska SMITHMJGW@gmail.com for more information.

Discussion was held regarding the memory ink dye orders. Kathy Allison has agreed to be in charge of this. It was suggested we could have it available at our various workshops. Jeanette said maybe we should each just order the dyes on our own if we want it; Debbie Cain felt it should go through each patch leader. Bev stated that if someone wants to order supplies in their own name, that was great; however, if WSGS name is used in placing the order, the opportunity to order should be offered to all members. This matter will be addressed at a later meeting, as those involved in placing orders are not present and their input is needed.

We need volunteers to contact the driftwood and woodcarving groups in the hopes of joining in their future events (which possibly could include a show and sale of our members' work) Toni mentioned that we were invited to participate in the show in Marysville last year. Bev said she really felt we should put our efforts into getting our workshops going this year, but if we are approached by one of them, we would definitely entertain that.

Bev stated she wants to continue improving communication with all members this year. Also, our next patch get-together will be at Hobby Lobby, since very soon Bev will be leaving for Greece, and we want to keep that location available to us.

Debbie Cain mentioned that possibly she could put something together with Vickie Echols maybe near the end of October. She will let us know. Bev will re-send the photos of Vickie's class samples to see if we are able to get enough people interested. We would need to come up with 8, and Debbie is sure she can get 4 or 5 from her patch area. Also, Vickie Echols may be interested in going to Wenatchee to teach a class.

Mary Bakko stated she had sold all 39 of her apple gourds to Kate for \$1.00 each. Mary felt the grange in her area (Moses Lake) will be closing, but she feels that other good venues are available. Mary asked Bev to send her the requirements for a venue.

It was agreed that Sharon Watson has done an amazing job of reaching out to teachers. We are most appreciative Sharon!

Our next meeting is to be on Saturday, April 28th at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Bev Lavdas. Zoom online meeting will begin at 11:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.