

SSFC meeting at Alethea Kenney's residence, May 23, 2022. Present were Alethea Kenney, Margo Hanson, Kathy Belt, Dennis Engebretson, Trudy Delich,

Trudy read the minutes from the last meeting. Kathy moved to accept and Dennis seconded. All in favor.

Margo went over the treasurer's report following the April 30, 2022, SSFC sheep event with discussion. Kathy noted a correction to add to the total. Kathy Belt paid out of pocket for the radio ads for the most recent sheep and Fiber events at \$35 each and total of \$70. She is donating the payments and not asking to be reimbursed. Margo will adjust the total. Margo is keeping \$50 for petty cash. Kathy will see Russ tomorrow and ask him about the Hubbard County check which has not been cashed. Kathy will let Margo know what she finds out about to whom this check should be written and where sent. Kathy moved we accept the treasurer's report. Dennis accepted. All in favor. Refer to the treasurer's report for details.

There was discussion regarding the Sheep Event. Not as many old faces, but several new. Maybe we need to reconsider a more creative way of doing the food. It wasn't as good this year. Maybe our lunch food plan should change and Margo mentioned using lamb. Margo will volunteer to make something up as a simple lamb dish for all of us to participate in making. We are aware of standards needed in preparation of food and will follow those guidelines as in the past. Margo will donate lamb and a recipe. Maybe lamb curry or lamb stew. Basically we are going to rethink how we do the food next year. Specifics will be worked out in the future.

It was noted we need new coffee filters and creamers. Kathy volunteered to restock those.

A new event we brainstormed would be "cooking with Lamb." Another topic that might need to be revisited is a butchering clarification. Many of the new people attending do not have this information from a previous SSFC sheep event years back.

We discussed events coming up this summer. Alethea passed out business cards for our library kits.

Events for SSFC involvement are:

1. Gully Centennial June 18, Saturday. Our time slot is 9AM to 11AM in the community center. We are being paid \$250 to be split between whomever shows up. Scheduled to demo are Kathy doing some sort of historical Fiber arts, Alethea, drop spindle, and Trudy spinning wheel. Trudy will hopefully remember to bring the SSFC sign for Alethea for the "Breakfast on the Farm" event in Bemidji at the fairgrounds the next day. Linda Johnson -Morke will be there also with the yurt. Alethea will pass out brochures, etc. for SSFC and demo while there.
2. Brainerd Library June 25, Saturday, 10AM to 3PM. Those demonstrating will be Alethea (cardboard looms), Heather Schmidke (crewel wool embroidery), Stacy Dresow (needle felted artwork) and Trudy (dryer balls). All will also provide 30 kits per person for take homes to attenders with the overflow to be given to the library at the end of the day. Compensation has been contracted with each individual by the Brainerd Library system. Linda Johnson-Morke will be present with the yurt. Sale of personal wool items is allowed. This is a parking lot outdoor event. Suggested to bring chairs. Alethea will have a canopy. Trudy will have a small table for the drum carder.
3. Bemidji Library July 16, Saturday, 10-3. Those demonstrating will be Kathy (kumihimo), Alethea (cardboard looms), Trudy (dryer balls in conjunction with drum carding), Margo (felting in a bag). Each demonstrator is contracted individually by the library to provide 30 take home kits to attenders with overflow going to the Bemidji Library for their future use. Kathy is bringing tables, each own chairs, two canopies (Alethea, Kathy). David Berryhill is planning on bringing two yearling lambs as part of the fiber festival celebration. Linda Johnson-Morke will be there with the yurt.

New Business: Social Media was discussed. We defined a "Supporter" as including individuals who attend our events such as the FFF and winter Sheep Event or other special events we have. It also includes paying members who are outside of the voting area. It includes voting members inside the voting area. We

discussed and settled on rules to apply in the functioning of our social media program: 1. Any MEMBER or SUPPORTER is promoted by SSFC in venues where we promote. This would be for example, FB and Instagram activity. 2. Our 'list' will be compiled by Trudy. List will include anyone who has been or is a current "member", has been a vendor, or is a "supporter" as defined above. We discussed the need for the Social Media to be emphasized more and that it was taken on by default by Margo (thank you Margo) who no longer thinks she is able to continue. It is not an area where she thinks she can thrive.

We discussed our need to develop a Social Media job description: Alethea proposed that on social media (FB and Instagram) we promote all endeavors or sales of supporters and members to be limited to no more than 6 postings a year for private sales and events for each supporter or member. Posting will be the responsibility of members or supporters (as previously defined above) to provide all necessary information to the SSFC Social Media Administrator. All SSFC promotional information is to be posted. All SSFC Events should be posted as an Event. Within at least six weeks of the FFF, one vendor should be highlighted every few days at the least.

We discussed the MN Fiber Festival at the Isanti Fairgrounds in Cambridge scheduled for October 15, 2022. Margo suggested we be a vendor/organization there. We discussed whether or not it might be beneficial to our members and supporters to have an opportunity to vend items. We could use the Anoka Fiber Works model where each person vending is responsible to set up and take down their own items. They would be charged a vending fee paid back to SSFC. SSFC would collect the money and disperse. Trudy will look into.

Misc. ideas and events discussed briefly were the Bagley Art Faire July 9-10. Alethea as a vendor and Linda (with the yurt) will be there. Alethea mentioned the idea for future potential plans of a dye garden in some public area, like the gardens at the Beltrami county fairgrounds; then possibly holding a natural dye workshop.

Trudy moved to adjourn the meeting and Dennis seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trudy Delich, Secretary SSFC

Addendum: An email communication was sent to board members regarding changing the term "Supporters". Alethea suggested it could be confusing in view of our current application. We voted via email communication to use the term "Friends" in place of "Supporters". This should now be applied to this body of notes.