

SSFC Meeting at Lukens North, May 3, 2019

Present were Trudy Delich, Dennis Engebretson, Karen Stormo, Margo Hanson, Carrie Jessen, and Alethea Kenney

The meeting was called to order at 1:40, by President Karen Stormo.

The Treasurer's report was given by Alethea. Karen moved to accept, Dennis seconded.

Carrie Jessen has agreed to be our new treasurer. Motion by Karen, second by Trudy and was unanimously approved. She will go over to the bank after the meeting with Alethea to get her signature on record.

David Bainbridge made all the arrangements for our name change. Margo moved we give David an Amazon Gift card in the amount of \$50.00. Members all donated \$10.00 and Carrie will take care of purchasing the gift card.

Karen reported on her felting class. She taught needle and wet felting, including making a piece of wet felt, projects with wet felt and needle felting, and in the third class, dryer balls. She told about the FFF and other options to buy supplies. Eleven people attended and all had a good time. This was a great way to promote fiber use.

Becky at Clearwater Life Center wrote a grant for community art events, (she asked Karen to teach the felting class) and wants to know if we want to do more classes.

After a good discussion about types of classes, it was decided to begin a spinning class. Trudy has had several people asking about classes in spinning. Using spindles would be a good beginning. "Bring a working wheel", is a necessity according to Trudy. If we did it in Sept, we could get people involved prior to the FFF. Pumpkin Days, Sept 28th, 1-3 pm, was decided for the first class. This would get people involved prior to the FFF. The second class will be at the FFF, Oct. 5 – 6, and then one as a follow up class in Gonvik on Friday, October 11th. \$25.00 is the cost for the smaller room, which would probably be large enough.

Karen suggested asking Bruce Engebretson, to help at the FFF. He was very helpful to Karen's aunt with her big wheel, at the FFF last year. We could offer to pay him \$75.00. This would be free to the people who brought spinning wheels.

We discussed "One year, One Garment". This will be promoted at the 2019 FFF. Three Rivers Fibershed has started this event this year, but has very restrictive rules. We decided that locally sourced fiber should be used, but could also include repurposed wool sweaters from local thrift stores. These handmade, wearable garments, bags, hats, scarves, etc. would be in the fashion show at FFF in 2020.

It was decided to begin meeting at the Gonvik community Center, monthly, after the FFF. The Center has a free room. We could provide tea, coffee, and a snack. At these meetings, help could be provided for people learning to spin, vend, etc. Beginning on November 19, each 3rd Tuesday of the month, from 1:00 – 3:00. “Fiber in the Pines Gathering”, will be the name of the group. Different fiber topics could be presented each meeting. These could be promoted on our FaceBook page as well as through e-mail contacts and word of mouth.

Our next meeting will be Friday, July 19, 1:00 -3:30 at the Gonvik Community Room.

Respectfully submitted, Margo Hanson, secretary.

PS- Please review and then I will submit this to the Bank. They need a copy before Carrie can begin signing checks.