



Conference of Northern California Handweavers, Inc.
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FINAL

Advisory Council Meeting
Zoom
Saturday, August 6, 2022
10:00 AM

1. Call to Order 10:05AM

Barbie Paulsen

Quorum present

Area 1: Joan Near (Secretary), Barbie Paulsen (President)

Area 2: Merrie Hewitt, Kay Thorne (CNCH 2023)

Area 3: Nancy Williams-Baron

Area 4: Suzanne Woodhead (Treasurer) Gloria Johnson

Area 5: Lotus Baker, Karen May

CNCH 2022: Bob Darchi, Eugenia Gwathney

Erin Maclean (Executive Director)

Cathy Koos (Newsletter Editor)

Melissa Plummer (Website Manager)

2. Approval of Minutes, May 19, 2022

Joan Near

Suzanne motioned, Karen seconded, motion approved as corrected.

3. Special Business

Barbie Paulsen

Mission & Values, Sustainability, Communication

Barbie asks for a few phrases from us for vision & values in the near future, 5 years from now, looking at the big picture. Wants a committee to talk about this.

Suggestions: Zoom workshops? Increasing membership, reaching out to younger people, building "robustness."

Karen: Increase outreach between CNCH & guild

Gloria: Can the Liaisons become their own unit & have their own zoom meetings. Quasi show & tell about what your guild is doing etc.

Merrie: Real key is making Liaisons feel important.

Barbie: By area, have area reps do meeting with their liaisons between AdCon meetings.

Nancy: Good to have list of liaison contacts easily available.

Barbie: Current info isn't up to date; if we had more meetings the info would be fresher.

Sustainability: semi-formal on-boarding process for new liaisons

Committee established: Eugenia, Gloria, Lotus, Erin

Sustainability: Barbie: Work toward an accessible history. and collection of data for tracking trends.
Annual questionnaire. We should revisit conference reporting format.
Committee established: Nancy, Karen, Suzanne, Erin, Kay, Eugenia.

4. Old Business:

a) CNCH 2022

Bob Darchi, Eugenia Gwathney

Bob reports a \$12,000 profit to CNCH above the return of seed money. In the future, planning committee members should be more informed of budget matters.

Lessons from the Hotel: get a good sense of what the teachers need, i.e. can power needs be handled by hotel? Was helpful to have Bob not take a class, just walk around trouble-shooting. Bob advocates hotel use because problems can be solved with one phone call. With current pandemic uncertainties, keep in touch with hotel for ongoing changes like canceling free airport shuttle, etc.

Eugenia: Hotel double-booking a wedding caused big headaches. This conference's longer lunch breaks and 2 hour break between class-ending and dinner were successful, she recommends this going forward. Helpful to have just one contact between hotel and conference.

b) CNCH 2023

Kay Thorne, Merrie Hewitt

The board has reviewed both the Conference's Proposed Budget and the Cal Poly Contract for the 2023 CNCH Conference. The Co-Chairs for the conference are Kathleen Thorne and Merrie Hewitt. The signers for the B/A Conference "B" checking account will be Kathleen Thorne and Karen Wiley. Karen Wiley will be the acting Treasurer for the conference. Kathleen Thorne and Karen Wiley will be executing the Cal Poly Contract on behalf and for the benefit of The Northern California Handweavers, Inc. (CNCH, Inc.)

Kay: "Learn by Doing" is the theme. Cal Poly's Conference Planning Dept Head has changed, the new one is "delightful." Brief outline of teachers: 3 dyeing, one warp-dyeing; Sprang; Basketmaking; Kumihimo; Tablet Weaving; Felting; Spinning; Tapestry; Weave Software; Weaving, including beginning weaving.

Grant fundraiser not eliminated (in spite of plenty of funds there) because planners are having too much fun.

Merrie: Budget submitted, profit expected. Outdoor BBQ & Meet & Greet are part of registration, not meal plan. BBQ caterers are aware of vegetarian & vegan needs. Cal Poly is flexible about meal plan packages (not required with room.) Instructor contracts signed. Cal Poly contract not yet.

Liaison meeting will be via Zoom, set for Saturday, January 21, 2023.

There was discussion about giving Liaisons some funding for refreshments when they pitch the conference to their guilds, no decision made.

c) CNCH 2024

Lotus Baker, Karen May

Lotus: Wants to hold it in Willits. Karen came up to look around. The conference would be scattered around town, as would hotel rooms or camping accommodations. Catering is available. This conference would be budget-friendly plus non-CNCH members would be invited.

Karen: Has contacted hotels in Petaluma and the surrounding area. A great reception from the hotels. This would be more like the 2022 conference, everything in one place, a little pricier. She advocates this approach.

Discussion ensued about what kind of conference is wanted in 2024. One suggestion is to ask the Liaisons what they would like.

5. New Business

a) 2022 Financial Report

Suzanne Woodhead

Grant Fund was boosted by Golden Valley shutting down & sending CNCH their remaining funds (shown as Heritage Fund donation) plus the \$100 Joan Anderson memorial.

Seed money of \$3100 keeps checking account B open. Seed money is \$500 off , due to Liaison lunch deposit; Suzanne & Erin will adjust.

b) 22-23 Budget

Suzanne Woodhead

Still showing red in set expenses; will be looking for a new income stream. Will move Grant out of expenses because it's funded from the Grant Fund, not an expense.

Lotus made the motion to approve the budget, Kay seconded; motion passed.

c) Employee reviews: All employees got favorable reviews.

Other agenda items tabled due to time constraints: Guild Assessment Increase, On-line Conference Report Storage.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15PM.

Draft Minutes submitted by

Joan Near, CNCH Advisory Council Secretary