

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FORT WORTH CALLIGRAPHERS GUILD
APRIL 13, 2025

The Fort Worth Calligraphers Guild met for its Regular Meeting on Sunday, April 13, 2025, 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Hurst, TX. Attendees signed in and retrieved their name badge for the meeting. President Linda Langley called the meeting to order. A quorum was present with 17 members and 1 guest (*11 members onsite; 6 members and 1 guest via Zoom*). Guest Robert Border, a member from the Waco guild, was introduced.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1)Minutes and Treasurer's Report:

The minutes of the previous Regular Meeting on March 9, 2025, were approved as presented.

Treasurer Linda Jones noted a balance of \$5,783.57 as of 3-25-25 with a disbursement of \$500. A complete report will be provided at the next Regular Meeting.

2)Membership Standing Committee: Chairman Cynthia Bottrell reported the following in addition to the meeting's attendance, the current membership of 56, Debbie Dutton rejoining the Guild, and Joy Holekamp as a new member:

a)thanks to Nancy Teigen and Natale Perry for assisting with the membership matters at the March 9 Regular Meeting; help will be needed again at the May meeting;

b)concerning the Guild business cards Angie Vangalis did for the February 13 event at Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, the Membership Committee would like more to offer these at other times; and

c)membership dues for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year can now be paid and will be credited for that Fiscal Year by the Treasurer.

3)Program Standing Committee: Chairman Gina Tanner reminded those present about the program for May 18, via Zoom with Mike Gold. It will be "Variations on the Letter 'A'", which was a breakout from Legacies III Calligraphy Conference.

4)Workshops Standing Committee: In the absence of Chairman Erin Dietz, Linda L. reported that May 5 is the deadline for watching Pat Blair's April 6 workshop, "Early Spring Garden and Summer Blooms" via Zoom. The link has been sent to those who paid for the workshop.

5)Library Chairman: Lynda Kemple described the four new books for the Library. She also brought other books available for check-out and encouraged those who have duplicates of books in their library to consider donating the extras to the Guild's Library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1)2025-26 Nominating Committee: Linda L., as committee chairman, reported the slate for next month's election is not yet complete, as herein noted:

President	Nancy Tiegen
Vice-president/Program St. Committee Chairman	Sharon Schmidt
Secretary	
Treasurer	Natale Perry
Bylaws Standing Committee Chairman	Cynthia Bottrell
Communications Standing Committee Chairman	
Membership Standing Committee Chairman	
Program Standing Committee Chairman	(see Vice-president)
Workshops Standing Committee Chairman	Sharon Schmidt

The following members have agreed to serve as the 2025-2026 Appointed Officers, pending appointment by the incoming President and approval by the Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year:

Archivist-Historian	Monica Kelley
Library Chairman	Lynda Kemple
Parliamentarian	Catherine Burkhard
Public Relations	Angie Vangalis

2)Proposed Amendments to Guild Bylaws: Bylaws Standing Committee Chairman Catherine officially placed the proposed amendments to the Guild's Bylaws (*Attachment to original of minutes*) on the floor, noting these were recommended by the Bylaws Standing Committee and were also available on the recent "News Update" for members to read. She stated that the proposed amendments affected only two Articles in the Bylaws – Article V and Article VII, and the vote for approval would take place at the May 18 Regular Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clarification was asked for in relation to the name of the notices and news which is sent electronically by the Communications Standing Committee Chairman Judy Johannesen to members two times prior to each Regular Meeting. It has been referred to as "eNews" and "News Update". Since its purpose is to update members on past news, new news, current news, etc., it was agreed that the title of "News Update" will be used.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Angie invited those present to consider attending a "Vellum & Gothic Cursive Retreat" on May 22-25, 2025, to be held at Nazareth Retreat Center in Grand Prairie, Texas. This is hosted by Texas Lettering Arts Council and would be three days of studying and lettering with Cheryl Jacobsen's elegant and flowing Gothic Cursive hand. Use of vellum with the cursive writing will result in a unique piece of art.

Signing up before May 1 will allow for a discount on the calf skin vellum needed. More information is included in April's "News Update".

Once again for this month's meeting, members are allowed to sell gently-used supplies, books, and such – with price and seller's name on all sale items, all displayed in the church's kitchen area.

PROGRAM:

Gina introduced the program for this meeting with Cindy Haller presenting via Zoom an introduction to the Legende alphabet created by Ernst Schneidler. Handouts were made available via the "News Update" – also a list of supplies to use while working along with Cindy's instructions.

A drawing for door prizes resulted in Linda J., Gina, and Haley Conner as the recipients.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting will be May 18, 2025, which is the third Sunday of the month, thus skipping the usual meeting date of May 11, Mother's Day.

Catherine Burkhard
Secretary