



KHWS General Meeting, Wednesday, 11 December, 2024, 7.00pm, KHWS Studio

Mingle and share: 6.30pm

General meeting: 7.00pm call to order (minimum of 15 required for quorum-met)

1. **Welcome:** Stacey Robb greeted members and guest, Em Harmsen

2. **Approval of the agenda**
Motion: Janet Noyes **Seconded:** Suzanne Angle **Carried**

3. **Motion to approve the minutes from November 13, General Meeting**
Motion: Cathy Davidson **Seconded:** Nancy Leeney **Carried**

4. **Program:**

Socializing and treats

There were many plates of cookies and other holiday treats enjoyed by all

Presentation by Em Harmsen

Johanna introduced the members present to Em Harmsen. Em is a resident of Kingston who is the founder of emske, design studio.

Emske offers products including clothing that are ethically made in Canada, environmentally responsible and designed to be accessible.

Em's presentation was informative and interesting. The EESI method- ethical, ecological, stylish and inclusive embodies her clothing. She believes in "slow design" and "co-design". As she was building her business model she realized that each piece of clothing may need to be individualized in order to be truly accessible which often involves working on the design with the individual purchaser.

Her focus on inclusive/accessible design was born from her own lived experience. Once diagnosed with a chronic condition and having several family members and friends with similar experiences sharing their insights with her, she realized that this was how she wanted to approach the design.

Lots of difficulties with the sourcing of sustainable fabrics which includes the notions (and tags) used to complete a piece of clothing. Em brought in samples of her clothing pieces,

which were passed around the group. She also brought in several books that she recommends to anyone interested in a sustainable clothing read.

Emske's website: emske.ca

Door Prizes

The meeting ended with the members in attendance choosing door prizes along with socializing and eating more treats.

5. Next meeting

January 8, 2025

6. Adjournment

Motion: Nancy Carr

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm