

Tucson Quilters' Guild
Business Meeting
April 6, 2011

Meeting called to order by Mary Meserve at 9:30 am

- 11 Board members present.
- 8 Committee Chairs present.

Attendees: Joline Albaugh, Colleen Babcock, Mary Bazzano, Jo Cady-Bull, Laura Cotter, Cathy Dargel, Sally Dickinson, Evelyn George, Judy Gilmartin, Kathy Harris, Kay Hendricks, Vivian MacPherson, Ruth Martin, Mary Meserve, Marie Morris, Carolyn Moser, Margaret Newman, Donata Pfisterer, Meg Silvern, Joan Swanson, Kathryn Wald, Alice Wilder, Kathy Zimmer

Secretary: Minutes distributed by email 3/3/2011. Motion to approve minutes by Kathy Harris; seconded by Cathy Dargel. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Joan Swanson		April 6, 2011
Checking Acct.		3,678.83
Savings Acct.		57,606.43
Petty Cash		200.00
Fixed Assets	Accumulated Depreciation	-5,175.00
Equipment-Fixed assets		9,177.47
State Farm Bond Fund	Unrestricted	31,955.81
State Farm CD #1		8,036.96
State Farm CD #2		8,037.16
State Farm CD #3		7,526.30
Money Market	State Farm	535.78
Restricted Bond Fund	Endowment Account	26,543.92
	Total Assets	148,123.66

- Joan asked who had received her reports by email; who else needs to receive a copy? Joan does not recommend moving the money away from State Farm at this time. She called other banks to inquire about their CD rates and none are as high as we are earning currently.
- We can save money on bank fees by depositing cash and checks into the checking account, then moving into savings. Currently Joan has been depositing directly into the savings account since this is what she was directed to do by Mary Perry. However, the savings account only allows 50 transactions per month (one deposited check =one transaction) before fees are charged. The checking account allows 400 transactions per month. Cash deposits into savings incur a fee of twenty cents per \$100; there is no fee for the first \$20,000 in cash deposits into checking. There is no transfer fee to move money from checking to savings.
- The bank requires a minimum of \$35,000 to be on deposit in the combined savings/checking accounts to maintain the accounts without any monthly service fees.

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Marie Morris; seconded by Laura Cotter. Motion passed.

Vice President/By-Laws: Kathy Harris

- No report at this time

Endowment/Donations: Carolyn Moser

- Currently there are 2 requests for donations. As no money was budgeted this fiscal year for donations or grants, no action will be taken on these requests.
- It was suggested that the link for applications for donations/grants be removed from the website. Carolyn will first save the information from that link, then have it removed.

Quilt Show: Donata Pfisterer/Kathy Zimmer

- There were 8 to 10 new participants at the Quilt Show meeting last month.

- Hanging chair will be Mary Bazzano, with Sharon Nemirov and Ginny Dove assisting her.
- Demos and Publicity need members to fill co-chair positions.
- New this year will be a small quilt auction at the quilt show.
- The Centennial Quilt challenge quilts will be included in the show. There may be a problem with the arrival of the fabric in the local shops due to the earthquake and tsunami in Japan and the ensuing problems following those events. Cathy Dargel will make an announcement about the Centennial Challenge at the meetings next week.
- The next meeting will be 4/15/2011 at the police station at 22nd and Alvernon.

Membership: Colleen Babcock

- Membership for the Tucson Quilters Guild is currently 537 people, including 43 new members.
- Colleen has received 10 envelope sets for the mailing of the newsletter. One member is unhappy to have to wait until after the business meeting to receive her newsletter.
- Discussion was held regarding an application for membership from a potential new member. Following this discussion a motion was made by Cathy Dargel that the application for membership from Maggie Haggan, a.k.a. Marjorie Congdon Hagen, be denied due to known past criminal activities and her current probation requirements. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Moser. Motion passed. Colleen will return the uncashed check by mail to this applicant with a note that her application has been denied.

Programs: Joline Albaugh/Judy Gilmartin

- April: Sue Benner
- May: Suzanne Marshall 4 spaces in hand quilting; 3 spaces in the appliqué class
- June: David Taylor 1 space left in the quilting class
- September: Sue Spargo 14 spaces in altered textiles; 15 spaces left in Greta
- October: Cindy Brick
- Joline has proposed that Lois Podolny and Nancy Arseneault be invited to give a trunk show for the July meeting. She asked about paying these members \$200 each for this show. She was told that if she had the money available in her budget then it is her decision whether to pay them or not.
- Joline suggested limiting member sign-ups to one class for Paula Nadelstern's workshops in February.
- Programs collected and turned into the Treasurer \$1508 in the last month.

Members-at-large: Marie Morris/Sue Franklin

- Sue was absent from the meeting. Marie had no comments or news to report.

Bears: Margaret Newman

- More bears have been distributed; some have been returned dressed.
- No bears have been given to charities yet this year.
- Margaret wants to have the pattern for the bear clothing posted on the website.

Bees: Laura Cotter

- One bee (Friday afternoon meeting time) has been dissolved.
- Laura needs the name of the person who volunteers at the Beekeeper table on Tuesday evening.
- Laura was asked to remove the existing phone contact number for the Piece Patchers since that number belonged to a member who has moved into assisted living.

Block of the Month: Kay Hendricks/ Evelyn George

- May block is called May Spring Basket. – The templates are in the newsletter under BOM on the website.
- Patterns are available on the web for 3" foundation patterns for the chick and egg for April.
- 100 – 150 patterns will be available at the BOM table at the general meetings.

Corresponding Secretary: Laurie Mullins

- Laurie is the new Corresponding Secretary. Please let her know of any members who should receive a card.

Education: Ruth Martin

- Ruth was told that the Education information notebook is in the storeroom.

Guild Pins: Patty Kruse no report

Finance Committee: Carolyn Moser

- Carolyn and Kathryn Wald met with the CPA on Tuesday. Discussion included:
 - Changing the Guild tax status from 501 (c) 7 to 501 (c) 3. It was determined that making this change is not appropriate since the focus of the Guild would need to change from 'hobby club' to fundraising. The current status of 501 (c) 7 is appropriate for the Guild. In 1988 the status was changed to this by the IRS. The original Articles of Incorporation designated the Guild as 501 (c) 3.
 - Carolyn and Kathryn learned that it is not necessary to disburse money in donations or grants to meet IRS requirements. It originally had been interpreted that since income from the vendors (unrelated traders) provides more than 35% of our gross receipts that giving money away was required. Since that original interpretation, it has been determined by the CPA that since the Quilt Fiesta only occurs annually vendor income is exempt from this requirement.
- The Finance committee will meet on a monthly basis until all designated business has been taken care of. The next meeting follows the business meeting today.

Historian: Cathy Dargel

- Cathy reports that currently the historical records are in disarray. It will take her a while to get everything in order. This is a major job.

Holiday Blocks: Shari Thompson No report

Hospitality: Christine McCollum No report

Library: Donata Pfisterer /Kathryn Wald

- The list of missing books is posted on the website as part of the newsletter.
- Donata has received several donations of older books. She and June are working to prepare the books for the sale in May. The books for sale will be split evenly between the evening and morning meetings, with any unsold books from the evening meeting added to the books on Wednesday morning.

Newsletter: Margaret Newman

- Margaret has received 2 new ads for the next newsletter.
- New features in the newsletter will include a column for tips solicited from members and a letter to the editor section. Also, there will be a new column from the historian, Cathy Dargel.

Organizations:

- NQA: The NQA journal for members, Quilting Quarterly, is changing to publication six times a year. The name will not change.
- AZ Quilters' Hall of Fame: AQHOF is seeking nominations for potential inductees in the Hall of Fame, and for Quilt Shop of the Year for 2011.
- Home of the Brave: No report
- Quilt for a Cause: Jo Cady-Bull and Jean Biddick will be teaching a mystery quilt class for Quilt Retreat at Sea in May, 2012. Part of the proceeds from this class will be donated to Quilt for a Cause.

Quilt-a-thon: Evelyn George/Mary Bazzano/Kathryn Wald

- Some kits have already been prepared. The Quilt-a-thon bee will be cutting more kits at Cactus Quilt Shop on April 20.

Quilting for Others: Mary Bazzano

- There is a new list in the newsletter this month which lists items donated and who the recipients are.

- Kathy Harris has received another delivery of quilting supplies from Marge Benson. Included in this delivery were completed blocks for a quilt that Marge had started. Cathy Dargel plans to complete this quilt and present it to Marge.

Raffle Quilts: Kathryn Wald

- 2012: 4 or 5 bids were received for the quilting of this top. Mary Vaneecke was chosen to quilt this year's raffle quilt. She had the best overall design, and is providing the batting. The quilt will be completed on April 21. The cost for quilting is \$437.
- 2013 Kathy Harris reports that the pattern chosen is the scrappy New York Beauty. It will be paper pieced and she plans to make it using fabrics from the storeroom.

Website: Meg Silvern

- The Guild has paid an annual fee of \$40 to remove ads from the website. This does not include any ads that appear on the email list.
- Currently we have 280 members on the email list. If we exceed 500 we will need to pay an annual fee. If any members are having difficulty getting onto the list they may call Meg for help.

Old Business:

- Sally Dickinson asked about the request from the Weavers' Guild to place bookcases in the classroom at the church. Marie Morris will report our decision to the Weavers' Guild so they can proceed with their plans.

New Business:

- Kathy Zimmer and Mary Bazzano report that the 2 members who are helping with the hanging committee had both checked their willingness to help with the show on their member applications. There was no follow-up to that information. It was noted that in the past Colleen has collated lists of potential volunteers and given the lists to the appropriate chairs, but there has not been follow through.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 am.