

Tucson Quilters' Guild
Business Meeting
November 2, 2011

Meeting called to order by Mary Meserve at 9:31

- 8 Board members present.
- 9 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, Ruth Martin, Mary Meserve, Marie Morris, Meg Silvern, Joan Swanson, Shari Thompson, Kathryn Wald

Secretary: Minutes distributed by email 10/15/2011. Motion to approve minutes by Marie Morris; seconded by Colleen Babcock. Motion approved.

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| Treasurer: Joan Swanson | | November 2, 2011 |
| Checking Acct. | | 3,075.50 |
| Savings Acct. | | 80,537.94 |
| Petty Cash | | 200.00 |
| Fixed Assets | Accumulated Depreciation | -5,175.00 |
| Equipment-Fixed assets | | 9,177.47 |
| State Farm Bond Fund | Unrestricted | 34,136.45 |
| State Farm CD #1 | | 8,050.92 |
| State Farm CD #2 | | 8,050.11 |
| State Farm CD #3 | | 7,544.19 |
| Money Market | State Farm | 537.65 |
| Restricted Bond Fund | Endowment Account | 28,355.23 |
| Total Assets | | <hr/> 174,490.46 |

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Jo Cady-Bull; seconded by Kathy Harris. Motion approved.

Vice President/By-Laws: Kathy Harris

- Kathy is working on 3 proposed changes. She will bring these up next month.

Quilt Show: Donata Pfisterer/Kathy Zimmer

- Laura Cotter wants time on the agenda at the general meetings to ask for quilts for Kids Row.

Membership: Colleen Babcock

- The Tucson Quilters Guild currently has 648 members; 89 are new members.
- The New Member Gathering is this Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 6:00pm. We currently have 27 people who have sent RSVPs for the event. Colleen encourages board and committee members to bring goodies to share, not a lot but a variety. Christine and her hospitality committee are taking care of tea/coffee/water and plates, napkins, and a special gift for everyone. Colleen has several door prizes donated by Quilt for a Cause and Alice Wilder.
- Colleen has 7 quilts for the New Member Challenge; quilts will be hung before everyone arrives and attendees will be encouraged to vote for their favorites.

- The newsletters will be mailed after the meeting on Wednesday.

Programs: Joline Albaugh/Judy Gilmartin

- October: Cindy Brick – 18 participants on Thursday, 10 on Friday.
- November: Cindy Needham – We are sharing expenses with a group in Wickenburg; our costs for travel are \$260. Cindy will pay for one night in the hotel. On Friday evening the speaker stays at an airport hotel – transportation is then provided by the hotel to the airport.
- February: Paula Nadelstern – Lois Podolny will host Paula.
- March: Susan Cleveland
- April: Carol Taylor – Workshop is full and waitlisted.
- May: Karen Eckmeier – Sign-ups begin today for the workshops.

Members-at-large: Marie Morris/Sue Franklin

- No news this month.

Bears: Margaret Newman

- New bears have been purchased – the legs are jointed to allow for sitting or standing.

Bees: Laura Cotter

- No news this month.

Block of the Month: Kay Hendricks/ Evelyn George

- December: Starry Night Block
- Kay expressed concerned about the scale of the templates provided in the newsletter not being correct when printed. Kay will have copies available at the BOM table for members who want to make the block. Kay was asked if she had obtained permission to reproduce these copyrighted templates – she replied that she had not. Jo Cady-Bull pointed out that since our newsletter is sent to NQA every month that our exposure to copyright issues extends beyond use within the Guild. Kay was asked to obtain permission.
- Evelyn noted tht participation in the BOM is falling – she asked if this is due to the availability of the newsletter online as opposed to mailing copies to everyone.
- Evelyn thinks it may be time for someone else to take over the BOM program beginning in March of our new fiscal year.
- Joan asked what if we suspend the BOM for a few months. Additional talk about this was postponed until next month.

Corresponding Secretary: Laurie Mullins

- A card needs to be sent to Lynda Luiten upon the death of her father.

Education: Ruth Martin

- The Friday program at SAAVI is going well. New volunteers will be needed for February and March.
- 5 participants and caretakers(s) would like to attend the Quilt Fiesta! on Friday of the show. White gloves will be provided for the visually impaired so they may handle the quilts.
- Shari Thompson has a friend who completed a quilt for the visually impaired to explore by feel. Shari recommended that her friend be invited to attend one of the Friday Sessions to share this quilt.
- Evelyn George is assisting Ruth with the programs at the Arizona Historical Society, beginning in February.
- Ruth asked for time on the agenda at the general meetings this month to ask for more volunteers.

- Shari reports that the Girl Scouts have had 1,099 quilting badges earned, including 505 Brownies, 388 Juniors, and 206 Cadet badges.

Guild Pins: Patty Kruse No report

Finance Committee: Marie Morris

- The committee will meet today following this meeting to discuss research into finding alternate options for our current bank, and to begin work on the budget for 2012/2013.

Historian: Cathy Dargel

- Shari Thompson offered thanks to Cathy for her work on the Guild's history.
- Cathy requested that anyone who has items stored in the Guild's main storeroom remove them by the beginning of December so that she can access the remaining records. Items may be replaced in the storeroom after her inventory is complete.

Holiday Blocks: Shari Thompson

- Ribbons will be ordered today. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention ribbons will be given. Karen Fisher is making the ribbon tops using a snowflake design.

Hospitality: Christine McCollum No report

Library: Donata Pfisterer /Kathryn Wald

- Library will be open this month. Books checked out in November will be due in January since the library will be closed in December.
- The library will gladly accept donations.
- Members are reminded to return any overdue books to the library.

Newsletter: Margaret Newman

- The online newsletter is bigger this month.
- Next deadline for articles is 11/16/2011.

Nominating committee:

- No one has volunteered to serve on the nominating committee.

Organizations:

- NQA – There is an online newsletter for Chapter coordinators.
- AZ Quilters' Hall of Fame – the 2012 induction luncheon will be held in Tucson at the University Marriott on September 23, 2012. There will be an event held at the AZ Historical Society in the evening of September 22nd in conjunction with the induction.
- Home of the Brave – number of quilts needed has caught up because the number of casualties is down.
- Quilt for a Cause – There will be a drawing held on Wednesday, 11/9 at the general meeting for the raffle quilt that was donated by Susie Weaver in memory of her mother, Eva. The call for donated quilts for the 2013 auction will begin in March, 2012. Guidelines for these donated quilts may be found in this month's newsletter.

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

- 60 quilts and 60 pillowcases will be presented next Wednesday (11/9/2011) to Gary Kling, representative, from the organization Kids in Need. He is trying to get publicity for this donation.

Quilting for Others: Mary Bazzano

- Fabric that we cannot use has been donated to Aviva to make bags for foster kids.
- Unusable fabric was donated to be used for stuffing in dog beds.

- A list of other charities and the donations appears in the newsletter this month. This includes 140 stockings and 140 pillowcases to the Candlelighters, and 20 quilts to a Native American reservation through Kay Winalis.
- In December 25 quilts will be donated to Christine Johnson for the St. Luke's Retirement Home.

Raffle Quilts: Kathryn Wald

- 2012
- 2013 - Blocks for the 2013 raffle quilt are due next week at the Tuesday/Wednesday meetings.

Website: Meg Silvern

- Meg tried to adjust the size of the file of the old newsletter files. Kathy Harris recommends that Meg try to work with Adobe Acrobat – Mary Meserve has offered to help.

Old Business:

- Sally Dickinson announced that the Hopi quilters have been chosen to be the recipient of the proceeds from the Small Quilt Auction. The monies will be used to purchase supplies for these quilters.
- Shari Thompson has offered a donation of an older Elna sewing machine for the Hopi. Currently the machine does not work. If it can be put in working order then it may be used as a donation.
- Joan Swanson asks that all check requests include an itemized receipt for reimbursement. Also, she needs to know the recipient's taxpayer ID number for tax purposes if the payment is to go to an individual for services rendered.
- Ruth Ganeles requested a quilt from Quilting for Others to use for a benefit Raffle for the organization, Altrusa. Mary Bazzano said she has a quilt available for this purpose.

New Business:

- Joline Albaugh recommended that we give gifts cards for Christmas to the new custodian and the assistant custodian. It was determined that as long as she has money available in her budget no vote is needed to approve this purchase.
- TQG Bylaws, Article 4, Section 7 states that "Any Director of the Guild who misses three (3) Business meetings in a fiscal year shall be removed from office." With this stipulation in mind it was determined that Sue Franklin, Member-at-Large, has now missed 4 Business meetings this fiscal year (April, July, October, November). Due to these absences Kathy Harris made a motion to remove Sue Franklin from office for the remainder of her term. Cathy Dargel seconded the motion. Following discussion about this action a vote was taken. The motion passed with 9 in favor, and 7 opposed. Mary Meserve will send a letter to Sue Franklin advising her of this action.
- Additional discussion indicated that there may be a need for a Bylaw amendment to allow for extenuating circumstances if a Director misses 3 or more meetings.
- Mary Meserve shared a letter she had received from member Lois Podolny expressing concern about charges submitted to the Guild for a dinner with a guest speaker, a Guild member and the Guild member's husband. Discussion was held about these charges following the reading of this letter. It was determined that since the check request had been approved by the Program Director, and subsequently paid by the Treasurer that the Guild cannot ask for a refund of any part of this money.

- Cathy Dargel made a motion that the Finance Committee set Guidelines for future dinners with guest speakers. Mary Bazzano seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Joline Albaugh asked that the finance Committee take care not to make it difficult for Program Directors to entertain the speakers.
- Marie Morris made a motion asking that the name of the member who entertained the guest speaker and the member's husband be kept out of the minutes. Shari Thompson seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:17 am.