

Tucson Quilters' Guild  
Business Meeting  
December 7, 2011

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

- 9 Board members present.
- 7 Committee Chairs present.

**Attendees:** Joline Albaugh, Colleen Babcock, Judi Bennett, Laura Cotter, Sally Dickinson, Evelyn George, Judy Gilmartin, Kathy Harris, Kay Hendricks, Kathy Hutcheson, Carolyn LaRue, Ruth Martin, Mary Meserve, Laurie Mullins, Margaret Newman, Donata Pfisterer, Meg Silvern, Joan Swanson, Shari Thompson, Kathy Zimmer

**Secretary:** Minutes distributed by email 11/12/2011. Motion to approve minutes by Kathy Harris; seconded by Shari Thompson. Motion approved.

<b>Treasurer:</b> Joan Swanson	December 7, 2011
Checking Acct.	1,392.10
Savings Acct.	87,947.27
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	8,056.00
State Farm CD #2	8,050.11
State Farm CD #3	7,544.19
Money Market	State Farm
	537.83
Restricted Bond Fund	Endowment Account
	28,355.23
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	Total Assets
	180,221.65

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Kathy Harris; seconded by Laura Cotter. Motion approved.

**Vice President/By-Laws:** Kathy Harris - See bylaws section.

**Quilt Show:** Donata Pfisterer/Kathy Zimmer

- Kathy and Donata met with TCC personnel to finalize plans for the show. They reported that the restrooms have been fixed. No new tables and chairs have been purchased due to budget constraints and problems with Rio Nuevo.
- They noted that the Occupy Tucson is currently located under the pedestrian bridge on Broadway. This bridge is where the quilt show banner is traditionally hung. Members are being asked to call their council persons to request the removal of the Occupy Tucson group and their unsightly campsites.
- Other shows scheduled for the Quilt Fiesta! weekend include the Native American show in the Grand Lobby, and a coin show in the ballroom.

**Membership:** Colleen Babcock

- The Tucson Quilters Guild currently has 649 members, 90 of them are new members.
- A few updates have been made to the Membership database and a new copy sent to be posted on the web.

- Colleen is in the process of updating the membership director job description, the member guidelines, and the 2012 new member packet to be given to new members beginning in January.
- Colleen will also be updating the membership brochure.
- Colleen requested that the member fee not be changed for fiscal year 2012.

**Programs:** Joline Albaugh/Judy Gilmartin

- February: Paula Nadelstern – workshops full.
- March: Susan Cleveland - 4 spaces available on Friday.
- April: Carol Taylor – Workshop full.
- May: Karen Eckmeier – 11 spaces available on Thursday, 13 on Friday.
- June: Sherrill Kahn – 5 sign-ups taken today for workshops. Sherrill has indicated that she does not mind staying in a member's home. Joline is willing to serve as hostess.
- For the Finance committee request Joline has calculated that currently \$18,400 is committed for the 2012 speakers.
- Joline noted that in setting up the schedule for meetings in 2012, there is a problem with the Business meeting date of July 4 falling on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. Discussion was tabled until next month about this problem.
- Joline has checked and inventoried the 4 existing quilt hanging racks that Programs uses. It was determined that one needs to be replaced – she will order a new one since she has money in her budget to cover this expense.

**Members-at-large:** Marie Morris – absent.

**Bears:** Margaret Newman

- New bears have been purchased; some have been given out already. No bears have been delivered recently.

**Bees:** Laura Cotter

- Nothing new to report.

**Block of the Month:** Kay Hendricks/ Evelyn George

- January block is Shadow Box.
- Kay is retiring from the Block of the Month.
- Evelyn will continue as BOM chairman for 2012 but with a different format. Instead of have a BOM and drawing for blocks each month Evelyn proposes offering a 'Pattern of the Month' or mini patterns for quilt related items. Also, she will solicit pattern ideas from members to augment her own patterns.
- Evelyn will remove the statement 'to be used as you wish' from her guidelines to help prevent copyright issues.

**Bylaws:** Kathy Harris

- Kathy presented 2 proposed changes to the Bylaws. These include:
  - **Article IV, Section 7** currently reads:  
*Any Director of the Guild who misses three (3) Business meetings in a fiscal year shall be removed from office.* An election will be held to fill that position for the remainder of the term other than as provided by in Article VI. An Acting Director shall be appointed by the board in the interim.
  - Proposed change: *Any Director of the Guild who misses three (3) business meetings in a fiscal year for reasons other than an excused absence as approved by the President or Vice President may be removed from office.*

- **Article X: Funds and Fiscal Year**

**Section 3:** (Move old wording to Section 4) All Checks and Monies offered for purposes of donations to charity shall be made out to TQG and any checks to the charity are written from the Guild Treasury.

- **Section 4:** Keep wording the same as old Section 3.

- Mary Meserve nominated Laurie Mullins to serve as Member at Large in the interim. Kathy seconded the motion to accept the nomination. Motion approved.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Laurie Mullins

- Laurie has obtained a box of sympathy cards and a box of get well cards to use.
- Cards have been sent as needed.

**Education:** Ruth Martin

- SAAVI is going well. Ruth will be calling volunteers to schedule February through May dates.
- AZ Historical Society requests a listing of all 2012 projects for First Saturday Family Activities and speakers for Second Saturday Meet the Quilter programs by February 1.
- A quilting frame with a cheater cloth will be set up in the museum from mid February until the end of the year. When it is not staffed it will be displayed but roped off from the public. Quilting for Others volunteered to provide this quilt.

**Guild Pins:** Patty Kruse No report

**Finance Committee:** Marie Morris No report

**Historian:** Cathy Dargel No report

**Holiday Blocks:** Shari Thompson

- Ribbon toppers are made.
- Karen will help on Tuesday evening; Mary will help on Wednesday morning. Jan Wright, former member will be in town and will attend the Guild as a guest.
- The budget will need to be increased next year to \$25 to cover the cost of the printed ribbons and copy expenses.
- Shari is questioning the need to continue with the Holiday block program. Over the past several years there has been an average of 50 participants in the block exchange each year.

**Hospitality:** Christine McCollum

- Marie Luongo reported that everything is under control for the Holiday Celebrations next week with 66 signed up for the evening meeting and about 160 in the morning.

**Library:** Donata Pfisterer /Kathryn Wald

- Closed in December. Kathy Zimmer will collect any books that are returned.

**Newsletter:** Margaret Newman

- January article due date is 12/20/2011.
- February due date is 1/24/2012.

**Nominating committee:**

**Organizations:**

- NQA
- AZ Quilters' Hall of Fame: 3 new board members include Joan Swanson, Mary Meserve, and Toni Wilson.
- Home of the Brave
- Quilt for a Cause

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

- All items have been distributed.

**Quilting for Others:** Mary Bazzano

- Over 220 pillowcases were received in November, 192 of these were turned in by 2 members. They will be recognized in the newsletter.
- The newsletter has a list of the recipients of quilts, stockings and pillowcases.
- We still have 60 pillowcases, 60 stockings and 30 quilts in the storeroom.

**Raffle Quilts:** Kathryn Wald

- 2012
- 2013 Only one block has not been returned

**Website:** Meg Silvern

- No report this month.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- Kathy Hutcheson from the Saddlebrook Friday Quilters requested permission to sell raffle tickets at the January and February general meetings for a charity quilts. Evelyn moved to permit, Joan seconded. Motion approved.
- Carolyn and Judi Bennett requested permission to sell raffle tickets for a charity quilt made by the Cactus Quilters from Rincon Country West. Kathy Harris moved to permit, Margaret Newman seconded. Motion approved.
- Laurie presented an idea for a new committee to be formed. The purpose of this committee will be to collect quilts and related items to help support patients at the V.A. hospital and nursing home. In addition support will also be provided to new moms. Items needed include twin size quilts, lap quilts – approx. 3' x 5'; baby quilts – approx. 3' square, heart pillows, tote bags, knitted caps and shawls. Kathy Hutcheson volunteered to have her knitting group – the Knitwits - contribute knitted items. This new committee will be called H.O.W. – an acronym for Help Our Warriors.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:02 am.