

Tucson Quilters' Guild
Business Meeting
January 4, 2012

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

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

Attendees: Colleen Babcock, Laura Cotter, Cathy Dargel, Sally Dickinson, Evelyn George, Judy Gilmartin, Kathy Harris, Kay Hendricks, Marie Luongo, Ruth Martin, Christine McCollum, Mary Meserve, Marie Morris, Laurie Mullins, Donata Pfisterer, Meg Silvern, Joan Swanson, Shari Thompson, Kathryn Wald, Alice Wilder, Kathy Zimmer

Secretary: Minutes distributed by email 12/8/2011. Motion to approve minutes by Kathy Harris; seconded by Cathy Dargel. Motion approved.

Treasurer: Joan Swanson	January 4, 2012
Checking Acct.	875.25
Savings Acct.	83,435.92
Petty Cash	200.00
Fixed Assets	Accumulated
	Depreciation
Equipment-Fixed assets	9,177.47
State Farm Bond Fund	Unrestricted
State Farm CD #1	8,056.00
State Farm CD #2	8,055.18
State Farm CD #3	7,544.19
Money Market	State Farm
Restricted Bond Fund	Endowment Account
	28,355.23
Total Assets	175,198.70

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Cathy Dargel; seconded by Kathy Harris. Motion approved.

Vice President/By-Laws: Kathy Harris

- See Bylaws entry.

Quilt Show: Donata Pfisterer/Kathy Zimmer

- Everything is ready.

Membership: Colleen Babcock

- Membership numbers remain the same as last month, although several people at the December meeting were interested in joining. The Tucson Quilters Guild currently has 649 members; 90 of these are new members.
- Colleen is currently working on the New Member Packets for the Quilt Fiesta! Everyone has been great providing updates to the committee pages. Thanks
- The Tucson Quilters Guild Brochure is also being updated; Colleen will send it for review later this week.
- The Membership Guidelines have been updated. The latest version was sent to the board on Tuesday. A vote is needed on the changes that have been made. Joan Swanson moved to approve changes made to the Member Guidelines; Marie Morris seconded. Motion passed.
- Colleen sent the Guild Calendar which previously had been part of the Membership Guidelines as a separate document. Colleen recommends that we have a discussion as to whether this is actually needed. Cathy Dargel moved that we have a calendar as a

separate document; Joan Swanson seconded. Motion approved. Discussion was held about changes, corrections and additions to the calendar.

- Colleen will have 50 New Member Packets available for the Quilt Show and will be accepting renewals as well as new member registrations.

Programs: Joline Albaugh/Judy Gilmartin

- February: Paula Nadelstern
- March: Susan Cleveland – Openings available in the Thread class.
- April: Carol Taylor
- May: Karen Eckmeier – Both workshops have openings.
- June: Sherrill Kahn – Two day workshop has openings.
- No changes have been made to the Programs report since December.

Members-at-large: Marie Morris/Laurie Mullins

- No concerns to report this month.

Bears: Margaret Newman

- No bears were donated in December.

Bees: Laura Cotter

- Bees are quiet this month.

Block of the Month: Kay Hendricks/ Evelyn George

- February's block, "Sweetheart Block", will be the final block for the current Block of the Month drawing.
- Evelyn is soliciting ideas for the new Pattern of the Month program.
- Evelyn asked about funding for the new program. She will need to submit a budget request to the Finance committee at the February business meeting for inclusion in the 2012 budget.

Bylaws: Kathy Harris

- Copies of proposed Bylaw changes were distributed at the Business meeting. These proposals will be introduced in January at the general meetings, then published in the February newsletter, and finally voted upon at the February general meetings

Corresponding Secretary: Laurie Mullins

- 3 or 4 cards were sent in the past month. Anne Berry is in hospice care. She has been sent a card.
- Kathryn Wald had received a card. She suggested that the signature on the card be from the Tucson Quilters Guild, not the Tucson Quilt Guild.

Education: Ruth Martin

- SAAVI spring workshops will begin on Friday.
- A program at the Martha Cooper Library will begin in the fall with a 4-patch pillow project.
- The committee is working on coordinating the schedule of the various programs at the AZ Historical society during the Centennial Quilt Exhibition.
- Evelyn suggested that Ruth prepare a poster to be displayed with the Centennial Quilt at our Quilt Fiesta! The poster will advertise the AHS programs that are planned. It was also suggested that bookmark sized handouts with the schedule be made available so interested attendees can take one with them.

Guild Pins: Patty Kruse No report

Finance Committee: Marie Morris

- If any committees want or need an increase in their budget for the next year, then that information needs to be submitted to the committee at the February business meeting.
- The committee will meet in mid-February to plan the new budget.
- The committee has looked at alternate banks. Hughes Federal Credit Union looks to be the best choice if a change is necessary. Currently Joan does not feel a change is needed since our current bank, Bank of America, meets our needs. As long as Joan deposits all checks in to checking, then transfers the funds into savings, there are no service charges or fees incurred.

- Use of the credit card reader for the Quilt Show Small Quilt Auction has been approved. If this device works out at the show, then use for other Guild business may be considered later. Kathryn expressed concern about the availability of people willing to volunteer their phone for use with the device and who would be qualified and willing to accept the responsibility to use the device. Currently both Mary Meserve and Meg Silvern have volunteered use of their phones at no cost to the Guild.
- Marie raised the question of changing the bylaws to extend the time that the current Treasurer can serve in the position. Another member, Cathy Dargel, has agreed to run for the position, making any changes unnecessary at this time. Cathy did raise the question about serving as Treasurer for two different organizations at the same time. It was decided that this is not a conflict of interest so that she can serve in this position.

Help Our Warriors (HOW):

- 12 heart pillows, 4 quilts (2 were baby blankets) were taken to the V.A. Hospital.
- Donations of books, games, and clothing (all in new or gently used condition) will be accepted.
- The first meeting of the committee will be on February 20 from 1- 4 pm at Bella's.
- The second meeting will be on March 19 from 1 - 4 pm at Bella's.

Historian: Cathy Dargel

- The storeroom has been reorganized. If anyone has anything to place in the storeroom then the boxes need to be labeled to specify exactly what is stored within them.
- Some minutes from earlier years are missing.
- Kathy Harris recommended that old tax records be shredded at Guild expense. We only need to keep 5 years of past records at a time. There are many more years of records in the storeroom.

Holiday Blocks: Shari Thompson

- The semi-finalist blocks will be voted on at the January General meetings.
- Discussion was held about continuing the Holiday Block program since participation is dwindling. It was decided that the program will continue for the next year, with added publicity in the newsletter to encourage participation.

Hospitality: Christine McCollum

- Over 1,000 items were donated to the Emerge Shelter from Guild members donations. Christine expressed her concern and dismay over donations from some Guild members not being as expected. In some cases, a member donated a single toothbrush. It may be that next year donation requests will need to be more specific.

Library: Donata Pfisterer /Kathryn Wald

- The Library will be open in January for the General meetings.
- In February there will be a book sale held.

Newsletter: Margaret Newman

- January 25 is the deadline for article submission for the February newsletter.
- Margaret has been doing an outstanding job with the newsletter.

Nominating committee:

- There is much difficulty finding members willing to serve in elected positions on the Board.
- Mary will ask at the evening meeting for volunteers.
- Laurie will run for Member-at-Large. Cathy Dargel will run for Treasurer. Still needed – Recording Secretary, Membership, Quilt Show (2), and Programs (1).

Organizations:

- NQA
- AZ Quilters' Hall of Fame – The AZ Secretary of State will be the guest speaker at the opening ceremony of the 100 Quilt Exhibition at the AZ Historical Society on February 18.
- Home of the Brave – The Chair person has resigned so currently there is no activity.

- Quilt for a Cause – Two new patterns, Tucson Tapestry and Desert House, by Michelle Watts and Jain Barrett, respectively, will be available for sale at the Quilt Fiesta at the Quilt for a Cause booth. Nominations for Quilt Shop of the Year are being solicited for 2012. The Quilter' Market is not eligible for the award this year.

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

- No news this month.

Quilting for Others: Mary Bazzano

- There is a good article in the January newsletter about QFO.

Raffle Quilts: Kathryn Wald/Kathy Harris

- 2013
- 2014 – A committee is needed to begin work on selecting the pattern for this quilt.

Website: Meg Silvern

- Everything is fine. Please send Meg any items needed for the web. She will not go looking for information form members to post.

Old Business:

- Discussion about the July meeting schedule (the first Wednesday is a holiday, July 4) has been postponed. Sally Dickinson suggested that any Director who is unable to attend be excused due to the change in schedule.

New Business:

- A request was received from Carolyn Moser for white gloves and 25 member volunteers to work at the AZ Historical Society's opening of the 100 Quilt Exhibition on 2/18/2012. We can provide the gloves; however members should not be asked to help prior to our own Quilt Fiesta! since it would be confusing to members who need to hostess at our show. It is not clear if the Historical Society liaison is aware of this request. The quilts will be spread throughout the museum's regular exhibits.

Meeting adjourned: 11:15 am.