

Tucson Quilters' Guild
Business Meeting
April 3, 2013

Meeting called to order by Reilly Zoda at 9:30 a.m.

- 11 Board members present.
- 7 Committee Chairs present.
- 2 Guests

Attendees: Esther Ames, Kathy Barton, Mary Bazzano, Jean Biddick, Mary Blount, Cathy Dargel, Sally Dickinson, Evelyn George, Connie German, Kathy Harris, Mary Irion, Dave Kuskulis, Ruth Martin, Christine McCollum, Mary Meserve, Marie Morris, Meg Silvern, Joan Swanson, Shari Thompson, Reilly Zoda.

Secretary: Joline Albaugh distributed the minutes by email on March 21, 2013. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Marie Morris and seconded by Cathy Dargel. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Cathy Dargel	April 4, 2013
Checking Acct.	\$8,479.15
Checking Acct. 2	Credit Card Acct. 25.00
Savings Acct.	102,197.27
Petty Cash	200.00
State Farm Bond	Unrestricted Fund 35,798.61
State Farm CD #1	8,073.79
State Farm CD #2	8,071.96
State Farm CD #3	7,560.82
S.F. Money Market	540.22
S.F. Restricted Bond	Endowment Fund 29,735.77
Total Current Assets	\$200,682.59
Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Depreciation	(8,759.00)
Equipment-Fixed Assets	9,177.47
Total Fixed Assets	418.47
Total Assets	\$201,101.06

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Financial Report was made by Marie Morris and seconded by Kathy Harris. Motion passed.

Cathy reported that the IRS has added the Guild's 2011 tax filing to the audit, as was expected. The State Farm Bond Funds are the crux of the issue. The intention for these funds was recorded in the minutes for the September 2009 Business Meeting. Erroneous information provided by an earlier tax preparer led to the current problems. The IRS will determine whether the Guild needs to pay for the errors. If so, Cathy reports, the cost will be approximately \$800.00

per year for the three years currently in question. This amount includes back taxes, interest and penalties.

The Guild must use the interest from the Endowment Fund for grants. Sally Dickinson asked if 90% could be used with 10% left each year to continue the growth of the Endowment Fund principal.

A continuing problem is the slowness of authorized signer changes with the investment funds. The changes are made in Tucson, but take inordinately long to reach New York.

As previously determined, Cathy closed out the Guild's safe deposit box.

Vice President/By-Laws: Sally Dickinson

- President Reilly Zoda and Program Co-chair Kathy Barton joined Sally in negotiating the new contract for use of St. Francis Cabrini facilities for Guild activities. There is a modest increase in fees. Conflicts with Church activities were discussed. A different location will be required for the April 2015 Business Meeting as it falls during Holy Week. The new contract is in effect beginning April 2013.
- Sally is making notes on needed changes in the Guild By-Laws. Job descriptions need to be updated.

Endowment/Donations: Marie Morris

- No Report.

Quilt Show: Jean Biddick/Dave Kuskulis

- Jean reported that Quilt Show packets expected to be completed by the end of April. At the Quilt Show meeting on March 29, 2013, it was determined to retire the Ed Seright award. The award was started prior to the Guild having professional judges. There has been little current interest in participating in the voting. The Show budget was distributed on 3/29. All committees now have chairpersons.

Membership: Mary Meserve

- Mary reported that there are currently 422 members, 51 of whom are new. She has entered the information on a new Access database which is accessible on the Guild website. She has committee interest reports available.
- Mary is working on a Guild brochure and seeking comments. She also is seeking input on a welcoming event for new members.
- Mary Irion, a new member, stated a welcoming email would be helpful. She stated that it is easy to feel overwhelmed in the monthly meeting with its large attendance and would like more information on all aspects of the Guild's activities and costs.

- It was noted that new members who joined at the Fiesta did not receive the Guild packet. We need to encourage them to pick one up at a general meeting. Another suggestion was to highlight a new member's membership card so that others know they are new and can reach out with introductions and invitations.

Programs: Kathy Barton/Mary Blount

- Kathy reported ongoing concern about workshop sign-ups. She asked the Board to consider one workshop per speaker-month or one planned with an option to add a second if interest is sufficient. She seeks future discussion.
- In working within the budget, Kathy and Mary have planned for two "big name" quilters with the other six to be "rising stars" but not yet so expensive.
- Kathy Harris commented that listing upcoming workshops with dates and titles in the newsletter for several months in advance is imperative as people often plan activities well in advance.

Members-at-large: Kathy Harris/Esther Ames

- Kathy Harris reported that she received a comment that the Guild is too large and unfriendly.
- Esther Ames passed on the name of a potential member to Membership.

Bears: Open

- There is still no chair for Bears, but Christine McCollum and Marie Luongo are making patterns and kits for bear clothing. Making kits helped increase activity on pillowcases and stockings. Christine is passing the kits on to Margaret Newman for distribution at meetings.

Bees: Ruth Martin

- Ruth reported that she is hoping to find more of the Bees that include Guild members and will highlight interested Bees occasionally in upcoming newsletters. New members are often seeking a Bee. Being involved in a small group helps with the often overwhelming size and anonymity of the general meetings.

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

- Evelyn showed samples of the Oriental Box Puzzle (which goes by several names) that is the Pattern of the Month in the April newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

- Mary sent a card to Judy Teitler whose husband passed away.

Education: Open

- No Report.

Guild Pins: Joan Swanson/Colleen Babcock

- Joan reported that she has received one new Guild pin design to date. A request for designs will be restated at the general meetings.

Finance Committee: Marie Morris

- No Report.

Historian: Cathy Dargel

- Cathy is getting old minutes on the web as time permits. The history trivia questions that Reilly Zoda is putting in the newsletter are garnering a few responses.

Holiday Blocks: Shari Thompson

- Shari is continuing to provide monthly newsletter articles urging participation in the Holiday Block exchange.

Hospitality: Christine McCollum/Marie Luongo

- No Report.

Library: Donata Pfisterer /Kathryn Wald

- Donata sent a report reminding that there will be a Used Book Sale in May.

Newsletter: Margaret Newman

- Mary Meserve reported that the due date for May articles is April 17, 2013.

Nominations: Open

- No Report

Organizations:

- NQA- Kathy Harris reported that several Guild members have patterns in NQA's *Quilting Quarterly*. One of Sally Dickinson's quilts is pictured in the current issue.
- AZ Quilters' Hall of Fame- Colleen Babcock

Cathy Dargel reported that nominations are open for Quilters and Shop of the Year. Shops are not eligible for consecutive awards so this year "Quilters Desert Patch" is not eligible.

- Quilt for a Cause –Evelyn George

Evelyn reported that QFAC is wrapping up the donation year. Up to nine members of the current board of thirteen are retiring. QFAC has three potential new members and are looking for more.

Records Keeper: Joan Swanson

- Joan noted that she has received an abundance of information about the Guild's work. She asked whether the data should be published in the newsletter or on the website and whether it should be a monthly or annual report. The consensus was to publish quarterly and annual reports in both the newsletter and the website.

Quilt-a-thon: Colleen Babcock

- Mary Bazzano reported that Colleen has collected material for kits to be made for the Quilt-a-thon.

Quilting for Others: Mary Bazzano

- Mary reported that many of the quilts distributed for quilting have been returned. She is working on finding quilters for the large quilts.

Raffle Quilts: Karen Fisher

- 2014 – The finished quilt is expected back in the next two weeks.
- 2015- Evelyn George is working on the pattern for her design which will be used for the 2015 Raffle Quilt. The patterns will be published and sold.
- 2016- Designs are needed for the 2016 Raffle Quilt. Designs will be voted upon at the December 2013 meetings.

Website: Meg Silvern

- Meg reported the new membership roster is on the website.

Old Business:

- Kathy Barton announced that Programs has budgeted for a speaker, but no workshop in July 2013. Debbie Gordon comes with high recommendations and will present her talk “Not for Warmth Alone”.

New Business:

- Reilly Zoda announced that the Business Meeting Agenda will be on the website one week before each meeting. Each attendee is responsible for printing her or his own copy prior to the meeting. Reilly will not be printing multiple copies.
- Shari Thompson recommended that the website password be printed on the annual membership card rather than be handwritten. This year membership ran out of printed labels to affix to the backs of cards and membership helpers wrote the password on many cards. Differing handwritings and writing styles caused considerable confusion.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Harris and seconded by Marie Morris.

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Martin,
Acting Secretary