

Tucson Quilters' Guild
Business Meeting
April 2, 2014

Meeting called to order by Reilly Zoda at 9:32 am.

- 12 Board members present.
- 14 Committee Chairs present.
- 0 Members present
- 0 Guests present

Attendees: Colleen Babcock, Kathryn Barton, Mary Bazzano, Cathy M. Dargel, Sally Dickinson, Connie German, Evelyn George, Kathy Harris, Barbara Heiman, Dave Kuskulis, Marie Luongo, Christine McCollum, Mary Meserve, Marie Morris, Joey Nakagawa, Donata Pfisterer, Janet Rupp, Roberta Sipes, Joan Swanson, Reilly Zoda

Secretary: Barbara Heiman-Minutes distributed via email by Sally Dickinson on 3/6/2014.
Joan Swanson moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Kathy Harris and passed.

Treasurer: Kathy Barton	March 4, 2014
Checking Acct.	\$41,581.12
Checking Acct. #2	Credit Card Acct. \$25.00
Savings Acct.	\$40,240.11
Petty Cash	\$200.00
State Farm Bond Fund	Unrestricted \$100,048.88
State Farm CD # 1465	\$7,565.35
Restricted Bond Fund	Endowment Account \$28,663.18
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Total Assets	\$136,276.38

Note: The March statement is not available this early in the month. The amounts above represent Kathy's records.

Kathy Harris moved to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Cathy Dargel and passed.

As an addendum to the treasurer's report, Cathy Dargel reported that, as directed at the February Business Meeting, she closed the final 90 day CD that the Guild had with State Farm. Monies were transferred electronically into the unrestricted Bond Fund with State Farm. The Guild now owns only the Restricted and the Unrestricted Bonds with State Farm. Currently, there are only two signatures on this account: Kathy Harris and Cathy Dargel. This should be changed with the next update. Kathy Barton took responsibility for making this change.

Also on March 24, Tracy Mitchell, our State Farm Agent, prepared a State Farm Printout showing our balances in the two funds as of February 28, 2014, the end of our fiscal year. Those printouts were given to Kathy Barton to be turned over to the Tax Preparer. Thus ends Cathy Dargel's Treasurer responsibilities.

On March 17, Cathy Dargel filed a list of the 2014-2015 Tucson Quilters Guild Board officers with names and addresses. This is in preparation for the Corporation Filing that is due in April. (Actually, the filing is due in June.) Kathy Barton took responsibility for the filing.

Vice President/By-Laws: Sally Dickinson

- No report

Endowment/Donations: Marie Morris

- See Finance Committee report later in these minutes.

Quilt Show: Davis Kuskulis/Joan Swanson

- The contract with TCC for 2015 was signed. Parking fees will be \$8.
- Dave reported that he will check details of the downtown trolley service (costs, parking lots, parking fees, etc.) to report to the membership in September. This will give members an option for getting to the Show.
- A number of DVDs for the 2014 show need to be picked up.
- There will be a Small Quilt Auction in 2015 with proceeds going to Mobile Meals of Tucson.

Membership: Mary Meserve

- We currently have 400 members, including 57 new members
- A substitute membership committee representative is needed for the May meeting.

Programs: Connie German/Janet Rupp

- The committee is ready for the April meeting. There are currently 8 signed up for the Thursday workshop and 16 for Friday.
- For the July meeting, the current plan is to bring in a judge from the Phoenix area. She will be discussing the judging process.

Members-at-large: Roberta Sipes/Kathy Harris

- Roberta has taken several comments from members. She will be making an announcement at the April meeting to introduce herself and her role as member-at-large, plus making herself available at the break for more comments. Here are some of the comments:
 - Keep announcements tight so speaker starts earlier and meeting is shorter.
 - At the Quilt Show, when ribbon winners are asked to stand beside their quilt, we need to make them more visible. Roberta described her solution which was a sign with an arrow that said, "Ask me about this quilt."
 - There was a question from a member about judging special interest quilts (President's Challenge, Kid's Row, Holiday Blocks, and New Member Challenge). The question was if they were judged in this special category along with all other judged quilt. The answer is that they are not judged by the "judges", but rather are voted upon by members. Dave Kuskulis recommended that Roberta write a newsletter article with the answer to this question.

Bears: Christine McCollum

- We have new bears and will start to distribute them in April.

- Storage space is needed for dressed bears. The suggestion was to use our storage facility.

Bees: Ruth Martin

- The new art quilt bee on the northwest side is full and has asked to be removed from the newsletter. There was a suggestion that the bee remain in the newsletter with a notation that they are no longer accepting new members.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

- Odie Elliott is ill. Mary plans to visit and/or send a card.

Education: Rachel Roberts

- No report

Finance: Marie Morris

- Marie recommends reviewing the bond funds in December to determine the endowments budget early the following year. The total earnings so far from the restricted bond fund is \$3,516.49. Per our tax advisor, we should hold 10% of this and give away the remaining. However, the proceeds from the Small Quilt Auction counts as donations, so there is no immediate need to distribute endowments.
- On a related note, the Arizona Historical Society has asked for \$1,000 in order to purchase an antique quilt (the “Lost Goldie” quilt). Joan Swanson moved that the Guild donate \$1,000 to the Arizona Historical Society for the purchase of this quilt. The motion was seconded by Donata Pfisterer and passed.
- Marie Morris moved that \$1,000 be added to the Endowments budget to cover this donation to the Arizona Historical Society. The motion was seconded by Colleen Babcock and passed. The request will be brought to the general meetings, as exceptions to the budget over \$500 must have general membership approval.

Guild Pins: Joan Swanson/Colleen Babcock

- New pins have been ordered. The committee hopes to have them available for the May meetings. 250 pins at \$562 were ordered to get free shipping. This is \$62 over-budget, as discussed with the president before ordering. The pins will be sold for \$5 and the budget overage should be quickly covered.

Historian: Cathy Dargel

- The lock to the storeroom (Room 216) has been replaced. Cathy Dargel and Mary Bazzano have the only 2 keys.

Holiday Blocks: Judy Gilmartin

- No report

Hospitality: Christine McCollum

- No report

Library: Donata Pfisterer /Kathryn Wald

- A used book sale will be held in April at both meetings.

Newsletter: Joey Nakagawa

- Due date for articles for the May newsletter will be Friday, April 18.

Nominations: Open

- A chair is needed.

Organizations:

- NQA: Kathy Harris reported that we've been asked to send material for inclusion on the website, such as member spotlights, etc. Also, our membership renewal is due in June.
- AZ Quilters' Hall of Fame: Colleen Babcock reported that they are getting ready to conduct their second online auction of small quilts. There is an article in the newsletter and Joan Swanson has entry forms. Colleen also reminded us that nominations for inductees / shop of the year are due in mid-May. Opportunity quilt raffle tickets are available from Joan. Cathy Dargel asked for permission to sell tickets at the September meetings. Kathy Barton moved to allow these sales. The motion was seconded by Donata Pfisterer and passed.
- Quilt for a Cause: Evelyn George announced that the raffle quilt winner will be drawn at the Wednesday meeting, immediately after the break. (This announcement at the meeting has already been approved by the Board.) QFAC asked for permission to sell raffle tickets for another quilt in October. Donata Pfisterer moved to allow these sales. The motion was seconded by Joan Swanson and passed.

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

- The pattern for April will be Stars for the Quiltathon. Evelyn will be asking members to make blocks and donate them to the Quilt-a-thon. Evelyn has designed several twin size quilt layouts using these blocks for the Quilt-a-thon.

Public Record Keeper: ~~Joan Swanson~~ Kathy Harris

- Another plea for a replacement for this position was made. Kathy Harris volunteered.

Quilt-a-thon: Paula Zidel

- The initial planning for the Quilt-a-thon was to give quilts to Emerge (organization for victims of domestic abuse), but they wanted only twin quilts that were quilted and not tied. Paula has now determined that the twin size is impractical and is looking for another organization.

Quilting for Others: Mary Bazzano

- With the change in focus for the Quilt-a-thon, it was recommended that Evelyn's twin size patterns be put out to the membership. Quilts made using these patterns could be donated to Quilting for Others with the possibility of eventual donation to Emerge.

Raffle Quilts: Karen Fisher/Terry Gallegos

- 2015 Quilt is still in progress.
- 2016 No report

Website: Meg Silvern

- The password has been changed.

Old Business:

- The Board meeting room is available for the Saturday meetings, as voted on at the March Board meeting. So the dates for the next 3 board meetings are the following:
Wed, May 7, 9:30 a.m.
Sat, May 31 (June Board Meeting), 9:30 a.m.
Sat, June 28 (July Board Meeting), 9:30 a.m.
The Board recommends a prominent mention of this experiment in the Newsletter.

New Business:

- Kathy Harris gave an update on the Washington state mudslide. In addition to the losses reported on our Facebook account, another quilter who had just moved from Alaska to Washington lost her life. Kathy recommended donations to the Oso relief effort (she has the detailed information). Gas cards are particularly welcome.
- Christine McCollum volunteered to make chocolate chip cookies for sale at the April meetings with proceeds donated to the mudslide victims. Cathy Dargel moved that these sales be permitted. The motion was seconded by Cathy German and passed.
- Colleen Babcock requested permission to sell raffle tickets at the September meetings to benefit Sr Jose Women's Shelter. Kathy Harris moved that these sales be permitted. The motion was seconded by Joan Swanson and passed.

Joan Swanson moved to adjourn 10:48 a.m.