

Tucson Quilters' Guild
Business Meeting
December 3, 2014

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

- 9 Board members present.
- 12 Committees represented.
- 2 additional members present.

Attendees:

Board: Kathy Barton, Sally Dickinson, Connie German, Kathy Harris, Barbara Heiman, Mary Meserve, Janet Rupp, Joan Swanson, Reilly Zoda

Committee: Mary Bazzano, Evelyn George, Kathy Harris, Marie Luongo, Ruth Martin, Mary Meserve, Christine McCollum, Donata Pfisterer, Meg Silvern

Members: Alice Wilder, Kay Hendricks

Visitors: None

Secretary: Sally Dickinson distributed the minutes on behalf of acting secretary Kathy Barton by email on Nov 19, 2014. Joan Swanson moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Kathy Harris and passed.

Treasurer: Kathy Barton

- Kathy Barton reported total assets of approximately \$222,000, an increase of almost \$9,000. Balance sheet details are attached at the end of these minutes. Kathy noted that most of the increase in assets is because TCC returned roughly \$7000 in hall rental fees in gratitude for the long association of the TQG with TCC. Sally Dickinson moved to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Connie German and passed.

Vice President/By-Laws: Sally Dickinson

- No report as vice president. However, Sally did bring a show-and-share piece that she created for the SQA from a thrift store embroidery piece. This idea is a potential candidate for a future Pattern of the Month.

Endowment/Donations: Marie Morris

- No report

Quilt Show: Dave Kuskulis/Joan Swanson

- There will be a lounge with big-screen TV at the Quilt Show for husbands and other attendees.
- There will be a "Sack Sitter" booth run by scouting organizations where attendees can leave their purchases or coats (no purses). Donata Pfisterer noted that Arizona Cine will donate drapes, poles, coat racks, etc. for this booth.
- Joan noted that the Quilt Show committee is considering changing the date of the 2016 show to the third weekend in February--after the Gem Show, after the Phoenix AQS show. Discussion ensued with regards to the impact of this change on two areas of Guild operation. First, with the financial year ending in February, the later Quilt Show date makes closing the 2015-16 books challenging. Second, this change will have an impact on program scheduling and Janet Rupp asked for notification of this change as soon as the decision is finalized. Generally, the board was amenable to this change. Dave and Joan will pursue this with TCC when Dave returns from vacation and the decision will be made shortly thereafter.
- Kathy Harris suggested using the \$7000 windfall from TCC to reduce parking fees at the convention center, as many members cite this expense as a reason for non-attendance. Although, as noted by Kathy Barton, the \$7000 is a one-time fee reduction, it still might be worth trying to see if it is effective in increasing attendance. It was suggested that Dave and Joan ask TCC about this.
- Joan will be including a street car map in the January newsletter with schedules, fares, etc.

Membership: Mary Meserve

- There are 522 members.
- Mary would like to use Microsoft Office (including Microsoft Access) for a fee of \$10 per month. The board recommendation is to compare the differences between the \$10 fee versus purchasing the software outright. The Guild also has two laptops, purchased a few years ago. One was designated for the president, but is primarily used by the Programs Committee, and the other was for membership but its location is unknown. The missing laptop should be found so that the Membership Committee can use it.

Programs: Connie German/Janet Rupp

- The two-day Katie Pasquini Masopust workshop for February has filled. The workshop will be held at the La Quinta Inn at 102 N Alvernon.
- The March workshops with Nancy Prince are nearly full.
- It is worth noting that members wishing to take the April workshops with Maria Elkins should sign up in advance so that they can send in their own photograph for pre-class preparation.

Long Range Planning:

- Kathy Harris reported on some of the survey results to date. There have been 283 responses. Kathy recommended that this be made a standing committee so we can continue to monitor the needs / desires of the members for their guild.
- Reilly noted that other committee members are doing things beyond the survey. For example, Reilly has been contacting other guilds for ideas and recommendations.

Members-at-large: Kathy Harris/Roberta Sipes

- No report

Bears: Christine McCollum

- All bears (70) have been distributed. Bears are closed until March.

Bees: Ruth Martin

- No report

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

- This month's pattern is Recycled Jeans Pocket. Several board members commented on the many uses for this project.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

- No report

Education: Rachel Roberts

- No report

Guild Pins: Diane Bach/Janet Rupp

- No report.

Finance Committee: Marie Morris

- No report

Historian: Cathy Dargel

- No report

Holiday Blocks: Pat Nelson/Judy Gilmartin

- No report

Hospitality: Christine McCollum/Marie Luongo

- The committee is ready for the holiday meetings. Christine noted that Susie Weaver provided excess pins and directed that they should be given out. They will be distributed at the Holiday pot lucks.
- Christine questioned whether their committee should plan to collect holiday blocks. Reilly will contact Judy Gilmartin to make sure that she's planning to do this next week.

Library: Donata Pfisterer /Kathryn Wald

- Since June Doty is on medical leave of absence, volunteers have been identified to sell magazines at the January meetings.

Newsletter: Joey Nakagawa

- Reilly noted that the due date for January articles is December 17, 2014. Note that Joey formats the newsletter on the due date. Late entries may be included on a space-available basis.

Nominations: Reilly Zoda

- There have been no volunteers (including those specifically asked to volunteer) for president and vice president.
- Discussion was held on the need to impress upon the membership that the Guild cannot operate without these and other board positions. Kathy Harris will discuss the survey results at the December and January meetings, emphasizing the findings regarding some members' dissatisfaction with the Board yet lack of interest in filling Board positions.

Organizations:

- NQA- Kathy Harris – No report
- AZ Quilters' Hall of Fame- Cathy Dargel – No report
- Quilt for A Cause- Evelyn George
Evelyn reports approximately \$2000 raised from craft booths in November. They are still looking at the possibility of continuing these types of sales. They may sell table runners and tote bags at the Quilt Show.

Quilt-a-thon:

- A new chair is still needed for next year's Quilt-a-thon.

Quilting for Others: Mary Bazzano

- 200 stockings and 200 pillow cases were given to Candlelighters.

Raffle Quilts: Karen Fisher / Terry Gallegos

- 2015- The quilt is currently at Cactus Quilts.
- 2016- No report, except to note that the quilt top will be displayed in December.

Public Record Keeper: Kathy Harris

- No report

Website: Meg Silvern

- Meg requested that if something is not posted to the website in a timely manner, please send a second reminder.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Kay Hendricks asked permission to sell raffle tickets on behalf of the University of Arizona Faculty Women's Club in February and March. She showed pictures of the quilt which is a Double Wedding Ring design hand-quilted by one of the club members. Donata Pfisterer moved to allow sales in February and March. The motion was seconded by Kathy Barton and passed.
- Sally Dickinson noted that she received phone calls on the second Tuesday of October (the 14th) wondering about the Guild meetings, when the meeting was held on the Tuesday before the 2nd Wednesday; *i.e.*, October 7. Meeting dates are included in the Newsletter and clearly specified on the website as the 2nd Wednesday and the Tuesday evening before. To help members, even though not totally necessary, it might be announced the month prior when the general evening meeting will occur on the first Tuesday.

- A current member missed the Quilt Show entry deadline, even though she read the Newsletter each month. It was recommended to add this deadline as a standing announcement in the Newsletter. Reilly will ask Joey to take care of this.
- Kathy Harris recommended that the website be clarified. Currently, Marie Morris is listed for "Donations" and this led to confusion with a donor trying to contact her to donate quilt materials to the Guild. Her listing should be changed to "Endowments". In addition, it would be a good idea to provide a contact for people (non-members) who wish to donate quilt-related items.
- Kathy Barton noted that our church contact has left church employment and that we need to start discussions for our new contract with the church for the use of the facilities. Kathy will find out who the new contact is and a committee will be empowered to start negotiations when our current contract ends early next year.

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Heiman, Secretary

Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report, Current Month

05/30/14

Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of Dec 2, 2014

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking Account \$43,680.05

Savings Account \$40,247.47

Petty Cash \$100.00

Checking 2 Cr CD \$25.00

Total Checking/Savings \$84,052.52

Other Current Assets

State Farm Restricted B F \$30,794.18

S.Farm Unrestricted B F \$108,132.70Total Other Current Assets \$138,926.88

Total Current Assets \$222,979.40