

Tucson Quilters' Guild
Business Meeting
June 3, 2015

Meeting called to order by Roberta Sipes at 9:30 a.m.

- 11 Board members present.
- 10 Committees represented.
- 1 additional member present.

Attendees:

Board: Betty Anderson, Kathy Barton, Sally Dickinson, Evelyn George, Connie German, Barbara Heiman, Mary Meserve, Elaine Romanelli, Roberta Sipes, Joan Swanson, Reilly Zoda

Committee: Colleen Babcock, Diane Bach, Mary Bazzano, Cathy Dargel, Marie Luongo, Christine McCollum, Marie Morris, Meg Silvern, Kathryn Wald, Paulette Worman

Members: Alice Wilder

Visitors: None

The group completed the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame ballot.

Secretary: Barbara Heiman

- Barbara Heiman distributed the finalized minutes on May 29, 2015. Mary Meserve moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Elaine Romanelli and passed.

Treasurer: Kathy Barton

- Kathy Barton reported total assets of approximately \$226,000. (Details in appendix.) Sally Dickinson moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Joan Swanson and passed.
- There was discussion on the new computers. (See May 2015 minutes.) Sally Dickinson moved to spend up to \$2000 for two new computers and software. The motion was seconded by Elaine Romanelli. It was noted that \$1000 had been budgeted for new equipment and the additional \$1000 could be taken from net income, since the budget showed profit exceeding this \$1000. The motion passed.

Vice President/By-Laws: Elaine Romanelli

- Elaine discussed several potential changes to the by-laws. The first changed the fiscal year from March 1 through last day of February to July 1 through June 30. There was discussion regarding the membership year with consensus to leaving it as is. There was also a discussion regarding the TCC payments for Quilt Fiesta! The first half of the payment is typically due early in the year prior to the show. This change would

mean that the Guild would have to make three payments before June 2016. Kathy Barton noted that the first half payment for the 2016 show has already been budgeted for the short fiscal year (March 1 2015 through June 30 2016) and that the budget for the next fiscal year would account for both the remaining payment for the 2016 show and for the first half payment for the 2017 show. Elaine Romanelli moved that the fiscal year and related financial dates be changed in the by-laws as noted above with other dates to remain unchanged. The motion was seconded by Marie Morris and passed.

- Elaine Romanelli moved to add a by-laws statement limiting committee chairs to a 10-year term of office. The motion was seconded by Marie Morris. It was noted that this change was recommended by the five-year planning committee based on survey results. The motion was defeated.
- Elaine Romanelli moved to add a by-laws statement excusing board members from dues. The motion was seconded by Marie Morris. It was noted that this change was recommended by the five-year planning committee as a way of encouraging more volunteers for board positions. The motion was defeated.
- Elaine Romanelli moved to clarify the by-laws requirement for an internal financial audit from annually to the end of a treasurer's term. The motion was seconded by Marie Morris and passed.
- The by-law changes need to be posted on the web-site, announced at the June meetings and voted on at the July meetings.

Endowment/Donations: Sally Dickinson

- Sally reported one volunteer for the committee, in addition to the volunteers from the May business meeting. She plans to conduct committee business via e-mail after June 13.

Quilt Show: Joan Swanson / Betty Anderson

- Everything is in good shape.

Membership: Mary Meserve

- Mary announced that there are 445 members entered into the database, with 4 new members last month. Mary will not be present at the meetings next week. Laurie Mullins and Mary Johns will stand in for her at the Tuesday meeting and Alice Wilder, at the Wednesday meeting.

Programs: Connie German / Reilly Zoda

- The Thursday and Friday workshops with Rayna Gillman have 21 and 16 enrollees, respectively.
- The July meeting will be a Round Robin. The Quilter's Market has agreed to participate, Quilt Basket declined and both Cactus Quilt

and Eagles Wing Quilting will be contacted. There was a question of whether the library should be open in July. The group suggested that the Library be made one stop on the Round Robin to inform members of the availability of the Library and what it has to offer.

- Sign-ups are now open for the Nancy Eha workshops on beading in November.
- Connie German reported that the church calendar for Friday, Mar 10, 2017 is "X-d" out. Without knowing the reason for the church unavailability or, indeed, if it is unavailable, Connie suggested that the Program Committee fill this month with a teacher who would be willing to give only one workshop (on Thursday). The group suggested that the true availability of the date in question be investigated before making a decision.

Members-at-large: Laurie Mullins / Evelyn George

- No report from Laurie.
- Evelyn noted that she had had one suggestion from Susie Weaver. Susie thinks that the Guild needs a Publicity chair (distinct from the show Publicity chair) to help publicize Guild activities throughout the year. Roberta Sipes will ask for volunteers for this position at the general meetings next week.
- Evelyn also noted that she will miss the July business meeting due to a Quilt for a Cause commitment. (Note: This is not correct. Evelyn will miss the regular meeting on Wednesday morning.)

Five-Year Planning: Cathy Dargel

- No report.

Bears: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo

- No report.

Bees: Laurie Mullins

- No report.

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

- This month's pattern is Castle Keep, a pattern which surrounds a center panel with an interesting pieced border. Two samples were shown.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

- Patty Goodsell's mother passed away and a sympathy card was sent.

Education: Open

- The position is still open.

Finance Committee: Marie Morris

- The plan is to have a working budget ready for next month's meetings. The budget, as it currently stands, has an approximate \$8000 deficit. This could be covered by cash on hand in Guild accounts; thereby justifying a deficit budget. The reason for this anticipated deficit is equipment costs and increased costs for storage rental, etc. However, since the membership year is not changing in the by-laws (as was assumed), membership dues received in early 2016 may well account for the deficit.

Guild Pins: Diane Bach

- Diane reports that about 90 pins have been sold.

Historian: Cathy Dargel

- No report.

Holiday Blocks: Judy Gilmartin / Colleen Babcock

- No report .

Hospitality: Christine McCollum/Marie Luongo

- No report .

Library: Donata Pfisterer /Kathryn Wald

- Kathryn reported that approximately 100 new books will be cataloged into the library. These books have been received through donations and purchases. The sale last month netted approximately \$300. There are still sale items left which will be available next week. Donata is unavailable this month but should return in July.
- Joan Swanson asked about the willingness of the library to accept very old books. Kathryn said that books dated 1995 or newer will be used in the library or sold. Older items will be given away. The library would prefer not to get these older books.
- Kathryn and Donata are considering retiring from the library and would like a volunteer to shadow them and learn the system. The group suggested that the librarians ask for their replacement(s) at the June and September meetings.

- The library is still working on placing a value on the library asset. From an IRS perspective, any item older than 5 years has no value so the asset value is most likely zero.

Newsletter: Joey Nakagawa

- The due date for July articles will be June 17.

Nominations: Reilly Zoda

- No report.

Organizations:

- NQA- Mary Meserve – No report.
- AZ Quilters' Hall of Fame- Cathy Dargel – The Guild ballot as a Friend of the HOF has been received.
- Quilt for A Cause- Evelyn George – The next auction date has been set for Saturday, October 15, 2016. They will be accepting quilts through August 1, 2016.
A bus trip to the 2016 Road to California is planned. Show dates are January 21-24. Registration for the trip will be announced when the price and other details are finalized.

Quilt-a-thon: Paulette Worman

- Preparations for the Quilt-a-thon are going well.
- Paulette asked about times. The available hours for the hall are 4:00 - 9:00 on Tuesday and 8:00 - 3:00 on Wednesday. Paulette should check with church maintenance to provide them with the desired hall layout for the Quilt-a-thon.

Quilting for Others: Mary Bazzano

- No report.

Raffle Quilts: Terry Gallegos / Colleen Babcock

- 2016- No report
- 2017- Colleen Babcock has received most of the kits for the quilt. She is working on the next phase of the construction.

Public Record Keeper: Open

- No report.

Website: Meg Silvern

- The membership list is posted. A searchable version is available on request from Meg.

Old Business:

- Colleen Babcock thanked the Guild for permitting raffle ticket sales for Sr. Jose Women's Center at the general meetings and also thanked the members who purchased tickets. Over \$300 was raised through these sales.

New Business:

- Cathy Dargel reported that she had attended a meeting of the Tucson Visual Arts Center (tentative name). The group is looking for a location to house several groups. The Tucson Quilters Guild represents the largest group both in numbers and financial strength. There is grant money available from both federal sources and the city. The mayor supports this cooperative and is recommending a block of buildings downtown. At the meeting, Cathy explained the needs of the Guild for storage, meeting space, central location and parking. The next meeting will be held July 21 and Cathy recommended that someone from the Guild attend this meeting. The board asked Cathy Dargel to attend and report back to the business meeting.

Sally Dickinson moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Heiman, Secretary

Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report, Current Month

06/02/15

Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of June 2, 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking Account \$46,820.71

Savings Account \$40,251.47

Petty Cash \$100.00

Checking 2 Cr CD \$25.00

Total Checking/Savings \$87,197.18

Other Current Assets

State Farm Restricted B F \$30,797.54

S.Farm Unrestricted B F \$108,253.39

Total Other Current Assets \$139,050.93

Total Current Assets \$226,248.11