

Tucson Quilters' Guild
Business Meeting
July 1, 2015

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

- 11 Board members present.
- 8 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 Morris, Donata Pfisterer, Meg Silvern, Paulette Worman

Members: Diane Hartman

Visitors: None

Secretary: Barbara Heiman

- Barbara Heiman distributed the finalized minutes on June 28, 2015. Kathy Barton moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Cathy Dargel and passed.

Treasurer: Kathy Barton

- Kathy Barton reported total assets of approximately \$229,500, including the two new computers. (Details in appendix.) Connie German moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Cathy Dargel and passed.
- Kathy also reported that the taxes are completed and filed. She summarized a letter received from the tax accountant. The accountant was pleased with the simplified books. The accountant also cautioned the Guild that, due to its considerable assets, we should consider giving approximately \$50,000 to charitable causes to avoid IRS scrutiny. It was noted that we are budgeting \$10,000 under grants and donations for the year and, at this time, have no intent to increase that amount substantially.

Vice President/By-Laws: Elaine Romanelli

- The changes to the by-laws were not announced in June. They will be announced at the July meetings and an announcement will also be included in the August newsletter. Then the changes will be voted on during the August Quilt-a-thon.

Endowment/Donations: Sally Dickinson

- No report.

Quilt Show: Joan Swanson / Betty Anderson

- Betty Anderson reported that she had sold a set of raffle tickets to an upstate New York resident who simply looked online for raffle quilts.
- Roberta Sipes reported that a motel manager on Palo Verde near I-10 told her that he would like to offer discount rates to vendors at the show. General consensus is that, provided the offer comes through, vendors will be provided with the information but that it is up to them whether or not to book this motel.

Membership: Mary Meserve

- Mary announced that there are 458 members entered into the database, with 4 new members last month. Membership has its new computer.

Programs: Connie German / Reilly Zoda

- The September workshop (2-day) with Rob Appell has only seven sign-ups. Connie suspects that the 2-day workshops are not popular with our membership and as Programs contracts with future speakers, they will discourage 2-day workshops.
- In October, there are only 9 signed up for the Thursday Maxine Rosenthal workshop and 5 for the Friday workshop. However, it is still early.
- The July Round Robin is set for next week. Fifteen-minute sessions will be conducted by Cathy Dargel, Karen Fischer, Suzie Weaver, Quilters Market, Eagles Wings, the library and Cactus Quilts. There was some discussion with regards to time for movement between sessions.
- Connie German reported she will be unable to attend the August business meeting.
- Last month, Connie reported that there was a possible problem with church availability for the Mar 10, 2017 workshop. Having checked with the church, March is OK, but April 14, 2017 is Good Friday and the church will not be available for a workshop on that day. Membership will schedule a speaker who is willing to offer only one 1-day workshop (Thursday, April 13). Sally Dickinson recommended that Gina Perkes be considered as a possible speaker for this month.

Members-at-large: Laurie Mullins / Evelyn George

- Laurie was absent due to a doctor's appointment and had nothing to report.

- Evelyn noted that the business meeting agenda on the website needs to be updated. Roberta will update and provide to Meg for posting.
- Evelyn also reported on a suggestion received from Louise Robertson. She would like to see meeting announcements on donations received to both recognize the donors and to inform new members of the sort of things the group collects. Although it may not be possible to recognize all givers (many are anonymous), Colleen suggested that Quilting for Others might report on the number of each type of item (pillowcases, stockings, quilts, etc.) at most meetings. This also points out the need for a Public Record Keeper. Sally Dickinson suggested that Louise be approached to volunteer for this job.

Five-Year Planning: Cathy Dargel

- No report.

Bears: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo

- Chairs absent, no report.

Bees: Laurie Mullins

- Chair absent, no report.

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

- This month's pattern is Hearts Across America, a simple patriotic quilt suitable for giving to veterans or others. With different fabric choices, it would also be a delightful quilt for anyone.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

- Wanda Pinter has been ill and a card was sent.
- Diane Pickthal's long-time roommate passed away; a card was sent.

Education: Open

- The position is still open.

Finance Committee: Marie Morris

- Marie reported that the budget for the next fiscal year is almost ready. She will work with Kathy Barton to finalize. This budget will show a deficit, as discussed last month. Cathy Dargel recommended that this budget be presented (on the computer) along with the by-laws at the next meeting. Connie German agreed to set up the computer for this

purpose and Roberta Sipes will remind members to review at the 10-minute warning before the meeting starts.

Guild Pins: Diane Bach

- Diane reports that 27 pins have been sold from February through June.

Historian: Cathy Dargel

- No report.

Holiday Blocks: Judy Gilmartin / Colleen Babcock

- No report .

Hospitality: Christine McCollum/Marie Luongo

- Absent, no report .

Library: Donata Pfisterer /Kathryn Wald

- The library will be open in July. Kathryn Wald is still working on valuing the asset for tax purposes.
- There was discussion on the absence of new titles in the library's collection. Donata noted that book sales go into the general fund and the library budget is used for room rental. Sally Dickinson moved to increase the library budget by \$500 to purchase new books. The motion was seconded by Reilly Zoda and passed

Newsletter: Joey Nakagawa

- Betty Anderson reported that the due date for August articles will be July 15.

Nominations: Reilly Zoda

- Reilly took a poll to determine which positions need to be filled next year. This included secretary, treasurer, membership, programs, one show director and the daytime member-at-large.

Organizations:

- NQA- Mary Meserve – No report.
- AZ Quilters' Hall of Fame- Cathy Dargel – Jean Biddick will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on September 20, 2015. The Tucson Quilters Guild is asked to sponsor Jean; *i.e.*, introduce her at the

banquet. Barbara Heiman volunteered to provide this introduction. The names of other inductees, including the Shop of the Year, can be found on Facebook.

- Quilt for A Cause- Evelyn George – QFAC has added a new drop-off center in Phoenix.
Planning for the bus trip to Road to California (January 2016) is still in the works.
A kickoff event for the October 2016 auction is being held Saturday, October 3, 2015. The event is titled "Quilts in the Garden." It will be held at a private home with tea, quilts, and a drawing for a raffle quilt. Tickets for the event are \$25 and information will be on the QFAC website.

Quilt-a-thon: Paulette Worman

- A small group attended a most-interesting tour of the Diamond Children's Medical Center, organized by Paulette.
- We are on-track to meet our Quilt-a-thon goals in August.
- Roberta Sipes has some batting and will deliver it next week.

Quilting for Others: Mary Bazzano

- No report.

Raffle Quilts: Terry Gallegos / Colleen Babcock

- 2016- No report
- 2017- No report

Public Record Keeper: Open

- The position is still open.

Website: Meg Silvern

- Nothing new.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- On behalf of QFAC, Evelyn George indicated that they would like permission to sell raffle tickets at the September meeting. The raffle drawing will be held on October 3 at "Quilts in the Garden". Ticket

prices will be \$5 or 3 for \$10. Connie German moved to permit these sales. The motion was seconded by Donata Pfisterer and passed.

- On behalf of Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame, Cathy Dargel indicated that they would also like to sell raffle tickets in September for a quilt made by Suzie Weaver, Cathy Dargel, Diane Bach and Colleen Babcock. Ticket prices will be \$1 or 6 for \$5. Marie Morris moved to permit these sales. The motion was seconded by Reilly Zoda and passed.
- Joan Swanson reported receiving spam e-mail from a Susie Wiggins, purporting to be representing the Tucson Quilters Guild, asking for donations for the Grandmother's Project. This e-mail is false.
- Cathey's Sew and Vac is collecting blocks as part of their Christmas in July Event. For more information, see Cathey's.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Heiman, Secretary

Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report, Current Month

06/29/15

Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of June 29, 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking Account \$41,293.23

Savings Account \$40,250.85

Petty Cash \$100.00

Checking 2 Cr CD \$25.00

Total Checking/Savings \$81,669.08

Other Current Assets

State Farm Restricted B F \$30,867.57

S.Farm Unrestricted B F \$114,966.46

Total Other Current Assets \$145,834.03

Total Current Assets \$227,503.11

Fixed Assets

EQUIPMENT

Accumulated Depreciation **-\$9,177.47**

EQUIPMENT - other \$11,109.50

Total Fixed Assets \$1,932.03

TOTAL ASSETS \$229,435.14