

Tucson Quilters' Guild  
Business Meeting  
Sept 2, 2015

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

- 11 Board members present.
- 15 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, Cathy Dargel, Marie Luongo, Christine McCollum, Marie Morris, Donata Pfisterer, Meg Silvern, Kathryn Wald, Paulette Worman

**Members:** Kay Hendricks

**Visitors:** None

**Secretary:** Barbara Heiman

- Barbara Heiman distributed the final August minutes on August 31, 2015. Cathy Dargel moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Kathy Barton and passed.

**Treasurer:** Kathy Barton

- Kathy Barton reported total assets of approximately \$228,700. (Details in appendix.) Mary Meserve moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Cathy Dargel and passed.

**Vice President/By-Laws:** Elaine Romanelli

- The by-laws are complete
- Elaine and Kathy Barton are working on the contract with the church.

**Endowment/Donations:** Sally Dickinson

- There have been two requests for grants. The committee is waiting for budget approval before moving ahead.
- Sally Dickinson moved that, in the budget under comments, the word endowment be changed to grants and that the \$8K/\$2K division between any quilt-related organizations (local or otherwise) and small local organizations remain in the comments with the understanding that this may be changed depending on the grant applicants. During discussion, it was noted that the Guild does not fund endowments, hence the request for the language change. The endowment/donation committee

wished to have the 8/2 division removed, but the finance committee preferred to leave it as guidance for the committee. As stated in the motion, it will be left. The motion was seconded by Cathy Dargel and passed.

- Sally had a question regarding the Small Quilt Auction because the Board had voted to place this under the endowments committee a few years ago. This was true but, at the recommendation of the treasurer and finance committee, that decision was changed this year. Barbara Heiman read the portion of the March 2015 minutes that confirmed this decision. The expenses for the Small Quilt Auction are under general Guild expenses, while the proceeds of the auction come through the Quilt Show income (and are then dispersed to the appointed charity).

**Quilt Show:** Joan Swanson / Betty Anderson

- Since Mary Bazzano has resigned her Guild positions, the show is without a Hanging Committee chair. Betty Anderson announced that there are members who are interested in serving, but none who understand the entire process. This group will meet on Friday with Kathy Zimmer to determine what needs to be done and who will take responsibility for the pieces.
- The next quilt show meeting will be on *October 2, 2015*; not the September date previously announced.

**Membership:** Mary Meserve

- Mary announced that there are 468 members entered into the database, with no new members since last month.

**Programs:** Connie German / Reilly Zoda

- September, October, and November workshops are about half filled. There is potential for 13 attendees at the September workshop, provided 3 members sign up at the general meetings.
- Signups for the Rose Hughes workshop in January are open.

**Members-at-large:** Laurie Mullins / Evelyn George

- Evelyn reported on a conversation with Gwen Moore, who just joined the Guild. Gwen is a photographer and she offered to create a photographic directory of the membership to aid herself and other new members in getting to know others. The Board recommended that Evelyn refer Gwen to Cathy Dargel regarding show publicity and, possibly, Guild publicity.
- There was discussion of placing photos of Guild activities (*e.g.*, candid shots of workshops, presentation of the Quilt-a-thon quilts to the recipient charitable organizations). Meg Silvern noted that there is already a photo section on the website and that anyone can upload photos.

**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 Happy Birds.
- Evelyn will likely miss the next Board meeting due to upcoming hip replacement surgery. She has already completed the October pattern, which will be an easy ornament or gift tag and the November pattern will be corded fabric bowls.
- Finally, Evelyn reported that the Bees for Development Sunflower Quilt is completed and has been sold to a Vermont beekeeper. TQG members participated in making the blocks for this quilt. The funds will be used for village beekeeping and agricultural development in Ethiopia under the direction of Bees for Development.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Mary Meserve

- Mary Meserve purchased a large card to be signed by the membership for Mary Bazzano.

**Education:** Open

- The position is still open.

**Finance Committee:** Marie Morris

- Marie will attend the general meetings next week for voting on the budget.

**Guild Pins:** Diane Bach

- Sales have been slow.

**Historian:** Cathy Dargel

- No report.

**Holiday Blocks:** Judy Gilmartin / Colleen Babcock

- No report .

**Hospitality:** Christine McCollum/Marie Luongo

- Christine reported a potential problem averted at the Wednesday Quilt-a-thon in August. More members attended than expected and more food had to be rounded up at the last minute. There was discussion on ways to better predict attendance (namely, encouraging or enforcing signups) so that sufficient food would be available without over-ordering.

**Library:** Donata Pfisterer /Kathryn Wald

- There will be a used book and magazine sale next week.
- New books will be added into the collection available for check-out, with older books removed to make room.

**Newsletter:** Joey Nakagawa

- The due date for October articles will be September 16.

**Nominations:** Reilly Zoda

- No report.

**Organizations:**

- NQA- Mary Meserve – No report.
- AZ Quilters' Hall of Fame- Cathy Dargel – The induction lunch will be on September 20. Jean Biddick will be inducted with Barbara Heiman providing the introduction on behalf of TQG. Susie Weaver and Colleen Babcock will be honored as friends of the HOF. Quilt raffle tickets will be sold at the general meetings next week. The winner will be drawn at the September 20 event.
- Quilt for A Cause- Evelyn George – QFAC will be selling raffle tickets at the general meetings next week. The quilt was made from a Judy Niemeyer pattern by Susan Brown, quilted by Julie House, with fabrics donated by the Quilters Market. The winner will be drawn on October 3 at the 2016 auction kick-off tea ("Quilts in the Garden"). Tickets for this tea are \$25 per guest. The trip to Road to California (January 20-23, 2016) is filling. QFAC is considering adding a second bus. Prices are \$490, single occupancy; \$355, double; or \$315, three per room. Applications can

be found on the website or are available from Colleen Babcock.

Deposits are due September 30.

Evelyn noted that there is an e-mail list for QFAC. Those interested can sign up on the website.

Finally, QFAC has received 165 quilts for the 2016 auction.

**Quilt-a-thon:** Paulette Worman

- The quilt-a-thon was attended by 28 members on Tuesday and 51 on Wednesday. She is still receiving quilts. To date, she has 130 child size quilts and 16 twin size quilts.
- Sr. Jose Women's Center will be receiving 10 child size quilts and the twin size quilts. Representatives of Sr. Jose will attend the general meetings next week to get their quilts.
- The Diamond Children's Medical Center at UMC will get the remaining child size quilts. Paulette plans to have them attend one of the October general meetings.
- The Quilt-a-thon made a substantial dent in the donated materials from the storeroom.
- It was suggested that additional rolls of batting be purchased for next year's Quilt-a-thon. However, although there is budget left, there is not enough for a roll of batting, even at reduced prices.

**Quilting for Others:** Mary Meserve

- Since Mary Bazzano has had to resign her leadership of this committee, Mary Meserve volunteered to take over those duties. Roberta Sipes appointed Mary Meserve as committee chair for Quilting for Others.

**Raffle Quilts:** Terry Gallegos / Colleen Babcock

- 2016- The quilt is completed, photographed and being appraised.
- 2017- All blocks have been turned in. A sew party is scheduled for September 13 at the Westside Police Station on Miracle Mile. Contact Colleen to participate and for more detailed directions.

**Public Record Keeper:** Open

- The position is still open.

**Website:** Meg Silvern

- Meg reminded the group that the photo album link is on the left side of the home page.
- Meg also reported that a neighbor of Susan Anderson contacted her because she wished to donate money to the Guild in Susan's memory. The group suggested several options. First, she could donate to the Guild, but with the understanding that such a donation would not be tax-deductible. Second, she could donate to QFAC, an organization that

Susan supported with quilt donations. The Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame is yet another option. The last two options *are* tax-deductible.

**Old Business:**

- Roberta reported on a conversation with a grateful member who appreciated our support of children's quilting. Her six-year-old grandson was thrilled to receive his participation ribbon at last year's show.
- The Tucson Visual Arts group met. They are forming subgroups for further, detailed planning. The group has made arrangements with an organization to help them with attorney services and other technicalities needed to form this type of organization.

**New Business:**

- We need to replace the evening member-at-large, since Laurie Mullins announced that she cannot serve in this position. The vacancy will be announced at the general meetings. Evelyn George offered to serve as stand-in, until a new member-at-large can be elected. Kay Hendricks volunteered to stand for this position.

Following a motion by Sally Dickinson, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 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	\$39,375.36
Savings Account	\$40,250.85
Petty Cash	\$100.00
Checking 2 Cr CD	<u>\$25.00</u>

Total Checking/Savings \$79,751.21

## Other Current Assets

State Farm Restricted B F	\$31,117.06
S.Farm Unrestricted B F	\$115,895.69

Total Other Current Assets \$147,012.75

Total Current Assets \$226,763.96

## Fixed Assets

## EQUIPMENT

Accumulated Depreciation	-\$9,177.47
EQUIPMENT - other	\$11,109.50

Total Fixed Assets \$1,932.03

**TOTAL ASSETS \$228,695.99**