

Tucson Quilters' Guild
Business Meeting
Oct 7, 2015

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

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

Attendees:

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

Committee: Colleen Babcock, Diane Bach, Cathy Dargel, Kathy Harris, Marie Luongo, Christine McCollum, Meg Silvern, Paulette Worman

Members: Jan Johnson

Visitors: None

Secretary: Barbara Heiman

- Barbara Heiman distributed the final September minutes on October 4, 2015. Cathy Dargel moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Joan Swanson and passed.

Treasurer: Kathy Barton

- Kathy Barton reported total assets of approximately \$228,900. (Details in appendix.) Also, the taxes for the short year have been filed and, primarily due to vender deposits, we are in the black for the current financial year. Connie German moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Sally Dickinson and passed.

Vice President/By-Laws: Elaine Romanelli

- No report

Endowment/Donations: Sally Dickinson

- The committee met after the last business meeting to review two requests for grants.
- One request was not awarded because it did not meet the funding criteria of preserving the heritage and furthering the art of quilts and quilt making.
- The second request was from the Tucson Textile and Visual Arts Planning Committee asking for funds up to \$5000 to hire Artspace to provide advice for how to proceed with setting up this organization which would serve and would be supported by various fiber and visual arts groups within Tucson. The endowments committee felt that this request was beyond the scope of their committee, but would like the entire

membership to consider this request as a budget override.

Cathy Dargel reported that the purpose of these funds would be to allow the group to move to the next step. The planning committee is meeting soon to officially settle upon a name for this group. The next step would be to file incorporation papers as a 501c3 organization. Artspace would advise on this along with other organizational aspects. Artspace can also help in applying for grants to help fund the center.

The planning group has already identified a suitable property, meeting all of the Guild requirements for space, including parking. The Guild, along with other participating art groups, would pay rent to the overarching organization for the use of this space. Reilly Zoda noted that the Guild would continue to maintain its identity and we can view this change as simply paying rent to a different group. She has seen the building--it's near our current location, is a 2-story handicapped-accessible building, and more than matches our current meeting and storage spaces. Note that the umbrella organization will be responsible for building maintenance, insurance, etc. Questions were raised about the Guild commitment with the church. Kathy Barton noted that we do not, at present, have a signed contract with the church and are renting month-to-month. It is believed that there will be no financial liability if we stop meeting at the church.

Joan Swanson moved to present this proposal (to give funds, not to exceed \$5000, to the Tucson Textile and Visual Arts Planning Committee for hiring Artspace) to the Guild for approval at the October meeting. It was further noted that the Guild would not release funds until other groups have committed financial support for Artspace. The motion was seconded by Christine McCollum and passed.

Reilly Zoda moved that the business meeting recommend approval of this proposal to the general membership. The motion was seconded by Kathy Harris and passed.

Elaine Romanelli will present this proposal to the general membership next week for voting.

Quilt Show: Joan Swanson / Betty Anderson

- Joan reported that bookmarks and posters are available and encouraged business meeting attendees to pick them up from Cathy Dargel and post them wherever appropriate.
- Betty Anderson reported that they have determined an approach for handling hanging and takedown, subsequent to the resignation of the heads of these activities.
- It's also time to think about the 2018 raffle quilt. Designs will be encouraged via newsletter articles with the goal of voting for a design at the December meetings.

Membership: Mary Meserve

- Mary announced that there are 485 members entered into the database, with 8 new members since last month.

Programs: Connie German / Reilly Zoda

- The October workshops with Maxine Rosenthal have 14 and 10 signups.
- The November workshops with Nancy Eha have 17 and 8 signups.
- The January workshop with Rose Hughes (2-day workshop) has only 3 signed up so far, but it's still early.
- Connie reported that, in March, Vikki Pignatelli will be arriving in Tucson on Monday and leave on Saturday morning. Therefore, we need to identify someone willing to host Vikki and her husband on Monday night. (Per Guild guidelines, we provide lodging for only four nights for guest speakers.) Kathy Barton moved to allow for a fifth night of hotel lodging, at Guild expense, for Ms. Pignatelli. The motion was seconded by Kathy Harris and seconded.

Members-at-large: Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George

- Evelyn reports that a Guild member, Janet Pugh, asked if it would be possible for committee chairs giving reports to be more specific about Guild participation in community projects. Specifically, she was wondering why we were making so many stockings for Candlelighters and what that organization did with so many of them. There are Guild newcomers and other members who still don't know much about the activities we ask them to support. Evelyn's suggestion is that, from time to time, committee chairs include a brief description of how we are helping these organizations. Kathy Harris noted that a newsletter article has been written.
- Kay encouraged members, particularly board members and committee chairs, to wear their nametags at every meeting.

Bears: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo

- Bears are fine.

Bees: Laurie Mullins

- No report

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

- Two members have passed away, Mary Bloom in July and Mary Bazzano in the past month.
- Roberta asked about recognizing members who have passed at the annual Quilt Fiesta!, describing what the Sierra Vista Hummingbird Stitchers do at their show. It was noted that with our larger membership and longer history, it might not be possible to have a similar display at our show. However, Betty Anderson noted that there is a plan, discussed at the Quilt Show meeting, for a display in memory of Mary Bazzano, considering how much she contributed to the Guild until her recent illness and death.

Education: Open

- The position is still open.

Finance Committee: Marie Morris

- No report.

Guild Pins: Diane Bach

- Sales have been slow, only four last month.
- It was noted that show pins are expected to be available at the November meetings.

Historian: Cathy Dargel

- No report.

Holiday Blocks: Judy Gilmartin / Colleen Babcock

- No report .

Hospitality: Christine McCollum/Marie Luongo

- Christine asked for details of what was planned for the December meetings. There will be voting for new member challenge quilts and voting for the 2018 raffle quilt design. Also Christine showed 3 raffle quilts that will be awarded at the December meetings. A Christmas quilt was made and donated by Susie Weaver, a hand-quilted, large quilt was anonymously donated and a large quilt was donated by Mary Bloom's family. Christine also plans to fill a basket with a variety of treasures. These four items will be drawn in December (2 at the evening meeting; 2 on Wednesday).

Library: Donata Pfisterer /Kathryn Wald

- Kathy Barton reported that the committee is still inputting data on new books. Roberta will again emphasize the need to complete this task for Guild records and the need to train new volunteers for this job, as Kathryn Wald is planning to relinquish her library responsibilities.

Newsletter: Joey Nakagawa

- The due date for November articles will be October 21.

Nominations: Reilly Zoda

- Reilly noted that she has heard from volunteers willing to serve as treasurer and program chairs. She asked for suggestions regarding program chairs since her volunteers include a pair who want to work together plus a separate individual. The recommendation from the group is that, while only two can be elected as board members, the third individual can serve on the committee. There is plenty of work for 3 people.
- Kathy Barton and Jan Johnson indicated willingness to stand for other board positions.

Organizations:

- NQA- Mary Meserve – The organization has disbanded.
- AZ Quilters' Hall of Fame- Reilly Zoda – A successful induction event was held in September. Colleen Babcock and Susie Weaver were recognized as friends of the organization. There will be an online small quilt auction (10 quilts) from November 1 through 15.
- Quilt for A Cause- Colleen Babcock – The Quilts in the Garden event was successful. Five quilts were sold. The raffle quilt, "Bear Path under the Stars", was won by a speechless Joan Swanson. QFAC will have a booth at Rusty Barn. Jean Owara has donated a raffle quilt, using a Kenci Lewis pattern. They would like to sell tickets at the October Guild meetings. Ticket prices are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Mary Meserve moved to allow QFAC to sell raffle tickets in October. The motion was seconded by Cathy Dargel and passed.

Quilt-a-thon: Paulette Worman

- Paulette has arranged for two representatives of the Diamond Children's Medical Center to attend the Wednesday meeting next to receive 130 quilts from the Quilt-a-thon. The Center is trying to arrange for a media representative to be present for the presentation. Paulette asked Roberta to make the presentation.

Quilting for Others: Mary Meserve / Kathy Harris

- Kathy and Mary are preparing to sort through the storeroom. So far, they have noted the lack of kits with kid-friendly themes, hence the e-mail that was sent to the membership. Christine McCollum reported that she has prepared some kits with bright, kid-friendly fabrics.

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

- The October Pattern of the Month is "Easy Ornament or Gift Tag." It includes simple directions for making a hanging tag with no hand stitching needed.

Raffle Quilts: Terry Gallegos / Colleen Babcock

- 2016- No report.
- 2017- The quilt top is complete and will be unveiled at the December meetings.

Public Record Keeper: Open

- The position is still open.

Website: Meg Silvern

- One member has reported login problems that she thought might be due to Microsoft 10 installation. Meg asked if anyone else has had this problem. Several noted that they had updated to Microsoft 10 with no problems.
- Meg announced that she will be away the first two weeks of November, with limited e-mail access.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Roberta Sipes brought a request from the Sierra Vista Guild, asking to sell raffle tickets at our October meetings. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Due to several other raffle tickets being sold next week, the group thought that it might be more profitable for all to schedule this later. Joan Swanson moved that the Sierra Vista Guild be permitted to sell raffle tickets at our November and January meetings. The motion was seconded by Cathy Dargel and passed.
- Roberta Sipes also had questions about the forms for the President's Challenge. She asked that former presidents send her their copies that she could update for the website.

Following a motion by Joan Swanson, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Heiman, Secretary

Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report, Current Month

10/06/15

Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of Oct 6, 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking Account \$40,017.15

Savings Account \$40,251.51

Petty Cash \$100.00

Checking 2 Cr CD \$25.00

Total Checking/Savings \$80,393.66

Other Current Assets

State Farm Restricted B F \$31,052.91

S.Farm Unrestricted B F \$115,656.77

Total Other Current Assets \$146,079.68

Total Current Assets \$227,103.34

Fixed Assets

EQUIPMENT

Accumulated Depreciation **-\$9,306.11**

EQUIPMENT - other \$11,109.50

Total Fixed Assets \$1,803.39

TOTAL ASSETS \$228,906.73