

Tucson Quilters' Guild
Business Meeting
Nov 4, 2015

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

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

Attendees:

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

Committee: Colleen Babcock, Diane Bach, Cathy Dargel, Marie Luongo, Christine McCollum, Marie Morris, Joey Nakagawa, Donata Pfisterer

Members: Alice Wilder

Visitors: None

Secretary: Barbara Heiman

- Barbara Heiman distributed the final October minutes by e-mail on October 27, 2015. Marie Morris moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Kathy Barton and passed.

Treasurer: Kathy Barton

- Kathy Barton reported total assets of approximately \$236,000. (Details in appendix.) It is expected that the Guild will be profitable for the year. Marie Morris asked when the endowments would be distributed. The answer is that distributions would be made before the end of the fiscal year. Marie recommended that distributions be made sooner rather than later. Connie German moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Sally Dickinson and passed.

Vice President/By-Laws: Elaine Romanelli

- At the October general meetings, the membership voted to approve the budget override of \$5,000 for ArtSpace. (See October minutes for details of this proposal.)
- As a matter of interest, Kathy Barton reported on her poll of some of the members who voted no. One reason cited was that they felt railroaded, without enough time to carefully consider the matter. Indeed, Guild guidelines are that such issues be announced and/or included in the Newsletter before a full membership vote was called for, so we did not follow our guidelines in this matter--a note for the future. A second reason for voting against this expenditure was the feeling that the Guild was not spending enough on its members. One example is the \$1 per member charge for entering a quilt in the show. This member felt that the Guild should subsidize this charge, rather than nickel-and-dime the membership.

Endowment/Donations: Sally Dickinson

- While not specifically endowment-related, Sally reported that, in proof-reading the Newsletter, she made numerous corrections, both in the Newsletter and on the Website. For example, phone numbers were wrong, Mary Bazzano was listed in multiple places, other changes in committee chairs were needed, etc. It was suggested that this group take notice of this and, especially after our next election, we should assign someone to review the website for necessary changes, deletions, and updates.

Quilt Show: Joan Swanson / Betty Anderson

- At present, 248 entries have been submitted. There was discussion as to why the number of entries has been smaller this year, leading to a one-week extension of the deadline and allowing a fourth entry for each member. One reason might be that the membership is smaller than previous years. The smaller membership might be simply a cyclical phenomenon, experienced by most organizations.

Membership: Mary Meserve

- Mary announced that a few more members signed up during the past month.

Programs: Connie German / Reilly Zoda

- The November workshops with Nancy Eha have 20 and 11 signups, with more expected at the meetings next week.
- The January workshop with Rose Hughes (2-day workshop) has only 4 signed up. If there are not at least 10 enrollees by next week, the workshop will be cancelled. Ms. Hughes has been consulted on this.

Members-at-large: Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George

- Kay asked if it would be OK with the group if she sent out an e-mail to new members highlighting the upcoming general meetings. This led to an extensive discussion of whether the message should be aimed at just new members or all members and whether just night members would receive the e-mail or if the day member-at-large would be expected to follow suit. The net result of the discussion was that, instead of an e-mail targeted at a sub-group, the board suggested that a few key points be added to the blast e-mail that goes out every month when the Newsletter is posted. Those points might be near-term deadlines (*e.g.*, show entries), Newsletter highlights, etc.

- Evelyn noted that Sue Waite would like to see the Guild sponsor another mystery quilt. Marie Morris said that she has one already designed and would send it to Evelyn for consideration.
- Evelyn also fielded a comment from Susie Weaver that she was disappointed that her donation was only offered to the Night members and that, in her opinion, more money would be raised for the Food Bank if all members had the opportunity to buy raffle tickets for all prizes. In the ensuing discussion, it was noted that the Board had decided previously to conduct the December raffles with separate prizes for both Night and Day groups. The reason was that Night members wanted to have at least some of the raffle drawings at their meeting. There are ways for members to bid on any prize--attend both meetings, buy tickets via mail, etc. As always, when one donates something to the Guild, it becomes the Guild option as to how to best utilize that donation--it no longer belongs to the donor.

Bears: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo

- Bears are fine.

Bees: Laurie Mullins

- No report

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

- No report.

Education:

- The position is still open.

Finance Committee: Marie Morris

- No report.
- Unrelated to the finance committee, Marie suggested that more effort be made to limit the business portion of the general meetings. Although the October presentation of the Artspace donation was an exceptional event and took up several minutes, the long list of announcements after this resulted in a *very* long business meeting. Some ways to shorten this would be to have fewer speakers (let the president and/or quilt show chair summarize information instead), don't repeat Newsletter information (just ask members to read their Newsletter), etc.

Guild Pins: Diane Bach

- Pins are fine.

Historian: Cathy Dargel

- No report.

Holiday Blocks: Judy Gilmartin / Colleen Babcock

- No report .

Hospitality: Christine McCollum/Marie Luongo

- Hospitality is fine.

Library: Donata Pfisterer /Kathryn Wald

- There are new books on the shelf. Processing is still in work.
- The library will be closed in December, as usual.

Newsletter: Joey Nakagawa

- The due date for November articles will be Wednesday, November 18.
- There were instances of Newsletter information not getting into the November issue. Joey reminded the group that she always sends a return e-mail, so if the original sender doesn't receive this, it's a good indication that Joey didn't receive the submission.
- Joey also reported that she will need to step down as Newsletter editor in February, 2016. A new editor should be appointed before that time so she/he can be trained before Joey's departure.

Nominations: Reilly Zoda

- The major positions open at the next election are covered.

Organizations:

- AZ Quilters' Hall of Fame- Reilly Zoda – The online small quilt auction is ongoing. Please participate.
- Quilt for A Cause- Evelyn George - Two buses for Road to California are almost filled. There are still a few openings. QFAC will have a booth at the Rusty Barn show this coming weekend. QFAC will be featured at the Peaceful Quilters Retreat with Eagles Wings. They have approximately 195 quilts and are still accepting quilts for the 2016 auction.

Quilt-a-thon: Paulette Worman / Barbara Heiman

- Barbara Heiman reported that she has volunteered to co-chair the Quilt-a-thon and that Paulette has agreed to stay on for another year as co-chair.

Quilting for Others: Mary Meserve / Kathy Harris

- Stockings are still needed.

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

- The November pattern of the month is coiled fabric bowls.
- A holiday tree is planned for December.

Publicity:

- The position is still open.

Raffle Quilts: Terry Gallegos / Colleen Babcock

- 2016- No report.
- 2017- No report.

Public Record Keeper:

- The position is still open.

Website: Meg Silvern

- No report

Old Business:

- Cathy Dargel reported on the October 30 meeting of the Visual and Textile Arts of Tucson. Wendy Holms of Artspace will be coming in January. They were able to negotiate a lower fee because of some of the work that the Tucson group has already done. (Other organizations have agreed to contribute to the Artspace fee, one of the conditions included in the Guild commitment of \$5,000 to support this.)
The articles of incorporation are being written. This will be the primary subject of the next meeting on November 20.
There will be a fiber arts exhibit in the Mayor's Gallery (10th floor of the city building) from May through October, 2016. This will not be publicly announced until January; however, this is a heads up to our group for entries. There will be an article in the Guild Newsletter about this. During the exhibition period, viewing will be by appointment.

New Business:

- Alice Wilder noted that, since we're not having the Betty Hayden competition, the Website needs to be updated. When she asked Meg to remove this page, Meg explained that the information had to be replaced, not removed. Meg was unavailable to explain this. Kathy Barton volunteered to look into the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Heiman, Secretary

Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report, Current Month

11/03/15

Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of November 3, 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking Account \$47,336.98

Savings Account \$40,254.83

Petty Cash \$100.00

Checking 2 Cr CD \$25.00

Total Checking/Savings \$87,716.81

Other Current Assets

State Farm Restricted B F \$31,052.91

S.Farm Unrestricted B F \$115,656.77

Total Other Current Assets \$146,709.68

Total Current Assets \$234,426.49

Fixed Assets

EQUIPMENT

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

EQUIPMENT - other \$11,109.50

Total Fixed Assets \$1,803.39

TOTAL ASSETS \$236,229.88