

Tucson Quilters' Guild
Business Meeting
Dec 2, 2015

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

- 12 Board members present.
- 16 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, Joey Nakagawa, Donata Pfisterer, Meg Silvern, Kathryn Wald

Members: Alice Wilder

Visitors: None

Secretary: Barbara Heiman

- Barbara Heiman distributed the November minutes by e-mail on November 12, 2015. Kathy Barton moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Connie German and passed.

Treasurer: Kathy Barton

- Kathy Barton reported total assets of approximately \$243,000. (Details in appendix.) Connie German moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Cathy Dargel and passed.

Vice President/By-Laws: Elaine Romanelli

- The Guild still does not have a contract with the church. Negotiations are ongoing. Some discussion was held with regards to the clause that states that the church can cancel the contract at any time. General consensus was that there is no particular objection to that clause, but the Guild should also have the ability to cancel the contract at any time without penalty.

Endowment/Donations: Sally Dickinson

- The grant application has been completed and distributed to the committee. It will be sent to the Web master for posting after the meeting. The deadline for applications has been set for February 9, 2015, which will allow time for a second round of applications before the end of the fiscal year if funds are left.

Quilt Show: Joan Swanson / Betty Anderson

- The hanging committee has met twice and expects to finalize the plans with one more meeting next week.
- The chairs are meeting with TCC on December 3.
- As of this meeting, no designs for the 2018 raffle quilt have been submitted.

Membership: Mary Meserve

- There has been little change in membership.
- The membership form needs to be updated. This will be done and sent to Sally Dickinson for proofreading.

Programs: Connie German / Reilly Zoda

- The January workshop with Rose Hughes will *not* be cancelled as there have been sufficient signups.
- The Vikki Pignatelli workshops in March are open for enrollment. So far, there are only a few signups.
- The current program chairs have made most of the bookings they are responsible for. The Website has been updated.
- Sally Dickinson made a request that the option remain open for adding a second workshop for the April 2017 speaker, if the Guild is no longer meeting at the church or if another reasonably-priced location can be identified. (As discussed at the July business meeting, the church is unavailable on Friday, April 14, 2017.) Connie noted that the decision and arrangements should be the responsibility of the new program chairs.

Members-at-large: Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George

- Kay asked about the December holiday parties--if activities were planned, etc. She noted that the games designed to encourage member interaction made the meeting more fun than simply eating and leaving. In the past, this has been the responsibility of the president, not the hospitality committee. Roberta Sipes will coordinate with Mary Meserve (who has games that were used in the past) and hospitality to set an agenda and will make the necessary announcements at the parties. Alice Wilder noted that there was a difference between the night meeting, where members were often coming from work, ready to eat, and the day meeting, where appetites were not as great due to the early hour. Roberta agreed that the agendas for both meetings would accommodate the differences. Colleen Babcock asked whether there would be voting on anything besides the holiday blocks. Mary Meserve said that if she received more entries, there might be voting for the New Member Challenge.

There will also be voting for the 2018 raffle quilt design, provided any designs are submitted.

Bears: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo

- Ninety-five bears were distributed. Approximately half went to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The rest went to a northwest Lutheran Church that is having a party for underprivileged children.

Bees: Laurie Mullins

- The Quilting for Others Bee at Cactus Quilts should be dropped from the Newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

- No activity.

Education:

- The position is still open.

Finance Committee: Marie Morris

- No report.

Guild Pins: Diane Bach

- Pins are fine, although sales are slow.

Historian: Cathy Dargel

- No report.

Holiday Blocks: Judy Gilmartin / Colleen Babcock

- The committee is ready for next week.

Hospitality: Christine McCollum/Marie Luongo

- Hospitality is fine.

Library: Donata Pfisterer /Kathryn Wald

- All donated and purchased books are ready to go into the library cabinets; however, there is currently no room. Kathryn Wald noted that, because of a break-in, one cabinet needs repair. Kathy Barton will check to see if it makes sense to make an insurance claim for the repair.

- With the completion of book processing, Kathryn announced her resignation as of Christmas. Another volunteer is needed for this committee if the library is to be open in January.
- Roberta Sipes reported that she had heard from a former quilter who would like to donate books and magazines to the Guild. This offer will be passed along to Donata for response.

Newsletter: Joey Nakagawa

- The due date for January articles will be Wednesday, December 16.
- Joey also reminded us that a replacement for her position is needed by the end of March; preferably earlier for training.

Nominations: Reilly Zoda

- There are candidates for all open positions.

Organizations:

- AZ Quilters' Hall of Fame- Reilly Zoda – The online small quilt auction was not as successful as the previous one. There will be another one (since the online venue offers a second auction at no additional charge) and will probably include tote bags and other non-wall hangings.
The board met and all went smoothly.
Cathy Dargel reminded Reilly that an HOF representative needs to submit paperwork (check request) to the Guild treasurer for dues payment.
- Quilt for A Cause- Evelyn George - Approximately 200 quilts have been received for the auction with about 20 sold so far.
Two buses to Road to California are filled. Anyone who would like to be on a waiting list for this trip should see a QFAC board member.

Quilt-a-thon: Paulette Worman / Barbara Heiman

- Barbara Heiman reported that she and Paulette had met to discuss the 2016 Quilt-a-thon. An article for the Newsletter will be written asking for committee volunteers and charity recommendations. Sally Dickinson suggested that the chairs consider the Fisher House, a place where military and veterans' families can stay while their loved one is receiving treatment at the Tucson VA medical center.

Quilting for Others: Mary Meserve / Kathy Harris

- Quilts were delivered to the VA and TMC. Mary will write a Newsletter article documenting these donations.

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

- The December pattern of the month is a snowy tree block, using fusing and improvisational cutting.
- There will likely be a mystery quilt next year.

Publicity:

- The position is still open.

Raffle Quilts: Terry Gallegos / Colleen Babcock

- 2016- No report.
- 2017- The quilt top will be unveiled at the holiday parties.

Public Record Keeper:

- The position is still open.

Website: Meg Silvern

- Meg will be happy to include additional text (such as Newsletter highlights) with her e-mail announcing Newsletter availability, provided someone sends that text to her.
- Joey Nakagawa reported that she will e-mail copies of the Newsletter directly to anyone who has problems downloading it from the Website.

Old Business:

- Cathy Dargel reported that Visual and Textile Arts of Tucson is writing their articles of incorporation and by-laws. They will be opening a bank account in January and will request TQG funds at that time. Artspace is coming in January. The group is looking at a different building than had been discussed previously. The group won't have funding in time to purchase the building they had been considering, but the new option looks promising.

New Business:

- Sally Dickinson told us about a veterans' facility in Oklahoma where her daughter works. They are looking for "fidget" quilts for their Alzheimer's residents and can't find a local group willing to make these. Sally asked whether this would be a suitable project for the Guild to pursue. With group's consensus, Sally will investigate further to see what kind of quilt they need and if there are any restrictions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Heiman, Secretary

Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report, Current Month

12/01/15

Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of December 1, 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking Account \$44,899.02

Savings Account \$49,493.83

Petty Cash \$100.00

Checking 2 Cr CD \$25.00

Total Checking/Savings \$94,517.85

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 \$243,030.92