

Tucson Quilters' Guild  
Business Meeting  
January 6, 2016

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

- 12 Board members present.
- 15 Committees represented.
- 2 additional members 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, Judy Gilmartin, Diane Hartman, Marie Luongo, Christine McCollum, Marie Morris, Meg Silvern

**Members:** Jan Johnson, Alice Wilder

**Visitors:** None

**Announcements:** Roberta Sipes

- Diane Hartman has agreed to serve as Newsletter editor when Joey leaves.

**Secretary:** Barbara Heiman

- Barbara Heiman distributed the December minutes by e-mail on January 3, 2016. Cathy Dargel moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Reilly Zoda and passed.

**Treasurer:** Kathy Barton

- Kathy Barton reported total assets of approximately \$240,000 in assets. (Details in appendix.) She also noted that we had received a letter from the IRS notifying us that Form 990N must be filed for 2013 and 2014. The accountant will take care of this. Mary Meserve moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Christine McCollum and passed.
- Note: Subsequent to this meeting, Kathy learned that the IRS issue has been resolved. There was confusion over our additional filing due to the change in the fiscal year and, in reality, we didn't need to file this form.

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

- No report

**Endowment/Donations:** Sally Dickinson

- The grant application has been completed and is online. A Newsletter article has been submitted encouraging applicants. E-mails will be sent to past recipients, including the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame, the Colorado museums, and Sharlot Hall in Prescott. It was noted that the previous grant to the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame was for quilt documentation, which they no longer support.

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

- The committee is ready to go for the February show.
- Betty Anderson asked whether the church hall would be open by 6:00 p.m. before the evening meeting next week so she and Peg Clampet could meet to stuff envelopes. Connie German said that normally it wasn't open this early, but Betty could make arrangements directly with church maintenance.
- Joan Swanson encouraged us to solicit help from husbands in setting up equipment on Wednesday of show week.
- Cathy Dargel asked for help to distribute rack cards to hotels and resorts.

**Membership:** Mary Meserve

- We have 460 members, including 4 new members.

**Programs:** Connie German / Reilly Zoda

- Due to some cancellations, there are 11 enrollees for the January Rose Hughes workshop.
- The Vikki Pignatelli workshops in March have only 3 and 5 sign-ups.
- As of yet, there are no sign-ups for the April workshops.
- The May speaker is Rita Verocca. Even though her workshops have just opened up, there already 4 enrollees for each workshop.
- Connie German also reported that the year's income won't match projections, but expenses will be within budget.

**Members-at-large:** Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George

- Evelyn George had nothing to report.
- Kay Hendricks noted that the Christmas party was well-received by attendees.

**Bears: Christine** / Marie Luongo

- Activity will re-start in March.

**Bees:** Laurie Mullins

- No report.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Mary Meserve

- Marj Jeakle passed away just before Christmas.
- Blanche Young (Helen Frost's mother) passed away on January 2.
- Bobbie Albright was recently diagnosed with lung cancer.

**Education:**

- The position is still open.

**Finance Committee:** Marie Morris

- Marie Morris asked that we think about programs for the future, given that there has been difficulty in filling workshops this year. Her suggestions included a limit to one workshop per speaker and/or trying for more Arizona-based speakers to reduce travel costs and/or eliminating one speaker per year. Sally Dickinson suggested Patrick Lose from Phoenix as a potential speaker who is Arizona-based and nationally recognized. Reilly recommended a reduction to one workshop per speaker rather than eliminating a speaker as the promise of 8 speakers per year is a strong membership inducement. Cathy Dargel suggested that the financial costs be communicated to the general membership to encourage workshop sign-ups.

**Guild Pins:** Diane Bach

- Pins are fine, although sales are slow. There will be no guild pin sales at the Quilt Fiesta!

**Historian:** Cathy Dargel

- No report.

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

- There were 17 blocks entered at the evening holiday party and 27 at the day meeting. The quality was excellent. Judy asked about ribbons. Kathy Barton agreed to check although she was fairly confident that the tails for holiday blocks had been ordered.
- Following the discussion of holiday block ribbons, there was discussion about how to display the President's Challenge quilts for voting next week.

**Hospitality:** Christine McCollum/Marie Luongo

- The Christmas party was good, with slightly more attendees than in 2014.
- \$1086 was raised for the Community Food Bank through the raffles.

**Library:** Donata Pfisterer

- We're still looking for library chairs.
- Cathy Dargel reported that she had loaned her storeroom key so books could be put in storage and that she wants the key back. Kathy Barton noted that Donata is meeting with Dave Kuskulis and that Kathy will have Dave ask for the key.

**Newsletter:** Joey Nakagawa/Diane Hartman

- Diane reported that the due date for February articles will be Wednesday, January 20. Articles should still be sent to Joey.

**Nominations:** Reilly Zoda

- There are candidates for all open positions. As there are no contested positions, Reilly assumed that voting could be done by standing. However, in case on nominations from the floor, paper ballots should be prepared and available.

**Organizations:**

- AZ Quilters' Hall of Fame- Reilly Zoda – Reilly has resigned from the HOF. Another representative is needed.
- Quilt for A Cause- Evelyn George - The trip to Road to California is imminent. If anyone is interested in filling any vacancies, they should talk with Colleen Babcock or Terry Gallegos.

**Quilt-a-thon:** Paulette Worman / Barbara Heiman

- No report.

**Quilting for Others:** Mary Meserve / Kathy Harris

- An article on 2015 donations was in the January Newsletter.

**Pattern of the Month:** Evelyn George

- The January pattern of the month is a denim tote bag--suitable for Road to California as California no longer allows the use of plastic bags from the vendors.

**Publicity:**

- The position is still open.

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

- 2016- No report.
- 2017- Colleen Babcock is working with quilters and will made a decision shortly.
- 2018 - The raffle quilt will combine the two designs from the December voting. Both were from Helen Frost. Finalization of the design awaits Helen's return to Tucson.

**Public Record Keeper:**

- The position is still open.

**Website:** Meg Silvern

- Meg reported some problems with meeting and workshop dates on the website. The errors will be corrected shortly.

### **Old Business:**

- Sally Dickinson showed an example "fidget quilt", to be sent to Lawton, OK for Alzheimer patients at the VA. Guidelines for the quilts encourage texture and visual interest, but no zippers nor buttons. With the Guild's permission, Sally will write articles for the February and March Newsletters, collect the quilts in April and mail them to Oklahoma. This would be a one-time Guild project. Connie German moved to allow this project to move forward, as outlined by Sally. The motion was seconded by Marie Morris and passed.
- Colleen Babcock asked whether there was a meeting agenda for the general meetings with the object of keeping the business portion of the meeting short. The Quilt Show committee promised a brief discussion on preparing one's quilt for the show, but not the more extended presentation of past years. Roberta noted that she had received a request for one meeting announcement and would keep a rein on the number of speakers.

### **New Business:**

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Heiman, Secretary

**Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report, Current Month**

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**Balance Sheet**

Accrual Basis

As of January 6, 2016

**ASSETS**

## Current Assets

## Checking/Savings

Checking Account \$41,772.43

Savings Account \$49,493.83

Petty Cash \$100.00

Checking 2 Cr CD \$25.00

Total Checking/Savings \$91,391.26

## Other Current Assets

State Farm Restricted B F \$31,239.35

S.Farm Unrestricted B F \$116,351.17

Total Other Current Assets \$147,590.52

Total Current Assets \$238,981.78

## Fixed Assets

## EQUIPMENT

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

EQUIPMENT - other \$11,109.50

Total Fixed Assets \$1,803.39

**TOTAL ASSETS \$240,785.17**