

Tucson Quilters Guild
Business Meeting
April 6, 2016

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

- 11 Board members present.
- 14 Committees represented.
- 1 additional members present.

Attendees:

Board: Betty Anderson, Kathy Barton, Sally Dickinson, Dale Domingue, Karen Fisher, Evelyn George, Kay Hendricks, Elaine Romanelli, Roberta Sipes, Denise Withrow, Reilly Zoda

Committee: Colleen Babcock, Diane Bach, Cathy Dargel, Diane Hartman, Barbara Heiman, Marie Luongo, Chrisine McCollum, Mary Meserve, Marie Morris, Meg Silvern, Paulette Worman

Members: Karen Kelter

Visitors: None

Roberta Reported that she will meet with Donata Pfisterer on Friday to get the books and all other items, including the computer. These will be put into storage. A new librarian is needed.

It was also announced that Jan Johnson is too sick to continue as secretary and a new secretary needs to be identified.

Secretary:

- Barbara Heiman distributed the final March minutes by e-mail on April 1, 2016. Marie Morris moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Cathy Dargel and passed.

Treasurer: Dale Domingue

- Dale distributed the reports, noting the format change. Cathy Dargel moved to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Reilly Zoda and passed.

Vice President/By-Laws: Elaine Romanelli

- No report.

Endowment/Donations: Sally Dickinson

- One grant application has been received.

Quilt Show: Betty Anderson / Reilly Zoda

- Elaine Romanelli has agreed to do publicity.
- There is consideration of raising ticket prices to reflect the higher rental costs, etc.
- Betty Anderson asked for more clarity in the bookkeeping so she could keep better track of expenses.

Membership: Kathy Barton

- We currently have 263 members, 25 are new. The data base has been cleaned up. A new membership list will be posted to the website after next week's general meetings and a reminder e-mail will be sent for renewals.

Programs: Karen Fisher / Denise Withrow

- Speakers have been booked for 2018 with the exception of one month.
- Karen raised a question regarding the July meeting. She would like to have a showcase of authors. The group concurred that the format for the July meeting is up to the program chairs and the proposed program sounded fine.
- Karen also received a letter from Elaine Putnam, president of the Arizona Quilters Guild, expressing an interest in sharing teachers (and costs). The program chairs believe that this is not advantageous to the TQG and asked that they be permitted to respond negatively. The group concurred.

Members-at-large: Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George

- No report.

Bears: Christine / Marie Luongo

- Distribution will start this month.

Bees: Margaret Newman

- No report.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

- Jan Johnson is still ill and a card has been sent.

Education:

- The position is still open.

Finance Committee: Marie Morris

- A finance committee meeting needs to be scheduled. After discussion, it was decided to hold it on Friday, April 22 at 9:00 at the Grace Pointe Church, 5455 S. Westover. Marie asked that budget requests be sent to her by Friday, April 8.

Guild Pins: Diane Bach

- There have been some sales.

Historian: Cathy Dargel

- Cathy has been working on the storeroom.

Holiday Blocks: Judy Gilmartin / Colleen Babcock

- No report.

Hospitality: Christine McCollum/Marie Luongo

- No report.

Library:

Newsletter: Diane Hartman

- Diane reported that the due date for April articles will be Wednesday, April 20. Please notify Diane if you want an article reprinted. She will not do this otherwise.
- There was discussion of whether the article on Quilt Documentation was appropriate for the Newsletter. In addition, there is still a need to reduce the amount of time in general meetings spent on announcements. Cathy Dargel agreed to speak to Quilt Documentation regarding the length of their announcement and that, as a group not affiliated with TQG, permission needed to be granted to speak. The general consensus was that a meeting agenda needs to be set and held to so that general meetings don't run into the speaker's time.

Nominations:

- No report.

Organizations:

- Quilt for A Cause- Evelyn George - Quilt for a Cause will be taking signups for hanging for the October auction.

Quilt-a-thon: Paulette Worman / Barbara Heiman

- Barbara and Paulette reported that the quilts will be divided among the TMC Neo-Natal unit, Family Loving Kare (several residences for the elderly) and Fisher House (housing for families of soldiers and veterans being treated at the Tucson VA). The committee has hosted one cutting party and two more are planned.

Quilting for Others: Mary Meserve / Kathy Harris

- Five quilts and eight heart pillows were delivered to the VA. Quilts were also given to Emerge.

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

- The pattern of the month is an Old Pueblo pieced quilt design with a southwestern flair. The index of past POM is still in progress.

Publicity:

- As Quilt Show Publicity Chairman, Elaine Romanelli said that she would like to think holistically about Guild publicity. She will be speaking with experts to look for suggestions for effective means to publicize the Guild activities, including the Quilt Show.

Raffle Quilts: Colleen Babcock

- 2017- The quilt is complete and has been appraised. The name is Sonoran Wildflowers. It's ready for photography.
- 2018 - No report.

Public Record Keeper: Mary Meserve

- No report.

Website: Meg Silvern

- Meg will be gone next week.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- A suggestion was made to consider moving the general meetings to Wed/Thur with Fri/Sat workshops. This might attract more workshop participants. A survey should be taken at the general meetings.
- The hospitality committee would like to sell raffle tickets for two quilts in May with proceeds benefitting the Community Food Bank. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Mary Meserve moved to allow the raffle ticket sales in May. The motion was seconded by Evelyn George and passed.
- The Visual and Textile Arts of Tucson is operating and putting together 1, 3 and 5 year plans. Two locations are being considered

and a rent-to-own option is also under consideration. The Guild will be getting a letter asking for written confirmation of our interest in this group. A fundraising activity will start shortly.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Heiman, Acting Secretary

