

Tucson Quilters' Guild

Business Meeting

June 1, 2016

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

- 11 Board members present.
- 11 Committees represented.
- 1 Visitor 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, Judy Gilmartin, Diane Hartman, Barbara Heiman, Meg Silvern

**Members:** None

**Visitors:** Jill Holbrook

Roberta made a couple of announcements. The Crossroads Quilters would like permission to sell raffle tickets later this year and had asked Roberta for this permission. This group needs to attend one of our business meetings prior to the sales, show the quilt (or a picture), and formally request permission.

Roberta had also received information via e-mail about a Quilt Camp in Flagstaff. She will have flyers to hand out at the general meetings.

**Secretary:** Position open

- Barbara Heiman distributed the final May minutes by e-mail on May 31, 2016. Sally Dickinson moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Elaine Romanelli and passed.

**Treasurer:** Dale Domingue

- Due to computer issues, there was no report. There were no significant differences from last month's report. Dale was instructed to continue to try to fix the Guild computer and use the administrative portion of the budget should professional help be required.
- We now have valued the library. There are approximately 1670 books; most are more than 5 years old. The value of the library is \$225.
- Per last month's discussions, Kathy Harris reported that the "squares" will be \$49 (not the \$29 special she had noted) and that we'll need two. Consensus was to order them.

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

- Elaine reported that she is working on job descriptions.

**Endowment:** Sally Dickinson

- The Endowments Committee met on May 6 to evaluate 4 applications. The requests were as follows:  
 Quilt Documentation Project: requests \$500 for ongoing expenses  
 Quilt for a Cause: requests \$2000 to purchase 15-20 quilt racks for the auction  
 Smoki Museum, Prescott: requests \$3300 to include reception expenses for their show, "From Clay to Cloth" and expenses to host a Hopi quilter once each month for the duration of the show. The amount requested for the latter was \$2000.  
 Arizona Historical Society: requests \$9646 for preservation of antique quilts  
 The committee recommended that our \$10000 endowments budget be divided between the Smoki Museum (\$2000) and the Arizona

Historical Society (\$8000). Cathy Dargel moved to accept the committee recommendations. The motion was seconded by Kay Hendricks and passed.

The question was raised as to whether we could increase our \$10000 budget. The answer is that this cannot be done without general membership approval and, since our new fiscal year is imminent, the organizations can submit a new application for the new fiscal year.

**Quilt Show:** Betty Anderson / Reilly Zoda

- Betty asked whether our official logo is the original (as on the Website and stationary) or the boot (from the current Guild pins). Consensus was that this was discussed earlier and we decided to leave it as is until current stationary supplies were depleted. It was agreed to table the formal logo decision until later, after publicity has conducted a brainstorming session meant to identify our market audience, etc. Therefore, since the Quilt Show ribbons committee needs to order ribbons, the 2017 ribbons will sport the original logo.
- Sally Dickinson reported there will be two recipients for the Small Quilt Auction: Youth on Their Own and the Hope Animal Shelter. Based on the voting at the May general meetings, these two organizations got a similar number of votes and many more votes than any of the other organizations.

**Membership:** Kathy Barton

- Kathy reported 403 members, of which 45 are new members (really new, not just renewing after a time lapse).
- Kathy sent out e-mail reminders to those who haven't yet renewed, resulting in several renewals plus several responses indicating moves, lack of time or other good reasons for not renewing.

**Programs:** Karen Fisher / Denise Withrow

- Karen and Denise reported that, based on difficulties with lunch orders, they are going to try party catering rather than individual orders for future workshops.
- The 2018 lecture schedule is nearly filled. Teachers for 2018 will be Linda Ballard, Colleen Wise, Flavin Glover, Cindy Switz-Krug, Helene Knott, Colleen Granger, and Lenore Crawford. The October slot remains open. It was also reported that negotiations are nearly complete with Paula Nadelstern for March, 2019. (The acting secretary now has motivation to complete the quilt she started with Paula on her last visit.)

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

- No reports.

**Visual and Textile Arts of Tucson (VTAT):**

- Cathy Dargel introduced Jill Holbrook, president of VTAT. Jill described the history of the project, including the fact that it was tried several years ago but disbanded because the group did not have the necessary skills to organize this group. Currently, the required skills are available to the group. She discussed some of the challenges, one of which is fund-raising without a building, but with no funds to purchase a building until funds are raised. To overcome this barrier, the group is considering options to rent initially with plans to purchase later.
- Some of the groups interested in this coalition of guilds are the Wood Cutters, the Gourd Guild, Rug Hookers, Spinners & Weavers, along with TQG.
- One of the buildings currently under consideration is the Shriners building on Tucson Blvd. There was a question about zoning. Jill reported that this needs to be resolved, but early indications from the

city are promising. There was a question raised about whether weddings, quinceaneras, etc. would continue to be held at the facility. The answer was probably not as VTAT currently does not plan to get a liquor license. However, if it were possibly to rent out space as way of funding the facility, this is not out of the question. There was a question about remodeling this facility. Details are not known yet, but it is likely that some remodeling (such as the addition of sprinklers) would be necessary.

- It is intended that the new facility, wherever it might be, would house libraries for all of the guilds (a near-term need for some guilds), would have public areas for demonstrations, kids classes, etc. and would have a gift shop.
- VTAT would hire a manager and custodian for the facility and would manage the gift shop. Library operation is still under consideration. Each group might have its own area, under its control. Alternatively, there might be a librarian and a card system would be used so the librarian would know who is entitled to check out what.
- Finally, there was interest in the time frame. The VTAP board is working on 1, 3 and 5-year plans. Moving into the new facility is currently slated for 1-3 years from now.
- VTAT was asking for a written commitment from TQG indicating their interest in joining the guild coalition. This commitment does not bind TQG, merely indicates our interest. Diane Bach moved to make this written commitment. The motion was seconded by Kathy Barton and passed. Roberta Sipes signed the commitment letter as TQG president.

**Bears:** Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo

- No report.

**Bees:** Margaret Newman

- No report.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Mary Meserve

- No report.

**Finance Committee:** Marie Morris

- Marie was unable to attend due to a last-minute emergency. However, she reported that there will be a Power Point presentation on the budget ready for the general meetings. She asked about the software version of the program computer.

**Guild Pins:** Diane Bach

- Pins are great.

**Historian:** Cathy Dargel

- Cathy thanked Diane Hartman for organizing the historian's storeroom. The recent addition of numerous boxes of library holdings to this storeroom had made access a challenge.

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

- Reminders will start in July.

**Hospitality:** Christine McCollum/Marie Luongo

- No report.

**Library:** Diane Hartman

- Diane reported that the data base has been moved to Excel for easier use. She is also researching on-line library resources to aid in her organizing our information.
- The library will re-open in September.

**Newsletter:** Diane Hartman

- Diane reported that the due date for July articles will be Wednesday, June 23.

**Nominations:**

- No report, although a replacement secretary is still needed. A nominations committee (and chair) are also needed to anticipate 2017 elections.

**Organizations:**

- Quilt for A Cause- Evelyn George - The deadline for submitting quilts for the 2016 auction is August 1. Signups are ongoing for hanging helpers in September and helpers at the October 15 auction. Currently, 344 quilts have been donated.

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

- Barbara reported that there are approximately 70 tops ready for layering and tying. Kits distributed in May will be returning to swell these numbers.

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

- Mary and Kathy reported that 30 laundry bags were given to Candlelighters. They are making kits for pillowcases and stockings.

**Pattern of the Month:** Evelyn George

- The June pattern of the month is Hop Skip Jump, a small modern quilt.

**Publicity:** Elaine Romanelli



- As noted earlier, Elaine is working on publicity ideas.

**Raffle Quilts:** Colleen Babcock

- 2017- Elaine Romanelli has the quilt until time for its journey to the local quilt shops.
- 2018 - Construction is progressing.

**Public Record Keeper:** Mary Meserve

- No report

**Website:** Meg Silvern

- Meg will post the proposed budget. She will also send an e-mail reminder of the Tuesday meeting on the *first* Tuesday of this month.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Heiman, Acting Secretary