

Tucson Quilters Guild  
Business Meeting  
October 5, 2016

Meeting called to order by Elaine Romanelli at 9:30 a.m.

- 8 Board members present.
- 14 Committees represented.

**Attendees:**

**Board:** Betty Anderson, Kathy Barton, Karen Fisher, Evelyn George, Kay Hendricks, Elaine Romanelli, Denise Withrow, Reilly Zoda

**Committee:** Colleen Babcock, Diane Bach, Cathy Dargel, Diane Hartman, Barbara Heiman, Marie Luongo, Christine McCollum, Mary Meserve, Meg Silvern

**Members:** None

**Visitors:** None

Elaine announced that Roberta was unable to attend today's meetings and might be absent for the general meetings next week.

The Board still needs a recording secretary. Elaine asked that those present talk with general meeting attendees to find someone interested in more involvement with the Guild and suggest this position.

Elaine also announced that at the general meetings, it will be impossible to turn from Country Club onto Presidio, due to construction. An e-mail will be sent to the membership to inform them of this.

**Secretary:** Position open

- Sally Dickinson distributed the final September minutes by e-mail. Kathy Barton moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Colleen Babcock and passed.

**Treasurer:** Marie Morris

- There was no treasurer's report. Marie sent out the report after the meeting via e-mail. Total current assets in checking and savings accounts is approximately \$58,018.29

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

- Elaine reported that updated job descriptions are nearly ready to be posted. She asked that any feedback be sent by the end of the week. Several board members and committee members reported that they had not received the e-mail asking for this feedback. Elaine will re-send the requests, as needed.

**Endowment:** Sally Dickinson

- No report

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

- Betty reported that there will be two buses; one from Yuma on Friday and one from Albuquerque on Friday and Saturday.
- Information on our guest speaker, Lenore Crawford, has been posted to the website.
- Quilt pins have been ordered and it is hoped that they will be available for sale starting in November.
- It has been determined by the Quilt Show Committee that there will be on-going demos in the speaker's area on Sunday. Clayton Clark will be coordinating and is working with Donata Pfisterer to invite vendors to participate.
- The 2018 raffle quilt is completed. Thanks to Colleen Babcock for organizing and having the quilt ready so quickly. The quilter, Suzanne Irving, has proposed entering the quilt in our Quilt Fiesta! plus, if possible, other shows around the country. She also has other proposals still to be considered. Two such ideas are displaying the quilt at locations other than local quilt shops and selling raffle tickets on-line. Betty asked the webmaster how difficult on-line sales would be. Meg said it was possible, but might be difficult. She will do research.

**Membership:** Kathy Barton

- Kathy reported 440 members, of which 59 are new members.
- Two dates are being considered for the New Members Tea. Invites will be sent when the date is finalized.

**Programs:** Karen Fisher / Denise Withrow

- The Friday workshop for October has been re-opened with sign-ups at the September meetings. It was noted that the church needs to be informed of this change.
- The November workshop on Friday has been changed from "Make a Purse" to "Using Threads and Needles".
- Karen noted that, despite the need to limit the number and length of announcements at the general meeting, the Programs Committee needs a certain amount of time to advertise for upcoming workshops. The time spent plugging the October workshops led to increased sign-ups.
- Denise noted that the librarian needs a key to the room, just as they have a key. Attendees noted surprise that programs were provided with a key as, typically, the church prefers that only the janitor(s) or church office personnel let the Guild into the spaces we rent.

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

- Both Kay and Evelyn have received anonymous questions and have decided to answer those questions with a Newsletter article. The first such article is in the October Newsletter.
- Evelyn discussed the complaint received recently of rudeness towards a member attending an official Guild meeting. Evelyn read a response she had written noting that we should always treat others with respect. Kathy Barton distributed a list of Meeting Ground Rules that formalize expectations of meeting attendees. It was suggested that a copy of these rules be laminated and posted at both Board meetings and Quilt Show meetings.
- It was suggested that the Newsletter add a section on "Upcoming Deadlines". Those with deadlines should forward this information to the Newsletter editor.

**Bears:** Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo

- Bears are fine. Christine noted that she would need to make announcements at the October general meetings reminding members that bears are due no later than November and that sign-ups for the Holiday Luncheon would be taken.

**Bees:** Margaret Newman

- No report.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Mary Meserve

- Mary reported that she had sent a card to Dale Domingue for her recent cancer surgery.

**Finance Committee:**

- With Marie's election to secretary, a new Finance Committee chair will be needed at budget time.

**Guild Pins:** Diane Bach

- Pins are fine.

**Historian:** Cathy Dargel

- No report

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

- Holiday blocks are coming along nicely.

**Hospitality:** Christine McCollum/Marie Luongo

- See above note with regards to sign-ups for the Holiday Luncheon.
- Raffle tickets will be sold in October and November to benefit the Community Food Bank.

**Library:** Diane Hartman

- Diane reported magazine sales netted \$95.20. Also 30 books were borrowed at the September meetings.

**Newsletter:** Diane Hartman

- Diane reported that the due date for November articles will be Wednesday, October 19.

**Nominations:**

- No report.

**Pattern of the Month:** Evelyn George

- The October pattern of the month is a scrappy 4-patch chain quilt.

**Publicity:** Elaine Romanelli

- Elaine is working with Diane Kavaleras on new materials for Quilt Fiesta! There will be rack cards and posters, with rack cards taking the place of bookmarks that have been distributed in previous years. They will be working on advance outreach over the next couple of months with a big publicity push in January.
- The plan is to roll out the new logo in November. At some future date, the group will consider a possible new name for the Newsletter, incorporating that logo.

**Organizations:**

- Quilters Hall of Fame - Cathy Dargel reported that the annual luncheon was held; no Tucson quilter was entered into the Hall of Fame.
- Quilt for A Cause- Evelyn George - Altogether, 119 of the 419 quilts donated have been sold at the "Buy It Now" price, raising \$43,000. The live auction will be held in two weeks (October 15). Additional volunteers are still needed for takedown after the live auction.

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

- Barbara reported that a representative of Fisher House would be attending the October day meeting for a presentation of the quilts.

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

- Quilting for Others is doing fine. They have plenty of stockings but need pillowcases.

**Raffle Quilts:** Colleen Babcock

- 2017- The quilt is on display at the Quilt Basket
- 2018 - See Quilt Show report.

**Public Record Keeper:** Mary Meserve

- Mary asked for information about any donations.

**Website:** Meg Silvern

- Meg will be gone from October 8 through October 15. Any requests for e-mail to be sent before the general meetings should be sent to her by Friday.
- Meg also noted that she was contacted by a member who volunteered to run social media sites. Elaine has the contact information and will coordinate with her to make this happen with a consistent message and appearance in accordance with the new logo, etc.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Christine McCollum noted that they are giving the bears to the Angel Heart Foundation. The primary function of this organization is to give to children in transit. Although they are happy to receive the bears, they are particularly interested in providing pajamas to their clients. To that end, Christine suggested that the Guild sponsor a "Pajama Party", collecting donations of pajamas, size 0-13, suitable for boys or girls. Kathy Barton moved that the Guild collect these donations in November. The motion was seconded and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Heiman, Acting Secretary