

TUCSON QUILTERS' GUILD

Business Meeting

November 2, 2016

Meeting called to order by Roberta Sipes at 9:31 a.m.

8 Board Members present -- This constitutes a quorum.

15 Committees represented

Attendees:

Board: Roberta Sipes, Marie Morris, Reilly Zoda, Betty Anderson, Karen Fisher, Denise Withrow, Kay Hendricks and Evelyn George.

Committees: Christine McCollum, Marie Luongo, Mary Meserve, Diane Bach, Cathy Dargel, Coleen Babcock, Barbara Heiman, Kathy Harris, Mary Meserve, and Meg Silvern.

Members: Lani M. Smith (nominated for Recording Secretary).

Visitors: None

Secretary's Report: Barbara Heiman distributed the final October minutes by e-mail. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Marie Morris and seconded by Cathy Dargel. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marie Morris reported that the Total Liabilities and Equity was \$56,099.23 and an itemized report is attached. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Cathy Dargel and seconded by Kathy Harris. Motion was approved.

Vice-President: Elaine Romanelli – no report

Endowment/Donations: Sally Dickinson – no report

Quilt Show: Betty Anderson/Reilly Zoda

- There have been 234 quilt applications received as of last night.
- And there is a back-up plan in place if we don't receive the preferred total of 300.

Membership: Kathy Barton – no report

Programs: Karen Fisher/Denise Withrow

Melody Crust will be the Guest Speaker at the November meeting and the Friday class has been changed to “Using Threads and Needles.” Karen asked that members be encouraged to sign up ahead of time as many are waiting until the last minute which can lead to classes being cancelled. Meg Silvern suggested that a \$5 deduction be provided for early sign-ups. There was no further discussion of this issue.

Karen asked if the Program Committee could be allocated some petty cash. They currently have no allotment and frequently need to make change at the workshops. Cathy Dargel reminded members that any request over \$200 needs to be approved by the Board. Kay Hendricks moved to allocate \$50 petty cash to the Program Committee. Motion as seconded by Reilly Zoda. Motion was approved.

Members-at-Large: Kay Hendricks/Evelyn George

Evelyn mentioned that a complaint had been received about the AV equipment malfunctioning. As it turns out, it was the speaker’s equipment that was the problem and this has been addressed. A member also made a suggestion that all telephone numbers that are listed include the area code as many members have out-of-state cell phones and this will be added. Kay mentioned that several positive comments had been received about the new process of answering questions received in the newsletter.

Bears: Christine McCollum/Marie Luongo

Seventy-five bears have been distributed to two different organizations – 50 to Angel Heart Foundation and 25 to Teen Parents in High School (a TUSD program). The Teen program was very excited to receive the quilts as they are used for rewards for achieving goals. Christine also mentioned that the committee thanked all of the members that had created and donated ‘mini’ quilts for the rest of the bears. Now all of the bears have their own mini quilt.

Christine reminded members that the Guild sponsored Pajama Party is this month. They have plenty of PJ’s for babies but are in need of toddler and teen sizes. A Speaker from the Angel Heart Foundation will be present at the November meeting to explain what the Foundation does.

Bees: Margaret Newman – no report

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

Jacqueline Morris-Smith's mother passed away and a card will be sent. Cathy Dargel mentioned that Tracy Mitchell, the Guild's State Farm Insurance Agent, has passed away from ALS. A card will be sent to their office.

Education: no report

Finance Committee: (Marie Morris) – no report. A new Chairman will need to be selected by budget time.

Guild Pins: Diane Bach

We are moving right along with the older design and she asked when will the new logo be available? Evidently some members (Karen Fisher and Cathy Dargel) are waiting for a PDF file. Cathy needs it for the rack cards being distributed instead of the bookmarks this year.

Historian: Cathy Dargel – no report

Holiday Blocks: Judy Gilmartin/Coleen Babcock

Coleen reported that they are doing fine but asked that the President make an announcement requesting more blocks. They will be shown at the Holiday party in December.

Hospitality: Christine McCollum/Marie Luongo

Christine reported that we need people to sign up if they want to have space allocated for committee duties. Also, members are encouraged to sign up for food and RSVP's so the committee will have some idea of the number of members attending and the amount of food that will need to be served.

Library: Diane Hartman – no report

Newsletter: Diane Hartman – no report

Nominations: This committee needs to be created in November to work on presenting a new slate of officers, at least a President and Vice-President, to the Guild.

Organizations: Quilt for a Cause – Evelyn George

All of the quilts have been sold or the sale is pending and an estimated total of \$109,000 was raised.

Colleen reported that the Sweet & Savory Event will be held on November 5th from 4 – 6 PM at Judy Tenen's home. Cost is \$25.00.

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

The block for November is a small, paper-pieced tree and the newsletter will have an attached PDF file to allow members to print it out. The file will also have a mirror image that can be printed so members could print a number of blocks to create a small quilt. In December, Evelyn will provide an example of this block used in a little quilt.

Publicity: Elaine Romanelli – no report

Quilt-a-Thon: Paulette Worman/Barbara Heiman – no report

Quilting for Others: Mary Meserve/Kathy Harris

Thirty pillowcases have been donated. Members are asked to remember that all donated items need to be scent free. A "bunch" of pillowcases have already been donated to Candlelighters and some to Sister Jose's Women's Shelter.

Raffle Quilts: Colleen Babcock

2017 – The raffle quilt has been moved from The Quilt Basket to Cactus Quilts.

2018 –

2019 -- The patterns for this quilt are due December 7th and will be available at the Holiday Party for members to vote on.

Record Keeper: Mary Meserve

Mary reminded members to send her an e-mail to let her know if anyone donates quilts, pillowcases, etc. to community organizations. This information will be very useful in doing publicity for the Quilt Show.

Website: Meg Silvern -- added the Recording Secretary information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cathy Dargel reported that she is still looking for someone to replace her and represent the Guild at the VTAT Board (Visual & Textile Arts of Tucson Board). The Shriners have refused to present the current proposal to their Board so that facility is no longer available.

Karen Fisher displayed a (not quite quilted yet) hanging of the new logo for the podium at the meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Evelyn George asked for permission for Quilts for a Cause to sell raffle tickets at the next General Meeting. She stated that this would only be done three times, in three locations: Civano, two Guild meetings and at Rusty Barn (where the winner would be drawn Saturday afternoon). Christine McCollum reminded everyone that raffle tickets for the quilt for the Food Bank were already scheduled to be sold at the next meeting. Meg Silvern asked if there was a limit on the number of times a quilt can be shown for raffle. Cathy Dargel reminded members that several months ago, a measure was approved that stated that raffle sales per meeting was limited to two quilts. She also clarified that two month's notice needs to be given to request raffle sales. Evelyn withdrew her request but asked that members check out Rusty Barn and purchase raffle tickets there.