

TUCSON QUILTERS' GUILD

BUSINESS MEETING

December 7, 2016

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

12 Board Members Present (Quorum? Yes X No)

12 Committee Chairs Present

0 Visitors Present

0 Members Present

Secretary: Corrections to the minutes: None

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kathy Barton and seconded by Elaine Romanelli. Motion was approved.

Treasurer: Marie Morris

The Guild Balance is \$42,783.97. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Sally Dickinson and seconded by Mary Meserve. Motion was approved.

Vice President / By-Laws: Elaine Romanelli

The Job Descriptions for Guild officers and committee chairmen have been completed. The PDF files will be e-mailed to Meg Silvern.

Endowment / Donations: Sally Dickinson

There was some discussion regarding how the endowment funds need to be distributed. Clarification was provided that only endowments of \$5000 or larger need to be reported to the IRS. However, it is important for endowments to be on record with the IRS in order to substantiate our non-profit status. Kathryn Wald asked if the Guild really needed to have an official request and application. The answer is yes – they are needed for audit records. The website needs to be updated so that applicants can apply on-line.

Quilt Show: Betty Anderson / Reilly Zoda

This year's show details are coming along. Betty Anderson indicated that no official designs were received for the 2019 Show Quilt so there might not be a vote at the meeting. However, the floor is still open so members are still able to submit a design.

Membership: Kathy Barton

The New Member Tea was held at the Viscount Suites and 17 new members attended. Cathy Dargel attended as Guild Historian and answered a number of questions for the new members. Chairman suggested that any new members could pay the guest fee in January and then join as a member in February. This would avoid the issue of having to pay new membership fees in January and again in March. There was some discussion about having a Greeter at the door. This would be difficult as it is hard to get a volunteer to do this.

Programs: Karen Fisher / Denise Withrow

The Chairman brought up the issue of reimbursement for travel expenses – the Guild had received a very large bill for reimbursement from one of the speakers. The Speakers contract needs to be changed to allow payment for travel reimbursement only up to the cost of an airline ticket if a speaker decides to drive instead.

Members-at-Large: Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George

Evelyn George reported that there was request for speakers to use the podium when speaking, instead of standing to the side of the podium. This tends to focus more attention on the person speaking. It also makes it easier for audience members to see the speaker from various viewpoints in the room.

Bears: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo

All of the pajamas have been delivered – almost 90 pairs.

Bees: Margaret Newman

There is a list of current bees available in the newsletter. There is a list of all of the bees, past & present, open & closed, on the website but it needs to be updated.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

No formal report, although it was announced that a former Guild member, original owner of the Quilt Basket, Pat Smith has passed away.

Education: No chairman/no report.

Finance Committee: (Marie Morris)

Sally Dickinson volunteered to accept this position.

Guild Pins: Diane Bach / Janet Rupp

There are none available to match the new logo yet.

Historian: Cathy Dargel – No report

Holiday Blocks: Judy Gilmartin / Colleen Babcock

Members have been submitting them.

Hospitality: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo

Chairman reminded attendees that they need a few more main dishes and each needs to feed a dozen people.

Library: Diane Hartman

Library usage needs to be reviewed in one year. It appears that there is only a core of 10-12 members that actually use the library with any frequency. It is difficult to find the time to visit the library either before the meeting or during break.

Newsletter: Diane Hartman

The next due date is December 21st and the new logo will be on the next newsletter. There was some discussion about changing the name. It was decided that a contest would be set up and the Guild members would be asked to submit suggestions. The Board will narrow the suggestions down to three and then the Guild will be asked to vote on the final choice.

Nominations:

There was a question about the status of the members on the Nominating Committee. Clarification was provided that members who were on the Nominating Committee could not be nominated or elected to an office. Reilly Zoda volunteered to chair the committee.

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

Evelyn displayed a quilt that she made from last month's paper-pieced Pattern of the Month tree block. The quilt also included the December block pattern "Tomte", a paper-pieced Swedish gnome.

Publicity: Elaine Romanelli

Elaine distributed copies of the poster and rack cards for the 2017 show for everyone to take and distribute. It is important for the Guild to have a consistent identity. The Guild will be purchasing a large silk banner with the new logo for the Outreach booth at the show.

Organizations:

Quilt for a Cause raised \$105,000 total. TMC received a donation of \$75,000 and St. Elizabeth's Clinic received \$30,000. The QfaC would like to have other fund raisers so will be expanding the boutique section of their booth at the show and other locations.

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

Quilting for Others: Mary Meserve / Kathy Harris

Members are enthusiastically picking up fabric and packets to finish quilts.

Raffle Quilts: Colleen Babcock – no report

Record Keeper: Mary Meserve – no report

Website: Meg Silvern

OLD BUSINESS:

A game will be put together to serve as a mixer at the December Christmas party. Quilting for Others will put together some fat quarter packets as prizes for both the Evening and Morning meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Three Guild members have their quilts in the new Quilt Art Engagement Calendar: Ann Adams, Kathryn Wald and George Magee.