

TUCSON QUILTERS' GUILD

BUSINESS MEETING

January 4, 2017

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

___11___ Board Members Present (Quorum? Yes __X__ No ___)

___13___ Committee Chairs Present

___0___ Visitors Present

___1___ Members Present

Secretary: Corrections to the minutes: Marie Morris clarified the language for the Treasurer's Report in the minutes. It should read "Total Liabilities and Equity is equal to \$42,783.97" and the Bonds listed appropriately every quarter (see attached Balance Sheet) to reflect a Restricted Balance of \$32,367.95 and an Unrestricted Balance of \$120,554.62.

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Cathy Dargel and seconded by Barbara Heiman. Motion was approved.

Treasurer: Marie Morris

Total Liabilities and Equity as of January 3, 2017 was \$65,310.02. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Sally Dickinson and seconded by Elaine Romanelli. Motion was approved.

Vice President / By-Laws: Elaine Romanelli -- No report

Endowment / Donations: Sally Dickinson -- No report

Quilt Show: Betty Anderson / Reilly Zoda

President Roberta Sipes reported that she had received several nice door prize items from the Sulky thread company. Chairman Betty Anderson reported that there are 37 vendors that will be attending. The Junior Quilters Table will only be present on Sunday due to a lack of volunteers to staff the table. The voting on the 2019 raffle quilt was very close but the darker geometric version won out. Other areas are moving along well.

Membership: Kathy Barton

The Membership Application has been updated and simplified a little bit and the committee will be collecting some statistics to see how the Guild is changing over time. They will be looking for such things as age range, preferred meeting time and type of quilter, to see if the Guild is meeting the needs of the members. They would also like to know how applicants heard about the show. We are bringing back the New Member Game but this time the responsibility for introducing themselves will fall to the new member. They will be given 8 cards with instructions on who they should seek out. There will be 2 winners (1 new member and 1 existing member) at each of the 8 regular day and evening meetings.

Programs: Karen Fisher / Denise Withrow

There have been several items left behind at various classes that will be offered to members first before recycling. Some extra items from the Program Committee will need to go into storage.

Members-at-Large: Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George

Evelyn reported that nothing had been brought to her attention and she will talk about the new member game in the next column.

Kay thanked the members who provided prizes for the games played at the Holiday Party. There were some left over which may be donated for show door prizes.

Bears: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo

A total of 95 bears were donated with 45 going to TAPS and 50 bears (and 109 pairs of pajamas) went to Angel Heart. There is already a wish list of 3 agencies who would like bears next year.

Bees: Margaret Newman

Meg Silvern asked for clarification regarding the Bees that were listed on the website. It was decided that all bees would be listed with the notation 'open' or 'closed' next to them so that the public would be aware of the status. Mary Meserve reminded attendees that the bees need to report what they are doing regarding donations, etc. so that we can substantiate our non-profit status.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

Jan Johnson passed away from cancer on December 22, 2016. A card will be sent to her husband.

Reilly Zoda is in the hospital recovering from a ruptured appendix

Education: No report

Finance Committee: Sally Dickinson -- No report

Guild Pins: Diane Bach / Janet Rupp

Sue Burns will help with pins and will try to have them available for the show but this may not be possible (they're made overseas). There were three choices for the 'metallic' part of the design: gold, silver or copper. It was decided to go with silver (to echo the 'white lines' in the design) and to pick one of the darker colors for the lettering. Money for the basic design is in the budget under Publicity and it was suggested that the Guild purchase approximately 600 for re-sale (or whatever amount will give us the best price break).

Historian: Cathy Dargel -- No report

Holiday Blocks: Judy Gilmartin / Colleen Babcock

The final winning blocks will be shown in the newsletter and they are all ready for hanging at the show.

Hospitality: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo

Ninety-seven signed up for the Holiday Party and 136 were fed. The Food Bank Raffle raised \$720. There was some question and discussion about the remuneration for the church custodians who set up and take down for both the evening and morning meetings plus all of the workshops. It was decided that gift cards would be purchased out of the Administrative Budget line item; one for \$100 for one custodian and 1 at \$50 for the second custodian who had already received one gift card of \$50.

Library: Diane Hartman

There will be a surprise book sale in January – all books and magazines will be half-price. The library will be open for the breaks and before and after both meetings.

Newsletter: Diane Hartman

All submissions are due by January 18th.

Nominations: Reilly Zoda

There was some discussion as to whether she would be healthy enough to fulfill the duties of the Nominating Committee Chairman (hospitalized for appendix surgery). It was decided to check with her to see how she is feeling and if she might need another volunteer to assist her.

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

This month's pattern is called STIX. Basically the background fabric is cut and a contrasting color is added.

Publicity: Elaine Romanelli

The committee is planning to sell various items with the new logo and probably different items each year.

Organizations:

Quilt for a Cause – The groups' boutique booth at the Quilt Show will be expanded. The group will also be exploring other recipients for specific targeting to benefit women in Tucson, such as St. Elizabeth's Clinic. There is a strong need for local support since the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure was cancelled locally.

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

Quilting for Others: Mary Meserve / Kathy Harris

Several quilts were taken to Kathy's home for donation.

Raffle Quilts: Colleen Babcock

2017 – This quilt is current at AZ Vac & Sew.

2018 – Bobbie Aug will be appraising this quilt at the quilt show.

2019 – This design has been chosen and a new chair person to oversee the construction of this quilt is needed.

Record Keeper: Mary Meserve

The chairman again reminded members that she needs to know about quilts that have been made and donated to others. We need this information to keep our non-profit status active.

Website: Meg Silvern -- No report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pam Parks from the Nanini Library has requested a quilt exhibit for the month of January (they had someone cancel at the last minute). Mary Meserve and Karen Fisher will take some quilts over for display, including the podium quilt and a poster advertising the show.
2. The Quilter's Hall of Fame from Marion, IN has requested a tax-deductible donation. The request will be referred to the Endowment Committee for evaluation and consideration.
3. There was additional discussion regarding raffle tickets being for sale at the meetings for multiple quilts. Christine McCollum volunteered to set up a calendar schedule to coordinate this process. Some guidelines were decided upon: the request must be made at the Business Meeting the month before, the tickets must be available at both Guild meetings, quilts to be shown must have their own rack, and, the first two that request to be on the agenda thru the coordinator will be allowed. Christine McCollum will write up the guidelines for the newsletter.
4. There was some discussion regarding cleaning up the Guild meeting room when flyers are handed out at the beginning of the meetings, i.e. they must be cleaned up by the person/quilt shop that is handing them out. The various shops in town will be contacted and advised of this policy.