

TUCSON QUILTERS' GUILD

BUSINESS MEETING OF March 1, 2017

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

_____11__ Board Members Present (Quorum? Yes ___X___ No _____)

_____11__ Committee Chairs Present

_____1__ Visitors Present

_____2__ Members Present

Secretary: Corrections to the minutes: None

A motion to approve the minutes as provided by e-mail to board and committee members was made by Cathy Dargel and seconded by Betty Anderson. Motion was approved.

Treasurer: Marie Morris

The Treasurer reported total liabilities and equity of \$63,479.68. Treasurer reported that the laptop used by the Guild had a major computer failure in March, 2016 and a letter was provided to the Board with a statement to be read into the minutes: Because of computer failure and an ill treasurer, the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 financial records were updated but could not be reconciled. A new company was created for the July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 and will be used for this fiscal year. Pertinent taxes have been filed. Storage fees are due this month. There was some discussion about the cost of the units vs the size of the units, as cost seems a little high. The Treasurer will check it out and report back at the next meeting.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Coleen Babcock and seconded by Kathy Barton. Motion was approved.

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

Endowment / Donations: Sally Dickinson

A Thank You note and brochure was sent by Carolyn O'Bagy Davis for our donation to the Smoki Museum in Prescott, AZ for a special show titled "From Clay to Cloth," featuring Hopi Quilters.

Quilt Show: Betty Anderson / Reilly Zoda

Total attendance for the three days was 3340 which was down a little (approx. 200) from last year and over \$18,000 was raised. Rent at the TCC has gone up, security costs have gone up and parking

cost have gone up. The Quilt Show Co-directors and representatives from the Quilt Show Committee need to meet with SMG staff prior to finalize and sign the contract and be sure to specify when the contract is signed, that no changes can be made after the contract is signed. There is no contract yet for the 2018 show so a meeting needs to be set up. During the meeting:

1. Make sure specific issues are raised and settled, such as parking, security, etc.
2. Make sure that we are not perceived and patronized as "little old ladies."

After the show was over, one of the vendors backed into a railing at TCC and damaged it. The claim has been turned over to our insurance company and we are liable.

There was some discussion about exploring other venues than TCC. This is going to be difficult since there is over 60,000 square feet available at TCC and the Guild really needs close to this amount of space to have room for everyone. There will be a Quilt Show meeting at the end of the month and this will be discussed. The contract will need to be signed in May/June. The dates for the space have been confirmed but they are not definite until the contract is signed.

Membership: Kathy Barton

Twenty-four new members joined at the Show. A suggestion was made that this committee needs to consist of more than one person, as management of the roster, etc. is quite labor-intensive. The President stated that as a Chairman, Kathy was free to appoint a committee to assist her.

Programs: Karen Fisher / Denise Withrow

There have been a lot of sign-ups for the March workshop but there are still openings for the April workshop.

Members-at-Large: Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George

The New-Member Game has been set-up. The Members-at-Large are receiving more suggestions in their Suggestion Box which is present at every meeting and located on the Block of the Month table. All members need to be reminded to wear their name-tags.

Bears: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo -- No report

Bees: Margaret Newman -- No report

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

No report, per se – but she thanked the Guild Member who sent her a card when she had a bad fall recently.

Education: No report

Finance Committee: Sally Dickinson

The Chair asked for budget requests from directors and chairs if the amount of money has changed significantly since last year.

Guild Pins: Diane Bach

There is still no date provided for when the Guild pins will become available. The Chairman is requesting to be replaced in this position for this coming year.

Historian: Cathy Dargel -- No report

Holiday Blocks: Judy Gilmartin / Colleen Babcock

The process went well. The chairmen are requesting to be replaced in these positions for this coming year.

Hospitality: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo -- No report

Library: Diane Hartman

Several new members visited the library last month. Over \$50 was raised by selling some of the older books and magazines. There will be some new books that have been purchased for the library available next month.

Newsletter: Diane Hartman

There were 5 suggestions submitted for a new name for the newsletter. The Board has voted for the three finalists and the Guild will vote at the next meeting.

Nominations: Reilly Zoda

A slate of officers has been developed and voting will occur at the March meeting.

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

Evelyn reported that she reviewed about 15 years' worth of her old patterns published as Block of the Month and Pattern of the Month, and selected some to illustrate in red and white, as inspiration for the Guild's upcoming Ruby Anniversary Show. This month's Pattern of the Month page will reference where the original patterns can be found in the newsletter and/or website.

Publicity: Elaine Romanelli

This committee will need to be replaced for next year. The current Chairman highly recommends that whomever takes the job next year work closely with other Guilds to encourage buses to come to the Show. She also suggested that the Guild form a Social Media Committee to deal with on-line connections to the Guild and the Show. The section of the Guild that meets in the evenings might be a good target for this chairmanship as they tend to be younger, more media-savvy members. The Guild also needs an active Education Committee to reach out to schools. It was also suggested that it would be nice if Board Members had a generic business card to hand out.

Organizations:

Quilt for a Cause -- Evelyn George thanked the Guild for providing a free booth for this organization at the Show. Their booth sold both patterns and boutique items. It appears that the patterns do very well and they are thinking about concentrating more on those in the future.

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

Quilting for Others: Mary Meserve / Kathy Harris

The committee will be meeting soon to work on organizing the storeroom.

Raffle Quilts: Colleen Babcock

2017 – This quilt is on it's way to the raffle winner.

2018 – This quilt (Star Light, Star Bright) is on it's way to the AZ Quilter's Guild show in Mesa (March, 2017) to show as an entry.

2019 – No committee has been developed as yet.

Record Keeper: Mary Meserve -- No report

Website: Meg Silvern -- No report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The policy guidelines for presenting a raffle quilt to the Guild were provided for approval. A motion was made by Cathy Dargel to add the Guidelines as Guild policy. Motion was seconded by Marie Morris. After a little more discussion, motion was approved.

A quilt was presented for approval at this meeting per the above guidelines. The quilt is to raise money for the Sister Jose Women's Center. A motion was made by Evelyn George to approve this quilt for the sale of raffle tickets. Cathy Dargel seconded the motion and it was carried.

There was some discussion about forming a one-time, short-term committee to review/formulate a policy on conflicts of interest when a guild member is a teacher. This issue was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

A nomination to create a new Honorary Member was presented to the Guild: Jo Cady-Bull. As outlined in the by-laws, this nomination will need to be approved by the Board first and then by the full Guild. There was some discussion about her eligibility and some members felt that more information was needed. This issue will be tabled for discussion next month.

Kathy Barton attended the VTAT meeting. Evidently there are only 4 guilds will be involved in supporting this venture. There is no Five-Year Plan. The meeting was very disjointed and they need to focus on finding space. Currently the focus appears to be more on fund raising. Kathy felt that the Weaver's Guild was putting strong emphasis on finding a permanent space for their library. We, as a Guild, can't really commit to financial support until they have a building, which makes it a 'catch-22' situation.

Karen Fisher mentioned a website called "Reap What You Sew" which was created by a husband who is selling off his deceased wife's collection of fabric. She was not a Guild member but this site might be a way to purchase fabrics at a discounted price. Members were encouraged to check it out.

