

TUCSON QUILTERS GUILD

BUSINESS MEETING OF April 5, 2017

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

___10___ Board Members Present (Quorum? Yes X No ___)

___15___ Committee Chairs Present

___0___ Visitors Present

___1___ Members Present

Immediately after the meeting was called to order the new President, Elaine Romanelli, asked for a few minutes to allow her to outline her goals for the Guild for the next year.

1. A major priority will be to update the website. There has already been a meeting to discuss this issue and she hopes to accomplish this goal within the next year.
2. She plans to work towards improving the meeting experience. To that end, she will be showing a Power Point presentation on the screen on stage so that everyone will be able to see the agenda. If anyone plans on speaking at a meeting, they will need to let the President know ahead of time. Any presentation needs to be succinct and to the point.
3. There will be some advance planning to un-jam deadlines prior to the quilt show. For instance, the President's Challenge and the Holiday Block Challenge will be put on the calendar for the above deliverables. She will be adding a deadline section to the agenda. The question was posed about even having the Holiday Block Challenge since they usually don't work together as a quilt.
4. Members need to read the newsletter and there was some discussion as to how this could be encouraged. A suggestion was made to hide 4 – 5 membership numbers in the newsletter and then reward with a prize when found.
5. There was some discussion about different ways to encourage members to enter quilts in the show. Many members, especially new members, feel strongly that their work "isn't good enough" to enter in the show. One suggestion was some kind of 'reward' if a member was entering their first quilt. Another suggestion was to have a category for "not quite good enough" quilts.
6. There are two different kinds of members – locals who need and want to know everything, and snowbirds who don't want to know. This makes it very hard to please everyone.
7. The newsletter needs to be easier to find and accessible /searchable.
8. Elaine wants to hear from members and is easily reachable thru e-mail:
romanele@georgetown.edu

Secretary: Lani M. Smith -- Corrections to the minutes: Minutes were dispersed by e-mail prior to the meeting.

An election was held at the General Meeting on March 8, 2017 and the following officers were elected:

President: Elaine Romanelli

Vice President: Paulette Worman

Quilt Show Co-Chair: Helen Frost

Endowments: Mary Meserve

Member-at-Large, Evenings: Kay Hendricks

There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion to approve the minutes as e-mailed was made by Reilly Zoda and seconded by Cathy Dargel. Motion was approved.

Treasurer: Marie Morris

The Treasurer reported total liabilities & equity of \$63,153.59. She also researched the question of the large payments for the storage units. Evidently the company accidentally double-charged the Guild and it was fixed that same day she checked into it. Amounts charged for the storage units are as follows: Admin - \$1348.90, Quilting for Others - \$1949.60 and Quilt Show - \$2154.60.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Kathy Harris and seconded by Cathy Dargel. Motion was approved.

Vice President / By-Laws: Paulette Worman

President Elaine Romanelli reported that she had researched the 'conflict of interest' issue regarding whether Guild members could be paid for teaching workshops. As stated in the by-laws "no member may derive any personal profit" and, basically they have a "duty to disclose" which is the primary consideration.

Endowment / Donations: Mary Meserve -- No report

Quilt Show: Reilly Zoda / Helen Frost

The first Quilt Show meeting will be on April 28th. There are still show chairman positions that need to be filled: 1) publicity, 2) demonstrations, 3) hostess and 4) signs.

The Judging Form will be standardized so that everyone knows what the guidelines are and the judges will be made aware of the standards. There will be a clothing and sculpture category added to

next year's show. Some of the other categories may be tweaked as there is discussion of having a "modern" category.

Membership: Kathy Barton

There are a total of 275 members: 238 renewing members and 37 new members. When she returns from vacation, she will send an e-mail to those members that have not renewed yet and the number will probably grow.

Programs: Karen Fisher / Denise Withrow

With the above cited clarification of the by-laws, it was confirmed that it was OK to hire Guild members as a teacher. However, many members feel that they can see the local talent any time so they prefer that the Guild hire outside speakers for the workshops. The Chairmen ask that if a local member is hired to teach a workshop, they will need to teach a new design – one that is not being taught at a local shop. Karen Fisher showed a presentation board that she had developed showcasing red and white quilt blocks and mini-quilts in honor of the Ruby Anniversary coming up.

Members-at-Large: Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George

Evelyn mentioned that the speaker's "stage presence" at the microphone needs to be more pronounced. Speakers need to speak more clearly and slowly and directly into the microphone. Members need to be encouraged to provide feedback in order to stimulate Guild ideas.

Bears: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo – No report

Bees: Margaret Newman -- No report

President Elaine Romanelli asked if there was any way to get a list of all members of all bees in order to encourage non-members to join the Guild. There is no way that this could be accomplished. She also asked what would be the best way to visit each bee.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

June Doty has passed away and a card will be sent on behalf of the Guild.

Education: No report

Finance Committee: Sally Dickinson

There will be a budget meeting on 5/5 at Marie's church and any Guild member is welcome to attend. Only two requests have been received and the deadline is April 19th.

Youth on Their Own will be receiving a financial award. The committee would like to find a High School where the chairman can meet with/talk to a counselor to formulate a donor's agreement on where and how to get the award most directly to youth. A decision will also need to be made on how to make the presentation of the award to the public and the club.

Guild Pins:

Sue Burns reported that only the show pins were currently available. She will bring all of the older pins she has available to the April meeting so that members can purchase pins that they might be missing. There was some discussion about who should have the responsibility of selling the pins. The general consensus was that the most logical place would be with the membership chairman.

She is still working on the new Guild pins which should be here in time for the May meeting. The cost was \$1470 for 600 pins which works out to approximately \$2.45/pin.

Historian: Cathy Dargel

Formal elections were held at the March meeting (see Secretary's report).

Holiday Blocks: No report

Hospitality: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo No report

Library: Diane Hartman

The Spring book sale will be held during the April Guild meeting. New books will be added to the library during the next month or two.

Newsletter: Diane Hartman

The new title of the newsletter is Thread Tales from TQG. The Guild needs to buy Adobe Professional software to enable hyperlinks so we may need to repurpose money for a new computer. There was some discussion about renting Adobe Professional for a few months instead of buying it so the Guild would always have the updated programs instead of buying a program that would go obsolete at some point in time. Sally Dickinson moved that budget dollars approved for equipment be used to

purchase software for the newsletter. Marie Morris seconded the motion. There was no discussion and motion was carried.

Nominations: Reilly Zoda No report

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

Evelyn reminded members that she had used previously existing patterns for the newsletter last month and this month which are shown in red and white, as inspiration for the Guild's upcoming Ruby Anniversary Show.

Publicity: Elaine Romanelli

Some budgeted money will be used for a website update.

Organizations:

Quilt for a Cause – We continue to receive new donations of quilts and have partnered with Arizona Oncology and donated a quilt to raise money.

Quilt-a-Thon: Barbara Heiman

Plans are proceeding for August.

Quilting for Others: Mary Meserve / Kathy Harris

They will be cleaning out the storeroom soon.

Raffle Quilts: Colleen Babcock

2018 – The Guild quilt won a second place ribbon at the Arizona Quilters Guild show at the end of March.

2019 – No report

Record Keeper: Mary Meserve

The Guild members are again reminded that the Chairman needs to know when a quilt is donated and it would be helpful to know the recipient also.

VTAT: Reilly Zoda -- No report

Website: Meg Silvern

The new password is now available and the list of new officers has been added to the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Coleen Babcock reported that the Board of Directors at the Sister Jose Womens Center has changed the price of the quilt raffle tickets to \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Evelyn George moved that this price increase be approved. Motion was seconded by Barbara Heiman. There was no discussion, motion was approved.

Sue Burns reported that there were still 140 old Guild pins were still available. They will be available for sale at the next show for \$5.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Cactus Quilt Shop and Quilt Basket shops were mentioned on Facebook with a mini-video.

Returning to the discussion of how to make the newsletter more involving for members, Sally Dickinson suggested that a Guild member be featured in the newsletter. In order to obtain some background information to do this a questionnaire will need to be developed for all members to complete and return. Sue Burns suggested that they be handed out at a meeting and let members know that they may be featured in an article in the newsletter. Cathy Dargel will help with this process.

Kathy Harris mentioned that there was a mention on Facebook that the Tucson Quilt Guild made the Chicago Tribune and Reilly Zoda was interviewed for the article. It can be accessed on our Facebook page.

Karen Fisher talked about the July Round Robin meeting. They are asking members to do a 5 minute presentation talking about and/or showing off their first quilt and comparing it to their last quilt. This would be kind of a specialized show and tell.

The issue of Jo Cady-Bull becoming an honorary member was tabled until a future meeting.