

TUCSON QUILTERS GUILD

BUSINESS MEETING OF May 3, 2017

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

_____12_____ Board Members Present (Quorum? Yes ___X___ No _____)

_____9_____ Committee Chairs Present

_____0_____ Visitors Present

_____0_____ Members Present

Secretary: Minutes were distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting. There were no corrections to the minutes.

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

Treasurer: Marie Morris

As of April 30, 2017, the operating budget was \$59,290.63. The Treasurer clarified the income from the Small Quilt Auction at the Show as a total of \$2535.

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

Vice President / By-Laws: Paulette Worman – No report

Endowment / Donations: Mary Meserve – No report

Quilt Show: Reilly Zoda / Helen Frost

Several members of the Quilt Show Committee met with Kate Calhoun at TCC. They talked about the parking situation, some "little old lady" issues and "not in the contract" issues. She apologized and said that that individual no longer worked there. In addition, the Guild will receive a reduction in cost due to last year's problems. She will be the contact person for any concerns that come up during this year. The Committee felt that it was a very good meeting.

Reilly Zoda shared other decisions that were made by the Show Committee:

There will not be a "not good enough" category as we discussed at the last meeting.

At the General Meeting during Show and Tell time, someone needs to admire the quilts being shown and encourage creators to enter the show by providing an application form.

The Masters Category needs to be further defined.

At the July meeting, members who had their quilts judged were asked to share the comments in order to demystify the process.

There are still several sub-committee positions available – Signs, Demos, Buses, Publicity and Signs

The Committee will be choosing the speaker for the show, not waiting for a volunteer.

Membership: Kathy Barton

There are a total of 340 members, 45 of which are new. Chairman will be sending out a reminder e-mail to those members who have not renewed yet.

Programs: Karen Fisher / Denise Withrow

The Committee loaned out two quilt racks during the show that have not been returned yet. They will be checking the Show storage unit to see if they are in there.

The May speaker is Debbie Jones.

There have been no sign-ups for the June workshops which will be Pat Yamin talking about curved piecing. There was some discussion about whether or not the June workshops should be cancelled going forward. Or, perhaps, just have a speaker and no workshops. Another suggestion was to offer a one-time-only reduced rate for the workshops. The President suggested that the Committee may need to put a more positive spin on signing up for the workshops, i.e. not “only 3 left”, but “going fast – sign-up soon”. Workshops are also open to the general public so members can invite friends to attend with them. It was suggested that a notice be placed in the newsletter. This will be discussed under Old Business in a future meeting. It was agreed that the one-time reduced rate would be \$35 for June.

Members-at-Large: Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George

Evelyn George reported that she has received a suggestion from a new member who felt that by streamlining the meeting, the opportunity to learn what the Committee Chairs are responsible for was lost. There was some discussion about this. It might be possible to introduce 1-2 chairmen at each General Meeting and explain what they do. One of the members attending the Business Meeting indicated that it's sometimes hard to know who does what among those present. A suggestion was made that Chairmen could at least stand to be introduced. Another suggestion was made that the President could use photos to ID committee chairs and describe what they do on her slide presentation/agenda. This may be a possibility for the fall when the winter visitors return.

The President reminded all Chairmen that any information for the Agenda slide presentation needs to be to her by the Sunday prior to the meeting.

Bears: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo – No report

Bees: Margaret Newman – No report

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

It was reported that Esther Monroy is now dealing with cancer. The Guild will send a card.

Education: No report

There was some discussion about Education and how to encourage new members later on in the meeting. In the past, Guild members would go out to the schools and help them out with quilt projects. Another option may be to look at prison outreach programs. Sister Jose's Shelter has a new facility with a large workroom and would like to have someone teach basic sewing skills and someone to work with them perhaps once a week. This could be a good place to donate some grant money.

Finance Committee: Sally Dickinson

The Budget Committee meeting will be May 5th at 10 am at Gracepointe Baptist Church, 5455 S. Westover Ave. Anyone is invited to attend.

For the past few years, the budgets have been larger than the expected income. It would be nice to get it more balanced in that income and expenses need to match more closely. In addition there needs to be more accountability to be sure that the money that is spent has a positive outcome for the Guild. Formerly the IRS felt that too much was left in the bank account and too much was invested for a non-profit organization.

Guild Pins: No report

Historian: Cathy Dargel – No report

Holiday Blocks: Judy Gilmartin / Colleen Babcock

New members have no idea what the Holiday Block challenge is so it needs to be better publicized. An informal vote was taken and a vote to cancel the Holiday Block challenge was carried.

Hospitality: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo – No report

Library: Diane Hartman

The Guild made \$363 at the Spring Book Sale. At the next Business Meeting, the Board will review the status of the library regarding usage and talk about the future of the library.

Newsletter: Diane Hartman

The June deadline is May 24th.

The Chairman shared some small decorative pieces that Sally Dickinson had picked up at Goodwill which will be given to members to finish off and donate to the Small Quilt Auction at the next show.

Nominations: Reilly Zoda – No report

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

The pattern for this month is Scrap Saver's Stars – because we all have scraps!

Publicity:

The President announced that three members had volunteered ideas for Guild Publicity – Mary Woods, Lisa Fryxal and Sharon Swan. She will speak with Cathy Dargel about asking her to “shepherd” them thru the process.

Organizations:

Quilt for a Cause – They raised \$560 from the Opportunity Quilt for Arizona Oncology. They are planning a Quilts in the Garden event where they will serve tea and desserts. Attendees will need to purchase tickets for this event – time, place and price to be determined. Road to California -- A bus to attend this event is in the planning stages.

Quilters Hall of Fame -- The Guild has not renewed its membership yet which was due in October. Cathy Dargel will do a check request to get this processed.

Quilt-a-Thon: Barbara Heiman

Plans are proceeding. The recipient will be the Interfaith Community Services Iskashitaa Refugee Network.

Quilting for Others: Mary Meserve / Kathy Harris

The storage room has been cleaned up and organized. Completed quilts were delivered to community organizations: 8 to Habitat for Humanity, 9 quilts and 42 pillowcases to Sister Jose's Shelter, several quilts to Pepe's House and 6 fairly large bags of toiletries to Emerge Women's Shelter.

Raffle Quilts: Colleen Babcock

2018 – No report

2019 – No report

Record Keeper: Mary Meserve – No report

VTAT: Reilly Zoda -- The next meeting will be on May 6th at 10:30 am at the Sonoran Glass Works.

Website: Meg Silvern – No report

OLD BUSINESS:

At the last meeting, there was some discussion on how to encourage members to read the newsletter by featuring a member in an article. Sue Burns and Cathy Dargel were going to work on developing a form to hand out at a meeting. There is some question about how easy it will be to get the forms back. There will probably be an announcement in the newsletter about the process which will hopefully encourage members to return the form.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swan Sheridan has announced that as the Guest Speaker for 2020 she will do some new workshops for the Guild. There was some discussion about when it would be appropriate for her to then advertise and teach the class anywhere else. She will be welcome to teach anywhere but just not advertise locally until after it has been presented locally. Also, no samples will be able to be hung in a local quilt shop until after they class has been taught.