

TUCSON QUILTERS' GUILD

BUSINESS MEETING OF October 3, 2015

Meeting called to order by President, Elaine Romanelli at 9:30am

_____12_____ Board Members Present (Quorum? Yes No _____)

_____10_____ Committee Chairs Present

_____0_____ Visitors Present

_____1_____ Members Present

President Elaine Romanelli opened the meeting with some general discussion.

The Sonoita Crossroads Club wants to sell raffle quilts at the October general meeting, in the morning only. Tickets would be sold for \$1/ea. or 6/\$5. Money raised would go to various non-profits in their area. Cathy Dargel moved that they be allowed to do this. Motion was seconded by Kathy Harris and carried.

The Guild Website is moving ahead with two choices pending for web designers. There will be a meeting later this morning to discuss and approve a final designer.

There has been some confusion about what the Guild would like to do or should do about collecting quilts and/or tools to send to the Texas hurricane quilters/survivors who may have lost everything. After some discussion, it was decided that the Guild needs to develop a statement regarding what to do in situations such as this.

The President announced that the Nominating Committee, which consists of Paulette Worman and Kathy Barton, still have some positions open on the committee. All of the positions will be announced as available for election, with willing incumbents or volunteers also listed. A suggestion was made that the current holders of filled positions should stand up and let members know who they are and that it's OK for interested parties to come and speak with them about the position.

There was some discussion about waiving the term limits on the Treasurers position because there is too much information that needs to be carried over and this is a difficult position to learn. By the time the Treasurer learns all aspects of the position, it's time to elect a successor. The audit that is conducted only looks at the procedures of the Treasurer, not at the actual finances. The by-laws state that there must be an annual review. The President stated that she would entertain a motion to waive the restrictions on consecutive terms for the Treasurer. It was decided that this would be referred to the by-laws committee to address any changes.

The Valley Quilters Guild of Green Valley is requesting to sell raffle tickets for their Mariner's Compass Quilt. Tickets will be \$1/ea. or 6/\$5. Money raised will go to fund their quilt show in February, 2018. Kathy Harris moved that it was OK to allow them to sell tickets. Evelyn George seconded the motion and it was carried.

President Romanelli then brought up a discussion question about the Finance Committee which consists of three individuals, one of which is the Vice President. Their job is to review the annual audit and make recommendations. A suggestion was made to remove this as a Committee position and utilize the Treasurer and Vice President instead. Someone may need to be appointed to review the account codes again. A couple of Committee Chairs mentioned that the Treasurers report needs to be more itemized because there is no way to tell if an item has

been paid or not. The Chairs really need a detailed monthly report. The President stated that she would speak with the Treasurer regarding accounting issues. She also asked if the Treasurer would like to have an assistant. Cathy Dargel volunteered to assist her which would allow the Finance Committee to become defunct.

Secretary: Lani M. Smith

Final minutes were disseminated by e-mail and no corrections were brought to the Secretary's attention.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kathy Harris and seconded by Marie Morris. Motion was approved.

Treasurer: Marie Morris -- No report

Approval of the report depending upon changes requested above, will be postponed until next month.

Balance Sheet information has been received through September 30, 2017. Current Assets reflect a balance of \$38,471.14 with Total Assets being \$193,611.89. Total Liabilities and Equity equal \$193,611.89. The Profit and Loss Statement reflects Total Income of \$3,248, and Total Expenses of \$10,561.89 for a Net Income of \$-7,313.89.

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

Endowment / Donations: Mary Meserve

There is still only one application from Quilts for a Cause. There is a clear lack of reporting from this particular committee with no real record of where the money went, what it was used for or reporting back as to what was accomplished with it. The Treasurer should be able to go into the Donations line item for the past seven years to determine this information. There may also be some information in the Secretary's records.

Quilt Show: Reilly Zoda / Helen Frost

The categories need to be finalized so that the ribbons can be ordered.

Membership: Kathy Barton

There are a total of 444 members of which 66 are new members.

Programs: Karen Fisher / Denise Withrow

Debbie Kratovil will be the speaker. The January speaker has requested a sign-up deadline of December 13. Requesting deadlines such as this are at the discretion of the speaker. Kathy Harris suggested that we let the other Quilt Guilds in the area know about these classes and encourage their members to attend so we don't lose any other classes.

Members-at-Large: Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George

Kay Hendricks – No report

Evelyn George - A member has suggested that a picture of the featured member be added to the Meet a Member page as a better way to get to know people. This could be accomplished relatively easily by the individual taking a “selfie” and sending it to the Newsletter Coordinator. It was also suggested that another option was to introduce the featured member at Show and Tell.

Bears: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo -- No report

Bees: Elaine Romanelli (temporarily) – No report

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

Margaret Newman is out of the hospital and doing well.

Mary Lou Barke and La Donna Black have passed away.

Education: No report

Finance Committee: No report

Guild Pins: Sue Burns

There was some discussion as to whether it was OK to sell the pins at the Guild Show and also have we decided if it's OK to sell the Guild Pin to the public. The majority of the members present felt it was OK to raise money this way.

Historian: Cathy Dargel

The Historian has asked that anyone who has old committee reports or other records to please send them to her. She can only record what she is given but there are gaping holes in the records and we really need to have a better historical record.

Hospitality: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo

There was an active discussion regarding the number of raffle quilts allowed to be shown for the purpose of selling tickets at the meetings. Kathy Harris stated that many times these requests were from sister organizations and we should be supportive. This was discussed in full detail in March but no written record of the discussion/rules was found in the Secretary's notes. A formal request will be made for this information to be provided for the record.

Library: Diane Hartman

The magazine sale made \$27.00 last month with the price/magazine raised to \$.50. The book sale is on for October. Any books that are not sold will go to the Friends of the Public Library.

Newsletter: Diane Hartman

The deadline for submission is October 18th. Any submissions for the November newsletter must be on time.

Nominations: Reilly Zoda

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

This month's pattern is Autumn Rush, Part 2. It can be combined with last month's block to make a lovely autumn quilt.

Publicity: Cathy Dargel

The Jazz Legends Quilt that was donated by Cathy Dargel sold for \$400 at the auction held by the SAABCA held recently. Congratulations are in order.

The Guild needs a new brochure (like the Community Outreach brochure) of some kind, such as an "About the Guild" publication that can be handed out around the community.

Organizations:

Quilt for a Cause – The Quilts in a Garden fundraiser brought in over \$11,000 for breast and gynecologic cancer programs in Tucson.

Quilters Hall of Fame – There were no volunteers as the result of the newsletter article.

Quilt-a-Thon: Barbara Heiman -- No report

Quilting for Others: Mary Meserve / Kathy Harris

The cutter that was recently donated works OK.

The President feels that another set of keys to all three of the storage room needs to be made available to her.

Raffle Quilts: Colleen Babcock

2018 – No report

2019 – No report

Record Keeper: Mary Meserve

Only one quilt has been donated.

VTAT: Reilly Zoda

There will be an Artist's Open House in the old Seinfeld Warehouse downtown. The Guild will have a booth in a good location where we can sell quilt related items only. They do want the seller to be there. Mary Vaneecke will have items in this booth.

Website: Meg Silvern -- No report

OLD BUSINESS:

The subject of Passport Holders to be worn around the neck and sold to Guild members was raised. The consensus was that it is OK to get new one and sell more to members. The President and Vice President will come up with a proposal for the Guild on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is a list on Charity Navigator where you can donate to your favorite charity in order to send money to the hurricane victims.