

TUCSON QUILTERS' GUILD

BUSINESS MEETING OF November 1, 2017

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

_____11_____ Board Members Present (Quorum? Yes _____ No _____)

_____6_____ Committee Chairs Present

_____0_____ Visitors Present

_____0_____ Members Present

Secretary: Lani M. Smith

Corrections to the minutes: Minutes were distributed by e-mail and corrections made as requested.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mary Meserve and seconded by Kathy Barton. Motion was approved.

Treasurer: Marie Morris

The current Balance Sheet states that Total Assets are \$200,095.43 and Total Liabilities and Equity are \$200,095.43. The Profit & Loss Statement states that Total Income for July 1, 2017 thru October 28, 2017 is \$11,556.91 and Total Expenses were \$11,301.92 for a Net Income of \$254.99.

Kathy Barton stated that the Membership income figures were less for this month than for last month and they should really include everything beginning in February to the current month. The problem could occur because some funds were deferred because of fiscal year time frames. Kathy said that she would double-check her deposits from July 1st and let the Treasurer know.

Cathy Dargel asked the Treasurer if the books for the last fiscal year were closed, and Marie Morris replied that they were. This means no changes can now be made so the problem is moot.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's reports from both September and October was made by Mary Meserve and seconded by Cathy Dargel. Motion was approved.

Vice President / By-Laws: Paulette Worman

It is time to renegotiate the lease for the Church Hall rental. The charge to rent the building for the Tuesday Evening meetings is \$300/month, while the charge for the Wednesday Morning meetings is \$455/month. Evidently, the morning charge was set when there was no Tuesday evening meeting and when that rental was added on, the Guild received a discount. The new lease, that will become effective on November 31, 2017 for the following period of time has been renegotiated and will be \$300

for each meeting from now on. Vice-President Paulette Worman has asked that all Guild members be courteous when they interact with Church staff.

Endowment / Donations: Mary Meserve -- No Report

Quilt Show: Reilly Zoda / Helen Frost

The Show Committee has received a note from the judges that there are now 383 entries for the January show, with about a third of them being red & white. A letter was received asking for permission from a group named Sew Very Smooth, which works with the 4H program, to hang quilts at the show. This raises questions regarding the Art Quilt Guilds' and Modern Quilt Guild's ability to hang quilts and should they all be allowed to hang quilts in the same area. Sew Very Smooth is requesting an answer before the Show Committee Meeting. Since this new group would involve new and younger quilters (4H) and they need to be encouraged to participate. However, there will be a need for more hanging equipment. The Quilt Show Committee will be encouraged to determine how much expense will be incurred for the additional equipment.

The "Chemical Attractions" Quilt that won a ribbon at our Guild Show last year, was highlighted in the magazine, *American Quilters Guild*, for winning the Best Original Design Award in the Grand Rapids show.

Membership: Kathy Barton

There are now a total of 454 members, with 71 new members.

Programs: Karen Fisher / Denise Withrow

Co-chair, Denise Withrow, asked if there could be a Show and Tell of holiday quilts at the December meeting. This was enthusiastically received and will be announced at the General Meeting and put in the Newsletter. The Program Chairmen asked if there could be some space allotted at the Quilt Show for them to set up an area for Workshop Samples – both past and upcoming. Mary Meserve stated that there was plenty of space in the Outreach area for these to be displayed.

Denise raised the question of having at least one more person to help out at the workshops. She would like to volunteer to do this but was concerned about the issue of serving consecutive terms in the program area. This will not be a problem as next year's Program Chairmen can appoint a committee to assist them. In addition, she would be performing a completely different function.

The Treasurer indicated that there was money in the budget to allow these one or two assistants to have their lunch purchased. It is also OK for the helpers to take the class as long as it doesn't interfere with them doing the job of that day, i.e. they may have to leave class to pick up lunch.

Members-at-Large: Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George

Kay Hendricks, the Evening Member-at-Large asked what was being done to retain members, for instance were new members being offered sponsors. Kathy Barton indicated that this was a choice given to new members on the sign-up form but that only one individual had asked for a sponsor. In addition, there is also the New Member Game provided to them and the Meet a Member column in the Newsletter. After some discussion, it was decided that the President would mention the availability of a Sponsor-matchup when doing the announcements at the General Meeting.

The President's Block Challenge is due next week and there was some discussion about how they would be displayed. Each quilt is supposed to come with a sleeve and the Program Committee will loan out their quilt frames to be used for display.

Evelyn George, the Morning Member-at-Large announced that there was a possible candidate for her replacement. Sandy Schuster is interested in the position but needs to think about it because she has some babysitting conflicts. She will let us know.

There was some discussion of the need for members to wear their name tags to the General Meeting and the question of purchasing passport holders that hang from a lanyard was raised again. Per the minutes of the last meeting, the President and Vice-President were going to look into this. Cathy Dargel mentioned that Professional Impressions can provide these holders at a cost of \$2.15 each. Treasurer Marie Morris mentioned that there is money in the budget (\$500) to purchase new goods. It would cost over \$1000 to purchase one for all members, however not all members would need one.

Bears: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo

Both Christine and Marie will be stepping down at the end of the year so these positions will need to be filled. The Guild will be able to donate 100 bears this year and every bear will have a quilt also, due to the labors of one of the Quilt Bees in town. There are also enough sweaters for 200 bears.

Bees:

President Elaine Romanelli is working on it.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

Victoria Gumm's husband has passed away and Sue Burns is due to have major surgery soon. Both members will be sent a card.

Education:

No report -- There was a mention that the Guild might be able to tie Education into the 4H group that working on quilts for the show. This might be a way to encourage younger people to become involved.

Finance Committee: No Report

Guild Pins: No Report

Historian: Cathy Dargel

The only Committee to submit anything to her was the Program Committee. The President reminded committee chairmen that they will need to make a report at the end of their term. These reports can be transmitted electronically and then stored on the thumb drive by year. This will reduce the amount of storage necessary over time.

Hospitality: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo

The Chairmen will be dropping off the floor plan to the custodial staff this afternoon. They are going to go with a new layout, setting up food stations in several different areas in order to spread out the congestion. There will be a Dessert Bar, Salad Bar, Main Dish Bar and misc. potluck area.

The President advised the attendees that she will be requesting that the Board Members sit at various table throughout the area, rather than at one or two tables together. She will also be providing them with a hat of some kind to wear so all attendees would know who was a Board Member.

One of the members mentioned that a good mixer to have would be to take several different fat quarters and cut them up into smaller pieces, put all the pieces into a bag and have the members who are attending the luncheon grab a piece out of the bag. Members would then be asked to sit at the table with the matching placemat in the center. The President volunteered to handle this process.

Christine McCollum asked if it would be OK to move the raffle quilt to January because so much would be going on in December. Cathy Dargel moved that this be allowed, Marie Morris seconded the motion and it was carried.

Library: Diane Hartman

The book sale netted \$513.75.

Newsletter: Diane Hartman

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline is November 15th.

Nominations: Paulette Worman

There are several positions that need to be filled.

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

The Pattern of the Month is called Patchwork Cottage. It is a 6" block and there will also be a page of suggestions on how it can be used.

Publicity: Cathy Dargel

The Chairman has put together a new brochure to hand out at the Quilt Show. It will provide a history of the Guild and information on how to join. It will also be available on the website for new member information. Cathy was working on a quilt during the meeting that will be used as a cover for the brochure and refers to quilters as "superheroes". She also stated that the bookmarks would be ready for distribution next month. Allegra Printing on Wilmot provides all of the printing for the Show. Kathy Barton asked if it would be possible to bundle the membership cards into this account rather than having them printed elsewhere.

Organizations:

Quilt for a Cause – They will be present at Harlow Gardens this next Saturday and Sunday with a booth, and will also be at the Quilting & Craft Fair in a couple of weeks, in Booth F.

Quilters Hall of Fame -- They have received no volunteers yet.

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

Quilting for Others: Mary Meserve / Kathy Harris

President Romanelli asked if she could visit after the meeting to pick out some fabric for the Christmas luncheon.

Raffle Quilts: Colleen Babcock -- No report

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Record Keeper: Mary Meserve -- No report

VTAT: Reilly Zoda

There was an Open Studio Tour last month with stops in various parts of town. The recent SAACA Show was very successful and there were lots of raffles.

Website: Meg Silvern

The Secretary asked for a point of clarification: why was the newsletter password protected. There was some discussion about the pros and cons of this process. Mainly it was done to protect member's privacy because phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses were occasionally listed so members can be contacted regarding bees, meetings, volunteer positions, etc. Without password protection members are also vulnerable to nasty viruses. On the other hand, ability to access the newsletter might encourage new members to join once they see how much fun they can have. There are ways that something could be done by eliminating personal/private information and this will be discussed with the new web designer.

It might be possible to put a quarterly newsletter on the website and the regular monthly newsletter password protected as a member benefit. Or certain portions only could be on the website. Eventually the website will replace the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer Marie Morris let the group know that Sister Jose's still has not contacted the Guild. A statement was made that this might be a better opportunity for Quilting for Others rather than a tie-in with Education. The shoulder bags that the women at Sister Jose's carry their belongings in could be created as a Q.f.O. project.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.