

## **TUCSON QUILTERS' GUILD**

### **BUSINESS MEETING OF January 3, 2018**

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

\_\_\_\_\_12\_\_\_\_\_ Board Members Present (Quorum? Yes \_\_X\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Chairs Present (representing 14 Committee positions)

\_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Visitors Present

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Members Present

Secretary: Lani M. Smith

Corrections to the minutes: Minutes were distributed by email and corrections made as received.

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

Treasurer: Marie Morris

An issue had been raised at a previous meeting regarding some funds that had been mis-located when the Treasurer had packed and reorganized some of her belongings. This was discussed at an Executive Board Meeting and no minutes were taken. The monies that were lost had been submitted in July, 2017. Membership Chair, Kathy Barton, stated that she has some records for this period that she can re-submit to the Treasurer. Member Kathryn Wald requested that all committees be more responsible with their record-keeping. A suggestion was made that it might be time to hire a professional bookkeeper to receive monies at the meetings and one of the Treasurer's duties would be to oversee this position. After much discussion it was agreed that it would not be feasible at this time. Because of the amounts of money that the Guild is responsible for, it is recommended that each committee should keep their own set of books that can then be matched to the Treasurer's books.

President Elaine Romanelli requested a list of those Committee Chairs who would be giving monies to the Treasurer. She is requesting that each Chair provide her with a report the Monday prior to the Business Meeting of what monies were given to the Treasurer so this can be reconciled. It was agreed that the Membership and Program Chairs would probably be handing in the majority of the funds. The monies that are handed in at the January General Meetings and any other monies received during the month of January would then be reported the Monday before the February Business Meeting. These funds would then be recorded in the minutes of the February Business Meeting. President Romanelli stated that these lost funds will be submitted as a claim to the Insurance Company.

The Guild reported Total Assets of \$195,081.26 as of December 28, 2017 and Total Liabilities and Equity of \$195,081.26 as of the same date. For the period from July 1 thru December 28, 2017 Total

Income was reported as \$19,425.23 with Total Expenses of \$24,184.41, leaving a Net Income of a negative \$4,759.18.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report 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**

One request was received from Quilt for a Cause and today (1/3/18) was the deadline. A committee will be formed to review this request and make a recommendation to the Guild.

**Quilt Show: Reilly Zoda / Helen Frost**

Everything is on target.

Shellie Whitman, Hospitality Chair for the Quilt Show, reported that 45 flyers have been sent out to the Southern and Central part of the state to various Quilt Guilds and organizations. They have also been sent to RV parks that have a large percentage of quilters. She did receive ten non-TQG-member volunteers for the Show. Shellie brought up the idea of the prospective benefits of joining AQG (Arizona Quilters Guild) and becoming an Affiliate Member at some point in the future. Evidently this has been discussed several times in the past. It appears that the major benefit would be having an article twice a year in their publication. At one time the TQG was affiliated with AQG and the major "benefit" that was received was a request to sell raffle tickets for their quilts at our Guild meetings. At the present time, we would have to refuse the request due to our current policy.

**Membership: Kathy Barton**

Membership dues are due February 1<sup>st</sup>. Since this year is the RUBY anniversary for the Guild, the Chairman is requesting that the membership cards be printed with the logo and all printing in red on white card-stock. The Chairman also stated that she is in the process of prepping the New Member packets for next year and would like to be able to include the schedule of programs for the full year. The Program Chairmen said that they would send it to her.

**Programs: Karen Fisher / Denise Withrow -- No report**

**Members-at-Large: Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George -- No report**

**Bears: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo -- No report**

**Bees: No report**

**Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve**

Lucy Toal, a former member, has passed away.

**Education: No Report**

**Finance Committee: No report**

**Guild Pins: No report**

**Historian: Cathy Dargel**

**Hospitality: Christine McCollum / Marie Luongo**

The leftover food was packaged and donated to St. Vincent de Paul. The question of whether or not to have a Christmas Party will be revisited under NEW BUSINESS. The turn-out was very poor with only 22 attending on Tuesday night, and 52 on Wednesday morning and a large majority of those folks were either Board Members or Committee Chairmen.

**Library: Diane Hartman – No Report**

**Newsletter: Diane Hartman**

The due date is January 17<sup>th</sup>. A meeting will be arranged to turn the process over to the new Chairmen soon.

**Nominations: Reilly Zoda -- No report**

**Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George**

This month's pattern is called *Feathers from Fabric*. These are actual feathery-looking trims that can be used to embellish quilts or wearables.

**Publicity: Cathy Dargel -- No Report**

**Organizations:**

**Quilt for a Cause** -- The time for the bus trip to Road to California is rapidly approaching. The Arizona issue of the Quilt Folks magazine will highlight several local quilters. This is a magazine about quilters and there are no advertisements or patterns. It is strictly about quilters.

**Quilters Hall of Fame** – No report

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

**Quilting for Others: Mary Meserve / Kathy Harris**

**The Guild** received a very nice letter from the Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation thanking us for the pillowcases and stockings that were donated just prior to Christmas. They did have one request, however, that the top openings of the stockings be a couple of inches wider to enable toys and other items to be placed inside. The new stockings pattern will be printed in the newsletter.

**Raffle Quilts: Colleen Babcock**

2018 –

2019 – This quilt is in the process of being quilted.

2020 -- A request will be made in the newsletter for designs to be submitted to the Guild. After the designs are received, a vote will be taken to determine the final design.

**Record Keeper: Mary Meserve**

There was some discussion about how to value the quilts that are given away to charity. We should be able to establish a replace cost based on the estimated cost of the fabric. A member, Kathryn Wald, suggested we use a base price of \$12/yr. for the front and back and batting.

The two Janome sewing machines that were donated several months ago were sent to the Christian Catholic Women's Ministry and were valued at \$90 each.

**VTAT: Reilly Zoda**

This organization will have a presence at the Tucson Book Festival and some TQG members will be in the booth. They will have some small quilts available and will also take the books that were left over from the TQG book sale.

**Website: Meg Silvern – No report**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was some discussion over what to do about the Christmas Party that has had historically poor attendance for the past few years. Some suggestions were:

1. Cancel the party
2. Have a program of some kind instead
3. Schedule the DeStash sale in December

The most popular suggestion involved having the DeStash sale at the December meetings. Some of the pros and cons were: a lot of Guild members didn't appear to be interested in a party, everyone is up for a "yard sale", and it could be more of a drop-in style of function as members could come and go on their own schedule.

There were some organizational problems when we had the sale in November and these will be straightened out. Another suggestion was to open it to the public and/or make it more of a craft sale and do more publicity and outreach. The process will be formalized and an announcement will be made in March so members will know to look forward to it.

Submitted by

Lani M. Smith, Recording Secretary