

# TUCSON QUILTERS' GUILD

## BUSINESS MEETING OF March 7, 2018

Meeting called to order by President, Elaine Romanelli at 9:35 a.m.

\_\_\_\_11\_\_\_\_ Board Members Present (Quorum? Yes \_\_\_X\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_14\_\_\_\_ Committee Chairs Present (representing 13 committees)

\_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_ Visitors Present

\_\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_ Members Present

### **Secretary: Lani M. Smith**

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

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

### **Treasurer: Marie Morris**

The Treasurer reported Total Current Assets of \$200,792.22 and Total Liabilities and Equity of \$203,884.72. The Profit and Loss Statement for the period of July, 2017 through February, 2018 reported Total Income of \$45,979.23 with Total Expenses of \$41,934.95 for a Net Income of \$4,044.28.

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

### **Vice President / By-Laws:**

President Elaine Romanelli announced that a new Vice President has been appointed: Lynn Ruble. A motion to approve this appointment was made by Marie Morris and seconded by Evelyn George. Motion was approved.

### **Endowment / Donations: Mary Meserve**

Two official requests for donations have been received: 1) Quilts for a Cause, and 2) The Migrant Quilt Project. Request #1 (QfC) is requesting funds to support administrative costs such as printing of patterns used for fund raising and other costs. Request #2 (MQP) is requesting funds for basic needs regarding travel, insurance, etc.

There was quite a bit of discussion regarding these two requests. The committee had reviewed these requests and suggested that they both be approved. However, a condition of approval was that both entities would need to provide documentation of what the funds were used for.

Initially, a motion to provide \$2500 to each entity was made by Kathy Harris and approved by Cathy Dargel. After further discussion, this motion was withdrawn. A new motion was made by Kathy Harris to provide \$1000 to Quilts for a Cause. This motion was seconded by Denise Withrow and approved after a vote. A second motion was made by Kathy Harris to provide a grant to the Migrant Quilt Project of \$4000. The motion was seconded by Cathy Dargel and approved after a vote.

#### **Quilt Show: Helen Frost / Kate Verbecke**

The Show Report is not available yet as former Show Chair Reilly Zoda was not present. Current Chairman Helen Frost reported that Kate Verbecke is the new Co-Chair. She also reported that the Red/White Challenge was very successful. The one major complaint was the way the door prizes were handled. There was a great deal of congestion at the pick-up area and this will be reviewed for a different process next year.

#### **Membership: Barbara Heiman**

Former Chairman Kathy Barton reported that 19 new members joined at the Quilt Show. A suggestion was made that the new members be asked to stand at the General Meeting.

#### **Programs: Karen Fisher / Denise Withrow**

There was quite a bit of discussion regarding a suggested change for Program fees to be dropped from \$75 for non-Guild-members to \$50 for everyone. It was felt that this would be friendlier across the board and would encourage more non-Guild members or members from other Guilds in the area to attend. This will be brought to the full Guild for approval. After more discussion it was decided that a recommendation from the Board would be made to the general membership that Program fees would drop to \$60 for non-members. A suggestion was made that the new Program Committee Chairs need to be more active about letting other guilds in the area know about the programs.

Member Kathy Barton asked for a discussion of an Affiliate Membership for businesses so that they could advertise. This relationship was provided in 2004-2005 and was not very successful. The current discussion relates to a member who has a travel/cruise business that she would like to promote. The President will check with this individual to see exactly what it is that she wishes to promote to the Guild. Currently quilt related businesses can advertise in our newsletter. Should affiliates be offered a discounted membership at a lower rate to join the Guild? The Vice President Lynn Ruble will check the by-laws regarding affiliate memberships and business advertising in the newsletter. A statement was made that there are so many other guilds now, that reducing the amount will drop the income severely.

The discussion was tabled until the next Business meeting.

There is a work table that goes up and down, called a “Martelli” table, that has been requested to be demonstrated at a general meeting. There was some discussion about this request as to how much time it will take and when it would be appropriate. It was suggested that it be done during a slow time of the year, maybe June or July when there are no scheduled programs. It may be that two sessions will need to be scheduled – one for the morning meeting and one for the evening meeting.

The new Program Chairs are Hester Rogers and Joleene Albaugh.

**Members-at-Large: Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George**

Morning MaL – Evelyn George reported that no comments were received at the last meeting. Overall, throughout the year, 41 written comments/suggestions were made. Approximately 10% of the Guild members communicated with her. The column in the newsletter was very successful and the new Morning MaL will be Karen Fisher.

Evening MaL – Kay Hendricks mentioned that the evening person needs a location to be stationed at so members know where she will be available.

Evelyn also mentioned that it was important for both Members-at-Large to have a updated list of Board Members and Committee Chairs.

**Bears: Christine McCollom / Marie Luongo**

The process is all set up for next year. Next year’s Chairmen will be Joyce Bach and Joann Bach.

**Bees:** No report

**Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve**

Mary Meserve received a lovely card from the Guild after her recent surgery. There is no address available for a card for Paulette Worman. There will be a gathering at her home on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm.

**Education:** No report

**Finance Committee:** No Report

**Guild Pins:**

Kathy Barton reported that several pins were sold at the Quilt Show.

**Historian: Cathy Dargel**

Reports are being turned in for storage.

**Hospitality: Christine McCollom / Marie Luongo**

The raffle to benefit the Community Food Bank brought in \$4448. They will continue doing the CFB raffle which they started, along with the pajama party donations.

**Library: Diane Hartman**

An inventory was conducted last month and 10-15 books have disappeared. All of the books prior to 1995 are gone. Books will be available for sale in April. Any leftovers will go to the Festival of Books (under the VTAT stand) and leftovers from there will to the Friends of the Library.

The new evening Librarian will be Janet Trumbley and for the morning it will be Kathy Barton.

**Newsletter: Suzanne Moshier and Nancy Moshier**

The deadline for next month's newsletter is March 21.

**Nominations: Reilly Zoda --**

Elections were held at the last General Meeting and the following members were elected:

Recording Secretary -- Lani M. Smith

**Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George**

This month's pattern is Floating Pinwheels.

**Publicity: Cathy Dargel**

The membership to SAACA was not as advertised. An email was sent to them outlining their failure to comply with certain conditions and a request for the return of the fee imposed by SAACA.

There needs to be some discussion about why we are doing publicity and what the end product is. The new membership brochure will be available at the Festival of Books.

Lisa Fryxel's name was suggested for Publicity Chairman.

**Organizations:**

Quilt for a Cause – Evelyn George -- The two new patterns have been well received. There will be an event at the Tucson Botanical Gardens with a reception on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm. There will be quilts for sale and as they are sold, new ones will replace them. Several presentations will be set up around the area.

Quilters Hall of Fame – They will have a permanent home at the Arizona Historical Society.

**Quilt-a-Thon: Barbara Heiman**

There are still some tops left from last year.

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

The storage room is FULL!. AS soon as Mary recovers fully from her surgery, there will be a clean-up day and donations of fabric will be made to smaller groups. Any group that needs fabric is welcome to it. There is some need for fabric to use as baskets to raffle and as door prizes. The Guild does rent the church for all day – perhaps a sorting party can be set up to organize all of the fabric.

**Raffle Quilts:**

2018 – It is in the process of being quilted.

2019 – Denise Withrow will coordinate this quilt.

**Record Keeper: Mary Meserve** -- No report

**VTAT (Visual and Textile Arts of Tucson):** Reilly Zoda – No report

**Website:** Meg Silvern (Lisa Fryxell?) -- No report

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Quilts for a Cause would like to raffle a quilt at the April and May Meetings called Delft Duet.

A motion was made by Mary Meserve to approve this request. It was seconded by Kathy Harris and approved by the members present.