

TUCSON QUILTERS' GUILD

BUSINESS MEETING OF April 4, 2018

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

_____10_____ Board Members Present (Quorum? Yes ___X___ No _____)

_____6_____ Committee Chairs Present (representing 9 committees)

_____0_____ Visitors Present

_____1_____ Members Present

Secretary: Lani M. Smith

Corrections to the minutes: Minutes were sent out by email. A couple of minor corrections were received and made.

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

Treasurer: Marie Morris

The Profit and Loss Statement for the period July 1, 2017 through April 3, 2018 was provided. Total Income for the Guild was \$61,478.61 with Income from the Quilt Fiesta reported at \$43,823.00. Total Expenses for the Guild were reported at \$61,510.95 with Quilt Fiesta expenses reported at \$25,984.13. This leaves a Net Income of \$-32.34.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Cathy Dargel and seconded by Barbara Heiman. Motion was approved.

Vice President / By-Laws: Lynn Rubel -- No report

Endowment / Donations: Mary Meserve

The checks have been prepared and are ready to be delivered.

Quilt Show: Helen Frost / Kate Verbecke

Quilt Show Chair Helen Frost reported that attendance was 3216 which was slightly down from last year (which was slightly down from the year before). Everything went very well with the exception of the door prize pick-up area. This will be reviewed and corrected for next year. Income from vendors

was significantly lower this year since the number of vendors dropped from 50 to 33. Publicity needs to be divided into two areas: social media, print media.

Membership: Kathy Barton / Barbara Heiman

There were 28 new members with 266 renewals. There are still 200 more that need to renew.

Programs: Hester Rodgers / Joline Albaugh

Some of the contracts are in place for next year. The former Chairmen have suggested to the current chairs that they were going to request that the teachers have their invoice ready when they arrive so payment can be provided in a timely manner. The June workshop has only three sign-ups which gives the Guild two options: 1) change the workshop subject, or 2) cancel the workshop and allow her to go home early. There was some discussion about changing the workshop and/or should there be only one workshop in June. There was also some discussion about not having a lecture/workshop in June-July-August. It was also suggested that we survey the members regarding what kinds of workshops to have. *(Subsequent to the meeting, in a private discussion between the two Chairs, it was decided that the June workshop would be cancelled.)*

Members-at-Large: Kay Hendricks / Evelyn George // Kay Hendricks / Karen Fisher

Morning MaL, Evelyn George reported receiving a suggestion requesting more of a variety of vendors at the Quilt Show rather than just a few vendors with very large spaces.

Bears: No Report

Bees:

Interim Bee Coordinator, Elaine Romanele stated that both open and closed bees are now listed on the website. She had a lot of trouble getting all of the information that was needed. One suggestion that was made was to organize all of the new members into bees automatically. Kathy Barton volunteered to help with this process.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Meserve

Former member Lotte Christensen passed away on March 25, 2018.

Education: No Report

Finance Committee: No Report

Guild Pins:

Sue Burns reported that she is resigning from pins and turning the process over to the Membership Chairman. She is also resigning from the Meet-a-Member column in the newsletter. One or two people will be needed to take over this assignment. There are still eight candidates left to be highlighted.

Historian: Cathy Dargel --- No Report

Library: Janet Trumbley (evening) / Kathy Barton (morning)

The book sale is scheduled for this month. In the future, the only book sale will be the one at the Quilt Show which was very successful.

Newsletter: Suzanne Moshier and Nancy Moshier – No report

Nominations: Lynn Rubal – No report

Pattern of the Month: Evelyn George

The pattern for this month is a Pioneer Doll. Members are encouraged to make a handcrafted doll and dress it.

Publicity: Cathy Dargel

There needs to be a Publicity Committee as one of the Quilt Show committees. Currently they are working on resizing the 2019 raffle quilt to make it larger. It also needs to be photographed. This individual (to be determined) will also be in charge of raffle tickets and will be the Quilt Mom.

With regards to publicity for the Guild as a whole, the flyers need to be returned from the Festival of Books. More needs to be done outside of the Guild to promote the speakers and workshops and to promote the Quilt a Thon. Cathy Dargel will speak to the need for two separate types of publicity at the May General Meeting.

Organizations:

Quilt for a Cause – There will be a display of quilts for sale at the Tucson Botanical Gardens beginning April 7th.

Quilters Hall of Fame – No report

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

Quilting for Others: Mary Meserve / Kathy Harris

Co-chair Kathy Harris reported that five big bags of fabric plus some quilts, were given to a group that makes comfort quilts for individuals suffering from cancer.

Raffle Quilts: Colleen Babcock

2019 – No report

2020 – No report

Record Keeper: Mary Meserve

Twenty quilts were given to Tucson Medical Center, ten quilts were given to Emerge and 5 bags of fabric were given to various charities.

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

Website: Meg Silvern

The website is coming along well and is very usable. Some documents still need to be moved to the new site but there is a concern that doing so could slow the site down. There was a question raised about the archive: what is in it and where is it stored? And the ability to pay dues, pay for workshops and other items still needs to be coded into the site. There was some discussion about providing additional funding to finalize the website. Mary Meserve moved to approve an additional \$1500 to finish off and polish the website. Barbara Heiman seconded and motion was carried.

Evelyn George brought up a discussion of the archived Patterns of the Month. Some of the early, original patterns were copyrighted. It was decided that members could search the on-line database for old patterns and they would be stored for a period of two years.

President Elaine Romanele brought up the question of paying someone else to make the website more attractive. However, Valerie would need to archive several things before they are removed. It has yet to be determined who the Administrator of the website will be.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer Marie Morris reported that the storage units have been paid for through April, 2019. There has been some discussion about requesting a larger unit but the Manager has stated that there is nothing available at the moment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Quilts for a Cause has requested that they be allowed to sell raffle tickets on a lovely blue and white quilt at the General Meetings for the next two months. Motion was made by Kathy Barton to approve this request. Motion was seconded by Karen Fisher and carried.