

PIECE BY PIECE QUILTERS OF MORGAN HILL  
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Business Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2012

Attendees: Diane LeGore, Laura Miller, May Wong, Lisa Seibert, Louise Coombes, Lynn Galindo, Sue Hice, Cheri Sedlacek, Marti Haan, Ferris Ann Coughlin, Ginny Grimsich, Linda Vlcek, Caroline Golowka, Carmen Kovach, Linda Elia, Diane Blake, Cindy Dalla, Susan Cheu

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Diane LeGore at 6:30 PM at Quilts and Things in Morgan Hill, CA

1. The minutes from December 15, 2011 were approved.
2. The Treasurer's report was given by Linda Elia
  - a. The checkbook has a balance of \$14, 279.
  - b. The negative balance under retreat is due to a refund.
3. Programs (Linda Vlcek, May Wong, Carol Pascoe)
  - a. January
    - i. Dave Peoples Fabric 101
      1. The option of giving Dave Peoples a gift in appreciation of his program at the January meeting was discussed. Per our policy, we can give an honorarium to speakers. It was decided to give him a \$50 gift certificate to a local restaurant. The funds for this will come out of the program budget.
      2. May Wong will write the thank you note and Lisa Seibert will purchase the gift certificate
    - ii. Retreat Jan 6-8 wrap up
  - b. February
    - i. Flea Market – Quilters Nest will be there
    - ii. Anelie Belden Workshop Feb 18<sup>th</sup> is full.
  - c. March-Technique Night has seven people signed up to demonstrate. This is enough for the program.
  - d. April
    - i. Dave Ellis from the Sewing and Vacuum Center will demonstrate sewing machines and needles. There will also be a door prize and a Kai scissors demonstration.
    - ii. Fun Day (see committee update below)
  - e. May: Mary Mashuta
    - i. The Pinnacles Guild has approached the Guild about sharing the cost of the Mary Mashuta lecture and the May 18<sup>th</sup> class (at

Gilroy Pacific Mobile Home Estates). Their guild meets on Tuesday and would come to our Thursday meeting instead. They are willing to pay half the cost of the lecture and workshop.

1. The Hollister Guild has about 30-40 people. We need to check with the church regarding the maximum number of people for the room.
  2. Under our current procedures, we are allowed to share expenses with another Guild. There are some duplicate members of both guilds so the extra number of people may be lower than their membership. This may be a way of increasing the number of speakers the Guild can host and increasing the participants in workshops.
  3. The Board decided to allow the Hollister Guild to come to lecture as long as the building capacity will allow the extra people. They are eligible to attend the workshop if their members are willing to pay the non-member rate. Another option would be to have their Guild “piggyback” off our workshop and pay reduced travel costs for the additional night.
- ii. Mary Mashuta Workshop on May 18th
1. The class can accommodate 25 people – there are no sewing machines being used, only design walls
  2. To encourage guild member participation, we will announce the class in newsletter and at the guild meeting. If the limit is not met by certain time, then the class will be opened to non-guild members.
- f. June: We are trying to get a fabric sculpture speaker for June instead of Shovunda. Shovunda will be moved to later in the year.
- g. Basically there is a plan for every month except August.

#### Committee Reports

1. Newsletter (Louise Coombes)– Affiliate memberships have a grace period until the March newsletter for advertisements.
2. Fun Day 2012-April 21<sup>st</sup>
  - a. There are four spaces left.
  - b. Committee members are purchasing fabric.
  - c. Scissor sharpening will be offered.
  - d. The committee is not getting as many donations as in the past; they have received many rejection letters. The Board emphasized that attendees are not going for the prizes, but instead go for “fun” and wanted to ensure this message was communicated to the rest of the committee.
  - e. A concern was raised about committee members paying for their own lunches. In the past this has been left up to each committee. If the event is self sufficient then they can choose to cover

committee lunches or possibly reimburse the committee later if the funds available.

3. Philanthropy-Need more baskets
4. Membership (Cheri Sedlacek) – There are currently 75 members, 8 affiliates. There are four new members. She is working on the roster.
5. Standing Committee (Lynn Galindo)-Block of the month: only have one left open (November). Only Aug, Sept, and Oct are open for sewing host. There is no sew day in July. We need refreshments in Sept.
6. Members at Large (Cindy Dalla)-There are four new members.
7. Sunshine Lady (Ginny Grimsich)-Carol Gregorio is having eye surgery.

#### Other News

1. Breast Cancer Quilt – The last quilt lost money; the Breast Center only took in \$300. This is the first year we didn't sell tickets.
  - a. A proposal was made to have the quilt raffled every other year so guild members can sell tickets for longer period of time.
  - b. This would end up being a 1½-year commitment for committee members and would put greater emphasis on selling versus making the quilt.
  - c. A proposal was made to start the Breast Cancer Committee every other year with a committee member commitment of a year and a half plus a commitment to more marketing/selling activity (not just sewing).
  - d. A proposal was made to have a Festival of Light quilt instead of Breast Cancer Quilt. The funds from this quilt would benefit the general hospital fund instead of being solely committed to the Breast Center.
  - e. The Board agreed to bring both options to the general membership and see which they want to pursue.
2. The draft Policies and Standing Rules was presented for review by the Board. (Caroline Golowka)
  - a. The draft needs to be approved by the Board and then will go to the general membership for approval.
  - b. A request was made to have the new/revised parts clearly identified so the Board can identify the changes.
  - c. It was suggested that each area go through their own section and the Board will then discuss at next meeting.
3. National Quilting Day March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Library from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Farris Ann Coughlin)
  - a. The room in library will have more tables and plug ins so the limit is now 12. People have already volunteered on the membership forms so they should be contacted before new recruits.
4. UFO Contest (Lisa Seibert)
  - a. The contest is still in effect and will be reviewed at the next meeting. It will be added to the newsletter. New forms will be collected at the February meeting.

5. St. Francis Retreat sent us a thank you note for our continued patronage of their facilities.
6. Reach Out sent the Guild a thank you letter.
7. There is a Guild History Book that was started by Nancy Redmond. We need a historian to keep up book. It was given to Caroline Golowka.
8. A question was raised about membership rosters – how to get them and how often to send out? A hard copy is given to the Board and then copies distributed at the meeting if requested. Cheri Sedlacek to have the roster available by June.
9. A concern was raised that the minutes for both the executive board and general meeting need to be posted on the website to maintain our 501(c)3 status.

The next business meeting will be Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Quilts and Things in Morgan Hill.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Cheu, Co-Secretary.