

**PIECE BY PIECE QUILTERS**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
April 27, 2023

**Members in Attendance:** Laurel Blakley, Linda Boman, Kelly Brown, Betty Colombo, Susan Jackson, Marilee Kline, Melanie Martens, Susan Oakes, Laurie Perez, Linda Rubio, Margaret Sullivan, Christine Widman

President Betty Colombo called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. The meeting was held at Quilt & Things in Morgan Hill.

**Minutes:**

Betty asked if there were any corrections to the March 16, 2023 Guild Meeting Minutes. Hearing none, it was moved by Melanie Martens and seconded by Christine Widman to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Betty asked if there were any corrections to the March 23, 2023 Business Meeting Minutes. Laurel Blakley mentioned that she had the names of the May workshop and meeting backwards, so she corrected and sent out new minutes. It was moved by Christine Widman and seconded by Laurel Blakley to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Margaret Sullivan reported the balance in the checkbook as April 3, 2023 was \$26,217.87. This amount includes the \$4,000 received from SVQA as seed money for the quilt show. There are three outstanding checks; one to Linda Bowman, one to Melinda McGlashen and one to St Francis for the retreat. St Francis says that the Guild does not owe them any money. Diane LeGore will contact St Francis to discuss.

Margaret Sullivan received a reimbursement request for taking a speaker to dinner. The request was to be reimbursed for the cost of both the speaker's and the host's dinner. There was some discussion whether the entire cost should be reimbursed or only the speaker's portion.

Margaret Sullivan moved that when a speaker is taken out for meals, only the speaker's meal will be reimbursed. Christine Widman seconded. It was passed.

The Board did not seem to have paperwork showing that Piece by Piece Quilters was a 501C3. Margaret called and received paperwork regarding when the Guild became a 501C3. She will keep a copy, but also suggested that the President have a copy in their paperwork.

**Sew Day:**

Melanie Martens will be hosting the sew day in June. Members are invited to come help tie more quilts or they can work on their own projects.

**Fun Day:**

Marilee Kline announced that Fun Day was a success. Income was approximately \$4,585 and expenses were approximately \$3,816 leaving an estimated profit of \$769.

Marilee read a letter from the Electrician's Union that said the Guild will not be able to use the hall in the future. It's possible we could use it, if we passed out information regarding the Electrical Union. Marilee will forward the letter to Dee Brown, so she can discuss with her contact at the hall. If we are unable to use the hall, a new venue will need to be found before next year's Fun Day.

Morgan Hill Community Center would cost approximately \$3,500. Mt. Hamilton Grange Hall in San Jose would be approximately \$2,000. Betty was going to check with the Horseman's Association. Any other suggestions are welcome.

Sign up sheets for Fun Day Committee should be available in August.

Marilee also requested that the Guild purchase new cutting mats. They should be the larger size, 36 x 24. Laurel Blakley mentioned that she has a new one at home and will donate to the Guild.

Melanie Martens moved that the Guild purchase one cutting mat, size 36 x 24. Linda Rubio 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It was passed.

**Program Committee:**

The May workshop will be Smithereens, held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the church during the day. Julia McLeon will be demonstrating a project using men's shirts and ties. The evening program, also with Julia McLeon, is called Everything but Cotton.

The June 15<sup>th</sup> membership meeting will be Technique Night. Possibilities for techniques to demonstrate will be tying quilts, binding, showing members how to familiarize themselves with the website, and the burrito method for making pillowcases. Any other suggestions are welcome.

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Susan Oakes asked if the Board was willing to try the new sound system one more time. It wasn't working very well at the meeting. Laurie Perez mentioned that there may be a helpline to call. She will also put the instructions in a simple format so anyone will be able to set it up and use it.

**Membership:**

Kelly Brown announced that the Guild has 114 members. The roster will be coming out soon.

**Website/Newsletter:**

Fun Day pictures and Tie Quilt pictures have been put on the website. There is a new page for the Quilt Show. Go to Events, Activities, Quilt show and it should take you to the Quilt Show page.

Kelly is requesting that any information that is given to her to put in the newsletter or on the website be given to her digitally.

**Standing Committee:**

Melanie Martens will give the instructions for the Block of the Month to Kelly for the May newsletter. This will be for the completed block in June.

So far, the Standing Committee is taking signups for the Christmas Party, Block of the Month, Philanthropy Basket, Sew Day Hostess, Fun Day Committee, Parade Participants. It was decided not to have sign ups for Show and Tell.

**Philanthropy:**

Ten quilt tops were completed at sew day. Christine Widman also brought two. These all went to Kelley Stover to send to Ukraine. There are still 11 tops that need backs and 10 tops that have backs.

Laurie asked Linda Boman to ask the organizations the Guild is considering donating quilts to, if they take tied quilts.

Linda mentioned that at the next membership meeting, she will need to get suggestions from the members for organizations they wish to donate the quilts to.

**Sunshine:**

Cards were sent to Laurie Perez, Evelyn Sullivan's family (San Jose), and Diane Tainter.

**Quilt Show:**

Committee meetings have been scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at Quilt and Things.

Susan Oakes said that Gilroy is having a Wine and Stroll in May. This would be a great opportunity to have vendors put posters in their windows.

It was announced that Carol Frazier will be donating a quilt to be used for an opportunity drawing.

Betty Colombo mentioned that during the time of the show, it is critical to have street signs out with arrows showing where the show is being held.

Betty also felt that the boutique is not being promoted well. Laurie suggested a boutique sew day could be scheduled at Quilt and Things. Everyone would be making the same item.

Morgan Hill has a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade every year. Betty thought this would be fun and beneficial to the Guild and the Quilt Show. The deadline to enter is June 2<sup>nd</sup> and for non-profit organizations, the fee is \$50.00. The application is on line.

Laurel Blakley moved to enter the Morgan Hill 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Betty Colombo seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Betty volunteered to fill out the application and pay the fee. She will announce this event to the membership in May.

The details are still being discussed, but Kelly Brown offered to drive her car with banners/signs on the sides. Members can walk alongside or behind. Betty also mentioned that she has a van that can be used.

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**Other Business:**

Both Co-Secretaries, Christine Widman and Laurel Blakley, will be out of town for the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. A substitute secretary will be needed to take notes at the meeting.

President, Betty Colombo, adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Blakley, Co-Secretary

**The next Business meeting will be held at Quilt and Things on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**