

**PIECE BY PIECE QUILTERS**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
February 23, 2023  
Corrected March 13, 2023

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

President Betty Colombo called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. The meeting was held at Quilt & Things in Morgan Hill.

**Minutes:**

Betty asked for a motion to approve the January 26, 2023 Business Meeting Minutes. It was moved by Linda Rubio and seconded by Christine Widman to approve the minutes. Motion was passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Margaret Sullivan reported the balance in the checkbook as February 23, 2023 was \$21,966.05.

Margaret asked the Board about how to handle questionable invoices coming in for reimbursement. Laurie Perez suggested to bring these invoices to the business meeting to be approved before reimbursement.

**Fun Day: April 15, 2022**

39 members have signed up for Fun Day. Laurie Perez stated that members of the Fun Day committee have also paid to attend. In the past, the committee has not had to pay for this event, except for lunch.

Laurie Perez moved that members of the Fun Day committee should not pay the \$40 to attend, but just pay the \$16 for lunch (or bring their own lunch). Betty Colombo seconded. Motion was passed.

Marilee Kline will work together with Margaret Sullivan to refund the committee members.

Cheri Stempel suggested that next year, based on the cost of the facility, the cost per member should be reviewed. The price for Fun Day may need to be raised.

Stitch-It-Up and Quilt and Things will be vendors. The committee has not yet confirmed the knife sharpener.

For the opportunity drawings, Ray's Sewing Center has donated a new beginner sewing machine and the committee has purchased a White featherweight, in the case. A cherry quilt stand and Scan & Cut have also been donated. There will also be some baskets, filled with goodies.

**Program Committee:**

March, Geri Patterson Kutras will do a workshop on Boro a Creative Patchwork of Reuse and Renew.

It was requested that those attending workshops and sew days to come a half hour earlier to help set up tables and chairs.

The evening program speaker, in March, will be Olivia Ronan, Artist in Residence at the San Jose Quilt Museum. She was supposed to be the speaker for the November 2022 meeting, but due to unforeseen circumstances, she was unable to come to the meeting.

**Membership:** Kelly Brown reported that the Guild has 85 paid members and 2 affiliate members. Kelly also announced that Susan Oakes will be helping her with membership.

There was a question regarding the affiliate membership dues. Margaret reminded the Board that an affiliate member pays \$36.00 membership fee, plus the advertising price (per month). There are four options for advertising – business card size, ¼ page, ½ page, full page. As a business, they get one membership. If the business wants to add an additional person, they would need to pay an additional membership.

**Website:** The website is being updated regularly. It seems that more people are visiting the website.

**Newsletter:** Kelly submitted a detail listing of the in-kind costs she had for 2022 for the website, newsletter, and membership. She wanted the Board to recognize these costs, as they could be expenses to the Guild in the future. Laurie Perez recommended that Kelly be reimbursed for the annual fee for Constant Contact. This is the program that is used to create and send programs. It is \$264 annually. This is already in the 2023 budget.

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**Standing Committee:**

The Standing Committee is having trouble getting signups for Block of the Month.

Melanie Martens and Diane Tainter are asking for some guidance. Members are asking questions that they are not able to answer. They are being asked to be responsible for collecting money for workshops, events, etc. The Standing Committee is asking for some continuity.

The Standing Committee should only be taking signups for Block of the Month, Sew Day Hostess, Baskets. Any signups that do not require money. The Program Committee is responsible for taking signups and collecting money for the workshops. Fun Day Committee is responsible for collecting money and signups for Fun Day. The Retreat committee is responsible for signups and collecting the money.

It was decided to go back to the long tables by the windows. Kelly Brown will make signs to put on the tables so members know where to go to sign up for the various events, fill out tickets for name tags, reach out, fat quarter, etc. Cheri Stempel recommended asking the church to have the janitor set up for the meeting the night before. Cheri would supply them with a drawing of how to set up.

Melanie recommended that an orientation be given to the members, to show them where to sign up or fill out tickets, etc. Also, need to inform members as to what the drawings, events are, etc., so there will be more participation.

**Philanthropy:**

Linda **Boman** said, those that want to, will be tying quilts for the April sew day.

~~She also reminded the Board to bring suggestions to the next meeting as to where to donate the donation quilts in October.~~ **She also mentioned to the Board that she will ask members, at the next general meeting, for ideas/suggestions for October's donations.** The general membership needs to vote on this in June.

**Quilt Show:**

The Quilt Show committee met for the first time on February 17, 2023.

Items that were agreed upon at the meeting:

- 1) Have the show at the Church during Taste of Morgan Hill September 23 & 24
- 2) Theme for the quilt show: Through the Needles Eye
- 3) Accept quilt entries from members and nonmembers
- 4) Make and Take area
- 5) Vintage quilt display
- 6) Don't charge admission. Instead have some donation jars in various positions within the building
- 7) Have a boutique with a section for pet related items. No food items to sell.
  - a. Possibly move the boutique to the fellowship hall
  - b. Open to members and nonmembers.
  - c. Items would need to be juried before putting in the boutique
- 8) Baskets – maybe have only 6 or 7.
- 9) Have a judge to judge the quilts.

Betty Colombo suggested Cheri mention to Guild members at the next meeting about the boutique, so they have time to make items, if they want to contribute.

**Old Business:**

**Budget:**

The budget will be sent out with the February 23, 2023 business meeting minutes. Board members are to review for discussion at the March business meeting, so it can be presented to the general membership at the April general meeting.

**Zoom Experiment**

Kelly Brown conducted a zoom experiment at the February 16, 2022 general meeting. Using only one participant, she used her Iphone and was able to access the internet and provide zoom for approximately 10-15 minutes. She held the phone in her hand, aiming it at the speaker. The participant stated she got good picture and adequate sound to enjoy the presentation. Due to other use during the day, the battery died in the Iphone. Kelly did not have enough wifi bandwidth to create zoom on her laptop.

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Downfalls: lost power; hand held; enough bandwidth for phone, but not laptop

Next phase of the experiment: Using a tripod that has iphone attachment; make sure the phone has a power source, such as a power tank or electrical wire; have it up and running so the participant can enjoy the entire meeting.

Once this experiment is successful, Kelly will put something in the newsletter under Connections to let members know zoom will be available. The Program Committee will also need to look at the speaker contract to add that the Guild will be providing zoom, but doesn't record the meetings.

**Audit:**

An audit committee is being established to audit the checkbook for 2022.

**New Business:**

None

It was moved by Laurel Blakley and seconded by Laurie Perez that the meeting be adjourned.

The President adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Blakley, Co-Secretary