

PIECE BY PIECE QUILTERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2023
Corrected January 30, 2023

Members in Attendance: Laurel Blakley, Kelly Brown, Betty Colombo, Susan Jackson, Susan Oakes, Laurie Perez, Linda Rubio, Cheri Stremple, Margaret Sullivan, Diane Tainter, Christine Widman

President Betty Colombo called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The meeting was held at Quilt & Things in Morgan Hill.

Minutes:

Betty asked if there were any corrections to the January 19, 2023 General Meeting Minutes. Hearing none, it was moved by Cheri Stremple and seconded by Linda Rubio to approve the minutes of January 19, 2023.

Betty asked if there were any corrections to the December 1, 2022 Business Meeting Minutes. Hearing none, it was moved by Susan Jackson and seconded by Christine Widman to approve the minutes of December 1, 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Margaret Sullivan reported the balance in the checkbook as of December 31, 2022 was \$27,620.33. The balance as of January 23, 2023 is \$19,287.22. This amount includes payment for the retreat.

Betty Colombo asked the Treasurer to bring \$25.00 to the Guild meetings to pay the gentleman that puts the chairs away.

Fun Day: April 15, 2022

Holiday Party: December 19, 2023

The Holiday Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at the Community Center in Morgan Hill. Cheri Stremple verbally reserved the date with the Town of Morgan Hill. She will send an Email to Melinda McGlasham and ask her to fill out the on-line application, since she has done this in the past. The Town of Morgan Hill stated that they do not need a deposit.

The Guild needs a chairperson for the Holiday Party. The Standing Committee will have a signup sheet at the regular meetings for anyone wanting to participate on the committee.

Diane Tainter has already purchased the fabric for the block activity. This will be the same activity as in 2022,

Retreat: January 8-11 San Juan Bautista

The retreat was a success. There were a few people that paid and were unable to attend. St. Francis did not charge for these individuals, so the Guild returned their deposits.

Program Committee:

Susan Oakes reported that all the programs for 2023 have been completed. The Program Committee will begin looking at programs for 2024.

The speaker for January, Sarah Goer, had to cancel, due to illness in her family. The Program Committee stepped up and presented the programs for the year. This helped the members know what was coming up and helped with signups for the workshops, committees, etc. Susan Oakes suggested that this be the standard program for the January meeting.

Since Sarah Goer was unable to be the speaker in January, she has been rescheduled to come in November. Her lecture will be "Rules and Options of Planned Improv."

February, Jinny Lyon will present our first workshop on the day of the membership meeting. She will be showing members free motion quilting. She will also be the speaker for the evening.

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

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.

Susan Oakes asked if the Guild should charge more for non-members attending the workshops. Non-members are able to attend if no more members sign up. It was mentioned that, in the past, an additional \$5.00 was charged for non-members.

Betty Colombo reminded the Board that, in the past, there were some members who would offer their homes to the speakers, instead of having them stay in a hotel. This subject will be brought up at the next meeting to see if there are members interested in doing this.

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A question was asked regarding the July fabric sale. Should the Guild advertise to other guilds regarding the sale or have the sale just for Piece by Piece members? No decision was made at this time.

Membership: Kelly Brown reported that she collected 50 membership applications at the January meeting. There were a few received in November and December, bringing the membership total to over 60 members.

Betty asked if Kelly could send her an Email with names and addresses for any new members that join. She would like to send them a note.

Kelly has made membership pins for those who have paid. She will prepare a membership card for those who request one.

Website: The website is being updated regularly. Kelly has put the movie and pictures of the Sew & Tell from the January 19th meeting.

Newsletter: Kelly reminded Board members that if they wanted to put something in the newsletter to get it to her by Sunday, January 29th.

Kelly mentioned to the Board that if a member tells them they are not receiving the newsletter, have them get in touch with Kelly. She can investigate and correct the issue so they will begin receiving it.

Standing Committee:

Signups for Block of the Month go through April. Guild members will be notified that we need signups for the balance of the year.

Philanthropy:

The philanthropy basket at the January meeting brought in \$95.00. Kelly will put in the newsletter who won the basket.

Regarding the quilt tops that are in storage, it was suggested to tie these quilts and donate them to the Ukrainian refugees through Wrap Ukraine in Quilts. This discussion led to a lot of tracking on the Guild's part. Items such as paying for the Guild's batting, signing out the tops, making sure the quilts were completed, etc. Since this was not intended to be a Guild project, but helping Kelley Stover with her sending quilts through Wrap Ukraine in Quilts, it was decided to give Kelley Stover three (3) of the tops that are in storage.

Laurie Perez moved to give three (3) quilt tops and backs, if available, to Kelley Stover, on behalf of the Guild, for the Wrap Ukraine in Quilts project. Diane Tainter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Laurie will go to storage and pick out three (3) tops and backs, if available, and give them to Kelley.

In the newsletter, under Chit Chat corner, there is information regarding Wrap Ukraine in Quilts. Cheri Stremple mentioned that whatever goes in the newsletter should go by the President and Vice President for approval, if it is not part of the Guild. Laurie Perez suggested that a period of time be assigned to having it in the newsletter.

Christine Widman mentioned that Jewish Family Services takes tied quilts for the Ukrainian refugees. The Guild donated quilts to this organization in 2022. Since the Guild has not chosen the organizations to donate to in 2023, tying these quilt tops may need to wait.

Sunshine: Laurel Blakley read an Email from Diane Kirkpatrick. Sunshine sent a sympathy card to Karen Twitchell and family and a get well card to Lydia Palmer, who fell and broke her wrist.

Laurel was requested to contact Diane and let her know to send a get well card to Barb Christie. She fell and hurt her shoulder.

Quilt Show:

Cheri Stremple reported there were a few signups for the Quilt Show Committee.

Face Book Page:

Margaret Sullivan asked if it's okay for members to sell items on the Facebook page. The Facebook page is meant to be more public. It was mentioned to continue what's being done and just watch to see if there are any issues.

Old Business:

Budget:

The budget needs to be approved and presented to the General Membership. Laurie Perez, Margaret Sullivan and Laurel Blakley have been assigned to the Budget Committee. They will meet sometime before the February meeting to discuss. They will present the

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budget at the February 23rd meeting for approval. The committee needs to keep in mind any person with in-kind donations that may not be reflected in the budget.

The renewal of Zoom again became a topic of discussion. The question was brought up about having hybrid meetings. Kelly suggested to try to Zoom at one of the meetings. She would ask her sister to try it out. It would only be to view and listen. The meeting would be recorded and put in the archives on the website. Kelly would get her sister's opinion as to how it worked. If it is successful, this would add access to those people who are uncomfortable driving at night, or for some reason cannot attend the in-person meeting.

New Business:

Audit:

An audit committee needs to be established to audit the checkbook for 2022.

Water/Refreshments: It was decided to put in the newsletter that refreshments have been discontinued and to remember to bring your own water to the meetings.

Linda Rubio brought the box of paper plates, cups, etc. to the January meeting. She left it at Quilt and Things and Laurie will take to the storage unit when she can.

Meeting Times:

Betty Colombo suggested changing the meeting times every other month. One month the Guild meeting would be in the mornings and the next month the meetings would be in the evenings. Since the programs are already set for 2023, this could be a discussion to begin in 2024. This would help those members that don't want to drive at night, to attend at least some of the meetings.

General Information:

Kelly Brown picks up the mail on Thursdays.

Betty asked how long the lease is with the church. Cheri responded that it is one year and then we need to renew this time every year. Cheri has a key to the church and will keep it since she will be doing sew days.

Laurie Perez reminded the Board that the Post Office Box payment is due about this time. Margaret will check with the post office to see when it is due. She will also check about updating the signature card.

It was moved by Cheri Stremple and seconded by Linda Rubio that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The President adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

The February 23rd Board meeting will be held at Quilt and Things at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Blakley, Co-Secretary