

PIECE BY PIECE QUILTERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2023
Corrected April 17, 2023

Members in Attendance: Laurel Blakley, Linda Boman, Kelly Brown, Betty Colombo, Susan Jackson, Susan Oakes, Laurie Perez, Cheri Stempel, Margaret Sullivan, Christine Widman

President Betty Colombo called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. The meeting was held at Quilt & Things in Morgan Hill.

Minutes:

Betty asked if there were any corrections to the February 16, 2023 Guild Meeting Minutes. Hearing none, it was moved by Laurel Blakley and seconded by Laurie Perez to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Betty asked if there were any corrections to the February 23, 2023 Business Meeting Minutes. Hearing none, it was moved by Laurie Perez and seconded by Christine Widman to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report:

Margaret Sullivan reported the balance in the checkbook as March 5, 2023 was \$21,917.08.

Zoom Sew Day: April 12, 2023

Sew Day: April 20, 2023. Sew day will be open for Philanthropy quilts or bring your own work. During Sew Day, members are getting some of the quilt tops tied. Janet Thieron will be at the April Sew Day and will show members a different method of tying.

Fun Day: April 15, 2023

Program Committee:

It was reported that the Boro workshop, given by Geri Patterson Kutras, went very well. Kelly had put in the newsletter for members to come early and help set up. This was very successful.

Cheri talked to the janitor at the church. For \$25.00 per month, he will set up the tables on the night before the Guild meetings.

Christine Widman moved for the Guild to pay \$25.00 per month for the janitor at the church to set up the tables the night before the Guild meetings. Laurie Perez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

April speaker will be discussing Ergonomic Quilting.

The next workshop will be held on May 18, ~~"Everything but Cotton"~~ **"Smithereens"** **"Everything but Cotton"**. Julia McLeon will be demonstrating a project using men's shirts and ties. Laurie Perez donated a bag of ties for the workshop. Kelly will let members know through the newsletter. This could help with signups for the class. Kelly will also ask if anyone has men's shirts to donate, to please bring to the meeting. Laurie suggested to take ties to the next meeting, also. The project needs eight (8) ties.

Julia McLeod will also be the speaker for the evening. The topic is ~~"Smithereens."~~

Cheri Stempel requested that the Guild purchase another quilt rack. This helps, when there is a speaker, to display their quilts. Susan Oakes mentioned that she purchased one a while back and never used it. She offered to sell it to the Guild. She requested that someone put it together to make sure this is what is wanted. Susan will look up what she paid for it.

Laurie Perez moved to purchase the quilt rack from Susan Oakes, not to exceed \$120.00. Susan Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Cheri also talked about the archaic sound system the Guild has. She has looked on line and found a machine that has two microphones, remote-control, blue-tooth and a speaker for \$179.00. Cheri said she can order for the Guild to try. If it is not acceptable, she can return it.

Christine Widman moved for Cheri Stempel to purchase the sound system. If it is not acceptable, it will be returned. Susan Oakes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Membership: Kelly Brown reported that the Guild has 107 paid members. There have been 10 new members since January.

Currently, there are about 30 non-members who are receiving the newsletter. They will no longer be receiving the newsletter after March for nonpayment of dues.

Website: A new page to the website will be added regarding the Quilt Show.

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Newsletter:

Kelly brought up that there is no policy written as to what goes in the Guild's media. We need to look at and see what is appropriate. There needs to be equality. Laurie suggested that a media committee be formed to prepare a policy and to bring to the Board. Kelly will put this together. The committee should include the administrator of the Guild's Facebook page, editor of the newsletter and webmaster. Also there needs to be a determination of what is appropriate to send to all members and what should be for Board only.

Standing Committee:

The Board talked about having a form for members who participate in Show and Tell to fill out. Kelly will prepare a one-page signup sheet for members to fill out as they come in to the meeting. After the meeting, Margaret Sullivan will type up the information and send to Kelly, so this information can be added to the newsletter. It was also discussed to have members introduce themselves and tell the name of the pattern. Also, it would be nice to have designated holders, so everyone will be able to see and enjoy the quilts.

Philanthropy:

Linda Boman reported that no one signed up to bring the basket in April. Laurel Blakley offered to bring the basket.

Linda has not gotten any suggestions as to where the quilts should be donated. The organizations need to be voted on in June. She asked if the Guild should go forward with the four groups from last year; Community Solutions, Grace Arts and Wellness Program, Older Adult Care SCC Institute on Aging and Jewish Family Services. Linda Boman will contact these organizations to see if they are interested in donations and if they will take tied quilts.

Christine Widman suggested Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This organization builds children's beds. There is one of these organizations out of Hollister. The beds are all locally donated; San Benito County and Monterey County.

Laurie Perez reminded the Board that in the past the Guild donated quilts and pillowcases to Foster Children coming out of the system. She was going to research the name of the organization.

Betty Colombo also said that she will find out more about Hospice for Children and Children of Lost Parents.

It was also suggested that there be a minimum size designated to donate. Either baby 36x45 or lap size quilt 50x65.

Linda Boman stated that someone donated a bag full of patterns and fabric at the March Guild meeting. She does not remember who it was. She asked Kelly to put something in the newsletter, so we can find out.

Sunshine:

Two cards were sent, one to Evelen Sullivan (San Jose) and one to Carol Ikemoto.

There was discussion regarding privacy of personal events. It was mentioned that a statement be put in the newsletter saying, "If you have a personal event and want it shared in the newsletter or Facebook, let us know."

Quilt Show:

Laurie Perez presented Cheri Stempel with a check from SVQA in the amount of \$4,000 as seed money for the Quilt Show. Cheri then gave the check to Margaret Sullivan to be deposited.

Old Business:

Budget:

The 2023 budget was discussed at the Board meeting. A few adjustments were made. This budget will be presented to membership at the April Guild meeting. It will also be in the newsletter for their review.

The budget is running at a loss for 2023. Items discussed to prevent this in 2024 were possibly raising the dues; have a minimum/maximum number of attendees at workshops; have speakers every other month or quarterly; have other fundraisers such as Shovunda, restaurant fundraisers, etc. Dee Brown thinks that the Guild may be able to get the room for Fun Day and a lower cost for 2024. These items will be discussed when putting together the 2024 budget.

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Christine Widman asked if members realize how much speakers cost. Cheri said they do not and maybe after NCQC there can be a special area in the newsletter of the speakers and their costs.

The Budget Committee needs to begin preparing the 2024 budget in July, to present to the membership in November.

Zoom Experiment:

Kelly Brown continued her zoom experiment at the March 16, 2023 general meeting. Using only one participant, she used her charged iPhone and was able to access the internet and provide zoom for the entire meeting. The participant was able to watch the meeting on her television and stated she got good picture and adequate sound to enjoy the presentation. Kelly had to disconnect the zoom during Show and Tell, since she uses her phone to take pictures.

Next phase of the experiment: Kelly would like to open this experiment to a limited number of people. She will put a request in the newsletter to find out who is interested. She will take the first five (5) who respond. She will send a link to these individuals on the day of the meeting.

Currently, Kelly is using her own Zoom account.

Audit:

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

New Business:

None

The President adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Blakley, Co-Secretary