

PIECE BY PIECE QUILTERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 1, 2022

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

President Cheri Stempel called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The meeting was held at Quilt & Things in Morgan Hill.

Cheri asked if there were any corrections to the November 17th General Meeting minutes. Corrections are as noted below.

- 1- Under Christmas Party Update – it was Ruby Nowak that gave the update and not Kelly Brown.
- 2- Under New Business regarding the Quilt Show, it says “PBP would be provided approximate \$4,000 in funds transferred from SVQA to PBP to carry forth for the following year with the show.” It was suggested that this be changed to read – PBP would be provided an amount to be determined by SVQA, estimated to be around \$4,000, in order for PBP to carry forth for the following year with the show.

It was moved by Linda Boman and seconded by Diane Tainter to approve the November 17th General Meeting minutes, as corrected.

It was moved by Melanie Martens and seconded by Linda Rubio to approve the corrected Business Meeting minutes of October 27th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer’s Report: Margaret Sullivan reported the balance in the checkbook as of November 22, 2022 is \$30,332.89. This amount includes deposits for the retreat.

Fun Day: April 15, 2022

Holiday Party: December 6, 2022.

The Holiday Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at the Community Center in Morgan Hill. Since the parking on the Dunne side is blocked off, people will need to enter the parking lot from the 5th street entrance. Kelly will put this in the newsletter when she sends the reminder regarding the event.

There was a signup sheet for the Holiday Party that was passed out at the November General meeting. The signup sheet did not make it back to the standing committee, so they were not sure how many signed up. Margaret Sullivan said that she has collected \$5.00 from 38 members.

Christine Widman asked if it was necessary for the Secretary to take notes at the Holiday party, since it is considered the December General meeting. It was decided that she will not need to take minutes at the party.

Retreat: January 8-11 San Juan Bautista

Program Committee:

December is the Holiday Party.

The Guild will welcome Sarah Goer in January. 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.

March, Geri Patterson Kutras will do a workshop on Boro a Creative Patchwork of Reuse and Renew. Signups for this workshop will be taken at the Holiday party.

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

Membership: Kelly Brown reported that the Guild now has 103 members.

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Website: The website is being updated regularly.

Newsletter: Kelly reminded Board members that if they wanted to put something in the newsletter to get it to her by the Friday after the Board meeting. She wants to send the newsletter out before the Holiday Party.

Kelly will be sending the January newsletter to all the old and new members of Piece by Piece Quilters. The newsletter will include an application for membership, with information regarding the meetings. This will possibly be an incentive for some of the old members to rejoin the guild.

Standing Committee:

Cheri reminded the Board that members need to pay for the workshops when they sign up. Members also need to be reminded that there are no refunds. If they are unable to attend the workshop, it is the member's responsibility to find a replacement. Also, after 20 people have signed up for a workshop, a waiting list should be started.

Melanie Martens reported that 50 block kits for the Holiday Party have been sold. There will be design walls available to display the blocks. These are 12 ½ inch blocks. Allowing 12 blocks per quilt top, they may be able to divide the blocks so there can be more than one winner. There is 1 ½ yards of fabric left for the back. This will be divided evenly amongst the winners. Melanie will display her quilt at the party

Need signups for Block of the Month.

Need signups for baskets. Carol Ikemoto has the signup sheets for the baskets. These should be kept with the standing committee.

Philanthropy:

Linda Boman is requesting to have a subcommittee for Philanthropy.

Regarding the quilt tops that are in storage, it was suggested to tie these quilts and donate them to either the Ukrainian refugees or to Jewish Family Services. They will take quilts that are tied. Christine Widman reminded everyone that if sending directly to Poland, this will incur postage. It was suggested that maybe some of our members would be willing to underwrite the postage.

Diane Tainter suggested to use the church during the day of the general meeting in January to put a top with batting and a back. Laurie Perez mentioned that since these are tied quilts they can be sewn pillowcase style so as not to have to put on a binding. Christine Widman also mentioned that the back can be brought to the front and then sewn down.

The Board approves this idea to donate these quilt tops to the Ukrainians.

Linda Bowman moved that on January 19th, go to storage and get the quilt tops and supplies. It will be presented to the members where these quilts should be donated. Diane Tainter seconded the motion. Kelly will put this in the newsletter.

Sunshine: Nothing to report

Old Business:

Quilt Show:

A vote whether Piece by Piece Quilters wanted to take on the quilt show in 2023 was voted on and approved at the November 17th General Meeting. The count was as follows: 33 yes, 5 abstain and 2 no

There will be a signup sheet in January for the Quilt Show Committee. The committee will make recommendations to the Board. After discussion, the Board will take these recommendations to the membership.

Cheri suggested that we follow the footprint from past years for 2023. After that, Piece by Piece can make changes.

Christine Widman asked if SVQA would be giving Piece by Piece any boutique items that were left over. This would be a decision for SVQA to make.

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New Business:

Budget:

The budget for next year should have been approved in September. Margaret shared a budget for 2023 with the Board. Cheri recommended that at the January Board meeting, the budget be reviewed line by line. This will be the focus of the meeting. Margaret will send a copy of the budget to Betty Colombo, the incoming President.

Margaret Sullivan asked if the guild should renew Zoom. Cheri thinks it is not needed at this time. If it is found that it is necessary, the guild can always purchase it again.

The question was brought up about having hybrid meetings. The Guild does not currently have the technology to do this. Someone needs to check with the church to find out what type of technology they have and if it is available to the Guild. Piece by Piece can also check with the members to see if there are any "teckies" in the group. Laurie Perez said that this can be explored in 2023. Also, if the church doesn't have what we need, there are other places the guild could meet. It was suggested to check with the Art Council.

Two other suggestions to add to the budget, the newsletter program that Kelly Brown uses is \$20/month and there should be an entry for the quilt show.

Meeting Setup:

Linda Boman mentioned that the guild needs some kind of equipment and setup team before the meetings. Their responsibilities would be to set up the chairs, tables, microphone and speakers. The speaker system consists of 2 microphone boxes, a stand and a red suitcase. Linda Boman is going to mark these items one of one, one of two, one of three and one of four. This way everyone knows there should be four items and if any item is missing. Marilee Kline gave Cheri the microphone boxes, Linda Boman also has part. Susan Oakes will take the equipment, since she is in charge of the program for January. It was decided, temporarily, that the person in charge of the program for the month, will be in charge of the microphone equipment. The Board can work on a procedure for the future.

Linda Rubio has the box with goodies. She doesn't have room to store this. She will bring to the January meeting so it can go back into storage.

Water/Refreshments: Water was brought to the November meeting. Do we want to bring water to each meeting? Christine Widman asked whether refreshments will be coming back to the meetings. This is a great social element. This will need to be discussed further at a later date.

General Information:

Linda Boman gave Cheri Stempel the key to the church. Cheri will give the key to Betty Columbo.

It was moved by Linda Rubio and seconded by Christine Widman that the meeting be adjourned.

The President adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Blakley, Co-Secretary