

PIECE BY PIECE QUILTERS
ZOOM BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2022
Corrected 2-28-22

Board Members in Attendance: Cheri Stempel, Laurel Blakley, Linda Boman, Kelly Brown, Marilee Kline, Melanie Martens, Leslie Mastalarz, Margaret Sullivan, Diane Tainter, Kris Thompson, Christine Widman

Guild Members in Attendance: Chris Bradshaw, Laurie Perez, Melinda McGlashan, Diane LeGore

President Cheri Stempel called the zoom meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Minutes from the January 27, 2022 Board Meeting were reviewed with no corrections. It was moved (Linda Boman), Seconded (Melanie Martens) and passed, to accept the minutes as written.

Minutes from the February 17, 2022 General Meeting were reviewed with no corrections. It was moved (Diane Tainter), Seconded (Linda Boman) and passed, to accept the minutes as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A change in committee members has taken place since the election of officers. Standing Committee now includes Diane Tainter and Melanie Martens and Members at Large include Linda Rubio and Susan Jackson. The general membership will need to vote on this change at the March General Meeting. They will also need to vote on the Co-Secretary position – Christine Widman.

Treasurer's Report: As of January 31, 2022 the balance in the checkbook is \$25,477.90.

The books were audited by Laurie Perez, Marilee Kline and Melanie Martens. There was one correction of a payment to a speaker. The invoice read \$175.00 but the check was written \$145.00. The speaker has been notified and an additional payment for the balance will be sent. There was also one check that has not cleared. The recipient of the check has also been notified. Once these items were addressed, the audit passed. The audit committee also alerted the Treasurer to watch out for scam Emails.

Standing Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Membership: Membership Chairperson Kelly Brown, reported there are 70 paid members. She will send a reminder to those who have not renewed to date. ~~Linda Boman~~ Chris Bradshaw suggested that when the new roster is sent out, the new members be highlighted. This way other members can reach out to them. Kelly said she would put the new members on a separate page.

Cheri and Kelly will also review a welcome letter to be sent to the new members with their membership cards.

Newsletter: Kelly thanked the Board for getting information to her in a timely manner in order to enter into the Newsletter.

Philanthropy: Diane Tainter mentioned that the Saratoga Dementia Care Center is interested in receiving fidget quilts. Alameda Quilt Guild has general guidelines written that Piece by Piece can utilize on how to make these. Linda Boman stated that if this is going to be a philanthropy project, the membership would need to vote. It could also be done as a sew day or a challenge. The Board will table this discussion until March when more information is available. Diane will write up some general information to present to the members.

Linda Boman reported that Philanthropy spent \$160 to purchase 5 yards of solid color flannels for the donation quilts. There are 6 bins of flannel in the storage bin that is being used for the donation quilts, none of which are solids. ~~Margaret Sullivan~~ Linda also asked the Board to start thinking about which organizations these quilts should be donated, as we vote on this in June.

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Sunshine: Three cards were sent in February; Betty Columbo, Lydia Palmer and Evelyn Sullivan.

UFOs: Only 4 members have turned in their list of UFO's finished in 2021. The deadline for members to put their name in for the drawing will be Tuesday, March 15th, prior to the General Meeting.

Face Book: Nothing to report

Programs: ~~Nothing to report~~

Wednesday Sew Day: A demonstration of the quilt-as-you-go strip quilt will be presented at the March 9th Sew Day.

Block of the Month: Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

Melinda McGlashan and Diane LeGore reviewed the Bylaws and job descriptions a few years back. Kelly Brown mentioned that there is no policy/job description for the Webmaster and one should be written.

The Board was reminded that the Bylaws are voted on by the membership and the job descriptions are a Board function.

NEW BUSINESS:

South Valley Quilt Association (SVQA) is reaching out to see if Piece by Piece Quilters would be interested in merging. SVQA currently has 18 paid members, 14 of which are already members of Piece by Piece. They are not sure if they want to dissolve their organization. If they do, the funds remaining in their treasury would go to another 501C3.

This brings up the question as to whether Piece by Piece Quilters would be willing to put on the quilt show. The quilt show costs approximately \$4,000. The church is \$3,000, then there is insurance, judging fee, scissor lift rental, etc. SVQA raised money for the quilt show through the sale of boutique items and tickets for the raffle baskets.

The \$4,000 is currently in the SVQA budget to have the quilt show in 2022. Chris Bradshaw requested to see the written budget of the quilt show. Laurie Perez will get that and present to the Board.

Having the quilt show at the church would need about 3 days to set up. Individuals would be expected to collect quilts, set up, make raffle baskets, do white glove each day, take down, return quilts. Approximately, 20 people may be all that is needed to have the show.

Linda Boman asked how many boutique items would be needed to sell in order to make enough money for the quilt show the following year.

Margaret Sullivan inquired if Piece by Piece agrees to do this, and the second year the guild doesn't want to continue the quilt show, would this be misleading to SVQA?

Laurie Perez answered if Piece by Piece was to do the show in 2022, the guild can decide what to do in future years.

Christine Widman wanted to know how we would get the volume of quilts needed for a show? Laurie said that SVQA would advertise to other local guilds.

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Melanie Martens asked what the average number of attendees were for the weekend. Laurie Perez answered with approximately 400 for the two days. When they had the Quilts of Valor presentation, this seemed to bring in more visitors.

Diane LeGore suggested possibly a quilt show every other year.

Melanie Martens asked if the Board was in charge of the show or if there would be a Quilt Show committee. Cheri answered that there would be a committee.

If Piece by Piece takes on the quilt show and SVQA dissolves, would the guild be obligated to continue the quilt show the next year?

Cheri mentioned that this would be an opportunity to make changes. The boutique could be eliminated and a charge of \$1.00 or \$2.00 per person could be implemented.

Linda Boman recommended that the Board table this discussion for now. Board members are to think about this and decide if it should be presented to the membership. More discussion will take place at the March Board meeting. Board members are asked to send questions and/or concerns to Cheri.

Kelly Brown stated that Piece by Piece mission statement is to promote education of our craft. Putting on the quilt show would fall under the mission statement. Melinda McGlashan reminded the Board that Piece by Piece used to go to the Library during National Quilting Month. This falls under the mission statement also.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Pajaro Quilt Show is February 26 & 27

Carol Frazier is working with the Jewish Family Organization in Los Gatos to supply sewing machines and sewing supplies to the Afghanistan women who are coming to the United States. If you have items to donate, contact Carol Frazier and she will pick them up.

A motion was made by Laurel Blakley and seconded by Diane LeGore and Kris Thompson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Blakley, Co-Secretary