

PIECE BY PIECE QUILTERS
ZOOM BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2022

Board Members in Attendance: Cheri Stempel, Linda Boman, Kelly Brown, Margaret Sullivan, Laurel Blakley, Kris Thompson, Marilee Kline, Susan Oakes, Linda Rubio, Susan Jackson, Melanie Martens, Diane Tainter

Guild Members in Attendance: Christine Widman, Chris Bradshaw, Evelyn Sullivan, Diane Kirkpatrick, Susan Nash, Nancy Bain, Laurie Perez

President Cheri Stempel called the zoom meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Minutes from the December 2, 2021 General Meeting were reviewed with no corrections. A motion was made by Susan Oakes and seconded by Diane Tainter, to accept the minutes as written.

Minutes from the January 20, 2022 General Meeting were reviewed with one correction. Under New Business, Chris' sister's name is incorrect. Linda Boman will correct from "Ginny" to "Genelle Voorhees" and resubmit. A motion was made by Susan Oakes and seconded by Diane Tainter, to accept the minutes as corrected.

The Board minutes are sent to the Executive Board members only. If other members wish to view them, they can request them. Secretary Laurel Blakley asked if the minutes could be placed on the Guild website so anyone could access. This will be discussed and a final decision will be made in March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: As of December 31, 2021 the balance is \$30,497.18. This does not include the \$6,000 paid to Saint Francis Retreat, which is still outstanding. The Guild is still collecting dues, so more income is being received.

Standing Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Membership: Membership Chairperson Kelly Brown, stated that the Guild has 10-12 new members and 1 new affiliate member. To date there are 60 paid members.

Newsletter: Kelly Brown mentioned that she is getting requests to put want ads in the newsletter (i.e., sewing machine for sale). The Guild used to charge for this type of entry. Does the Guild want to continue this practice? Susan Oakes warned to be careful so this doesn't spiral into other items. It was suggested that the criteria should be sewing related items only. Kelly Brown volunteered to write a policy. She suggested to call the section "Connections". This could be used for items for sale or if someone needs a ride to a retreat, etc. The individual would need to be a member and would keep the pricing out of the listing. It would be up to the interested party to connect with the advertiser. They would get the phone number from the Guild roster. President Cheri Stempel will write something regarding "Connections" in her President's Message in the next newsletter.

Kelly mentioned that more developments to come in the future for the newsletter to guide individuals to the website.

A firm deadline is needed to have information to the editor in order to get the newsletter out in a timely manner. Linda Boman mentioned that, in the past, information needed to be to the newsletter editor by the Sunday night following the Board meeting. There will be a special announcement regarding this deadline in the February newsletter. Also, Kelly mentioned that she sends the newsletter out the week before the general meeting and then the week of the general meeting, as a reminder to the members.

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President Cheri Stempel also wants to publish the Board meeting dates and General meeting dates in the Newsletter. The Zoom links are also published in the newsletter. President Cheri Stempel will reiterate that there are two different links.

Philanthropy: Nothing to report at this time.

Sunshine: Nothing to report at this time.

Face Book: Margaret Sullivan has the same issue of individuals wanting to place advertisements on the Facebook page. Is that allowed? Linda Boman stated that this may draw people to our Facebook page. Since Margaret Sullivan and Chris Bradshaw are the co-administrators of the Facebook page, the admins will decide whether to allow.

Programs: Marilee Kline mentioned that the Piece by Piece Quilters Guild contract for instructors was being perfected. Once this is completed a copy will be sent to the Board for review. Once it's approved, Marilee will send a copy to Treasurer Margaret Sullivan for her files.

Wednesday Sew Day: Chris Bradshaw will set up a link for Wednesday Sew Day, February 9th

It was asked if Chris was using the Guild Zoom account. She is using her own account for the Sew Days. President Cheri Stempel mentioned that the Guild Zoom is available for this use. Chris prefers to use her own for this purpose.

The yearly fee the Guild paid for Zoom is approximately \$130/year. There is no charge to use throughout the year.

Block of the Month: Christine Widman asked how exactly the BOM was supposed to work. The procedure is that at the meeting (February), the March BOM sample and instructions will be presented. The raffle for the March BOM will be held at the March General meeting. The sample and instructions will also be presented at the March meeting for the April BOM.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Cheri Stempel brought up whether the Guild needs to have an Historian. There should be a binder in storage from previous Historians. Kelly Brown mentioned, once the binder is found, this information can be scanned to the website at various times. The website can then be used for the history of the Guild.

There is also a paper that used to be given to new members that documents some of the history of the Guild. President Cheri Stempel said that she will recreate this paper of Historical information to send out to the new members with their membership cards.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer Margaret Sullivan mentioned that an annual audit needs to be completed. The volunteers for the audit committee are Melanie Martens, Nancy Bain, Laurie Perez, Marilee Klein and Margaret Sullivan. The audit report will be presented at the February Board Meeting.

Diane Kirkpatrick asked if the NCQC membership had been paid for 2022. It is due in January. Laurie Perez looked it up on the NCQC website and said it hadn't been paid. There was a motion by Diane Kirkpatrick and second by Linda Boman for this membership to be paid. Margaret Sullivan will work with Laurie Perez to get this paid.

Marilee Kline talked about the first NCQC meeting she attended. They discussed how Guilds could raise money. Marilee is to prepare a report for the February Board meeting on this subject.

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Treasurer Margaret Sullivan mentioned that there was some confusion on the payment that was made to the Church for the room rent. The church is currently going through some changes. Margaret is to contact the church to make sure that the money received from the Guild is for room rent and not a donation. She will report back at the February Board meeting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Susan Oakes was wondering who the voting parties are for issues that come up at the Board meetings. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Co-Secretaries (vote as one member), Standing Committee (vote as one member) and Members at Large (each get to vote). There was a question whether Membership Chairperson could have a vote. This needs to be researched.

A motion was made by Melanie Martens and seconded by Diane Kirkpatrick that the meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Blakley, Co-Secretary