

PIECE BY PIECE QUILTERS
ZOOM BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2022

Board Members in Attendance: Cheri Stempel, Linda Boman, Margaret Sullivan, Kelly Brown, Susan Jackson, Marilee Kline, Melanie Martens, Linda Rubio, Susan Oakes, Christine Widman.

Guild Members in Attendance: Chris Bradshaw, Laurie Perez

President Cheri Stempel called the zoom meeting to order from Colorado at 6:32pm pacific time.

Christine Widman announced she would be substituting for Laurel Blakley as secretary for the board meeting.

Laurie Perez would be helping Margaret Sullivan with the Treasurer's Report due to Margaret's month-long medical absence.

Minutes from both the June 16 and July 21, 2022, General Meetings were reviewed with corrections. It was moved (Linda Boman) and seconded and passed to accept both sets of minutes as corrected.

Minutes from the June 23, 2022 Board Meeting were reviewed with corrections. It was moved (Melanie Martens) and seconded (Linda Boman) and passed to accept the minutes as corrected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: There was a report given by Laurie Perez for Margaret Sullivan

Laurie reports 2 deposits from the July General Meeting of \$983 for fabric sales and \$262 for philanthropy basket raffle ticket sales.

There was a deposit for membership

A payment for renewal of Zoom contract for another year.

Receipt received for ice cream (provided at the July General Meeting)

Program Committee:

Cheri Stempel commended the program committee and "all the helpers" on the fabulous Fabric sale and July Ice Cream Social General meeting program. #40 in-person members attended our first meeting and Cheri felt we had "**survived as a guild through the Covid Crisis**", with board members willing to serve, and lots of support shown for the guild from the membership. Cheri voiced her personal excitement to be back and that she was looking forward to seeing people continue to attend and rebuild our membership, which was increasing once again.

The issue of refreshments was again discussed, and it was decided to have individual water available only. Members may bring their own snack, but it was decided that Piece by Piece will not be serving refreshments at this time to avoid any possibility of jeopardizing the health of our members.

Once again, the topic of should hybrid meetings be pursued by the programs committee came up and Cheri directly acknowledged that these types of meetings were very difficult to conduct, and our guild would not be leaning towards them at this time.

Several members of the programs committee were in attendance for the board meeting. Early Workshop days (sew days) occurring on meeting nights was brought up and the general feeling was that 12-15 people in the large room would not be a problem as far as members feeling comfortable. However, September might be too soon for these to begin. Since we have had only one in-person meeting, we

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would need to judge the acceptance /attendance of the membership as we go towards a more completely open guild format as before. It was felt September may just be too early for workshops and a meeting the same day.

August Program– Sue Oakes brought forth several suggestions for a game night in August, beginning with Kris Thompson leading the Left, Right, Center game. The game would use as currency “HOT COLORED Bright 2 ½” Strips” to keep with the theme of Hot August Nights (Also the name of the BOM for August). 7-8 tables would be needed. It was later brought up that this game was somewhat “close contact” and that a replacement game of BINGO or a Word Game could be substituted with the same type of “currency”. It will be left to the programs committee to decide after the reconsiderations were discussed.

Sue also described a Pandemic Show and Tell as part of the program. It was decided that this would a good time to bring back SHOW and Tell as part of the regular meetings and perhaps all show and tell would be welcome and a good way to begin our traditional much anticipated part of the evening. The wording will be left to the programs committee.

The programs committee will also provide an updated calendar to the newsletter with some written descriptions of the future programs and will get those to Kelly Ann for publishing to the membership.

Based on these further discussions, Marilee Kline and Program Committee will decide on what the program will be for August.

September Program- Sue Oakes also was in contact with Kellie Willie of Sacramento who was to present a mini quilts program. A few details still need to be addressed and more will be forthcoming about this speaker/program.

Kelly Ann offered to send out a survey (with pictures) about various speakers to gauge the enthusiasm ahead of time for speakers being considered by the program committee. Kelly also asked for resources, brochures, pictures from the Fabric sales event for the newsletter.

The question whether we have a guild photographer was raised and Michael Sue was confirmed to be our recognized photographer but Kelly Ann reports that Michael Sue has some constraints on her availability to be in large public settings at present.

Membership: Kelly Brown reported the Guild had 3-4 new members at the July Ice Cream social general meeting. 2 renewing members also signed at the meeting. She reported 91 names on the new roster and Laurie announced another woman she met at the shop was interested and gave her a form.

Cheri volunteered to follow-up with new members via e-mail to continue the process of checking in with them, answer questions, connect them to people and programs at the guild.

Newsletter/Website: Please see previous comments in Programs from Kelly Ann about assisting them with photos, resources and surveys.

Standing Committee: No report given.

Philanthropy: Linda Boman reported that she was contacted by the VFW Auxiliary who said they could use lap size quilts for disabled veterans and were starting a project to acquire these much-needed quilts. They were offering a pattern, fabric and a workshop on how to make them in Hollister on Sunday Aug 28th and wanted us to join in if we were interested. Kelly Ann will put this information in the newsletter.

In a continued effort to reduce the amount of our stored items, Linda announced philanthropy would be hosting a table every month or so at our general meetings “to sell something” from the storage unit. There is also a plan to reorganize and sort the storage unit when the weather turns cooler this Fall.

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Sunshine: Cheri Stempel reporting for Diane Kirkpatrick that there were 3 cards sent out this month to Margaret Sullivan, Julie Young and Jackie Morton.

Sew Day: Chris Bradshaw gave August 10th as the next zoom sew day. The topic will be Christmas in August. It will cover gifts that people have made and share those ideas. Begins at 10 am but Zoom opens at 9:30 am for “chatting”.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clarification was needed by Melanie Martens about who handles the BOM at the meetings. It was explained that the greeting person at the front door of the meeting (Members At Large) accepts and pins the newly made BOM/s from the member onto a board where it can be displayed with all others accepted during the meeting. The member fills out the tickets and places them in the raffle jar.

A question was asked about the dates of the January Retreat Days at St Francis Retreat Center. Christine Widman spoke with Diane LeGore who will oversee it again this next year and gave the tentative dates of Jan 8-11, 2023. This needs to be verified by Diane LeGore before it is announced.

Marilee Kline has been in contact with the Electricians Hall in San Jose about our FUNDAY 2023 venue which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2023. More will be following as time gets closer.

NEW BUSINESS

Melanie Martens discovered that her MATH was not correct when she purchased fabric from Laurie for the special Christmas Surprise block (to be presented in September). She was willing to absorb the cost of 3 extra yards of fabric, but Laurie offered to take back such a large piece of fabric if she wanted to return it.

The President adjourned the meeting 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Widman, Co-Secretary