

**PIECE BY PIECE QUILTERS
ZOOM BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

June 23, 2022
Corrected July 1, 2022

Members in Attendance: Laurel Blakley, Linda Boman, Chris Bradshaw, Kelly Brown, Susan Jackson, Marilee Kline, Melanie Martens, Linda Rubio, Kris Thompson

Vice President Linda Boman called the zoom meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes from the May 26, 2022 Board Meeting were reviewed with corrections. It was moved (Linda Rubio) seconded (Laurel Blakley) and passed to accept the minutes as corrected.

It was tabled to review the minutes of the June 16, 2022 General Meeting at the July Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: There was no report given at the meeting.

Note: Margaret Sullivan sent an Email to Co-Secretary Laurel Blakley that the amount in the checkbook was the same as at the General Meeting of June 16th, \$23,366.57 as of May 31st.

Cheri Stempel renewed the Zoom contract for another year.

Program Committee:

~~Melanie Martens asked whether, at future meetings, there needs to be a sign-up sheet for refreshments. Marilee Kline reported that other guilds she belongs to have done away with refreshments. Members bring their own. It was decided that Piece by Piece will not be serving refreshments at this time.~~

July Ice Cream Social & Abundance Sale

The question was raised regarding what the mask requirements will be for the July meeting. The Guild will follow what the CDC rules are at the time. Currently, according to the CDC, masks are optional. Linda Boman will contact the church to verify what they require.

Instead of ice cream cake, it was suggested to have ready made ice cream cups. This will make it easier, since members will just need to pick up the ice cream and there won't be a need for someone to be cutting and serving. Chris Thompson also suggested having pre-packaged cookies to go along with the ice cream; biscotti or madeleines. Melanie Martens offered to pick up the items and help hand them out at the meeting.

It was suggested that members passing out the ice cream should wear disposable gloves and masks.

Items needed will be Coolers, Ice, Napkins, Ice Cream, disposable gloves.

Linda Boman will ask if we can have access to the kitchen and use of the freezer at the church. Marilee Kline also asked Linda to find out if the church does hybrid meetings (zoom and on site). Do they have WiFi, and what is the required bandwidth.

Kelly will send out the survey to find out how many members will be coming to the July meeting. She will have the times for the fabric sale, ice cream social and also mention the basket drawing. She will say that masks are optional and members should wear name tags. There will be an RSVP link to answer yes, no, or yes, I'm coming but don't want ice cream. The RSVP will be due by July 14th.

~~A planning meeting has been set for July 14th so the Board can discuss the plans for the July meeting and make sure everything has been covered. This will be a zoom meeting.~~

A work group meeting has been set for July 14th. This meeting is to review the plans for the July Ice Cream Social and Abundance Sale. This will be a zoom meeting.

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August – There is no formal program to date. There were some suggestions. Possibly a game night, techniques night or pandemic show and tell.

Kris Thompson suggested the Left, Right, Center game. Members could bring themed strips or fat quarters. One suggested theme was Hot August Nights (brights like yellows, pinks, oranges – prints or solids). In order to do this, tables would need to be set up. The Guild does have enough games. Kelly Brown has an Accuquilt and can cut extra strips for those members that forget to bring some.

Based on all of these suggestions, Marilee Kline and Program Committee will make a decision on what the program will be for August.

Membership: Kelly Brown reported the Guild had two (2) new members at the June general meeting. Since then, there is one more new member, Pat McClain.

Starting July, since it is halfway through the year, dues will be \$18.00 for the year. The dues will go down \$3.00 each month, until January, when the new year begins. Kelly advised board members to let people know the dues are prorated. They may be more inclined to join.

Newsletter/Website: Kelly announced there will be an updated roster in the next newsletter.

Chris Bradshaw asked how soon in advance should announcements be put in the newsletter. Kelly and Chris will meet to make a decision. Kelly did mention that she will always send out a pre-announcement for Sew Day.

Standing Committee: No report given.

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Philanthropy: Linda Boman reported that the membership voted for all the suggested organizations to donate quilts.

Community Solutions – This organization provides critical services for children, teens, adults, and families who are facing times of crisis, ranging from mental health and substance use challenges to domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. They have requested 50 adult and child size quilts.

Grace Arts and Wellness Program – Milpitas and to Gilroy. This is a therapeutic recreation center which serves adults with mental illness and other cognitive disabilities. People meet during the day. They would love to have some adult sized quilts

Older Adult Care SCC Institute on Aging – Carol Frazier's daughter-in-law works in clinical services here. There are 12 social workers who work with older adults with limited mobility. They wanted 1-2 quilts per month, but Linda told them that they will receive them all at once.

Jewish Family Services – This organization would like baby and children quilts for the Ukrainian and Afghan refugees. Linda mentioned she is still getting information as to how many quilts are needed for this organization.

Kelly Brown suggested that we ask members to donate any sewing tools they no longer need. The Ukrainian and Afghan refugees may be in need of these items also, since they are also looking for sewing machines.

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Sunshine: Linda Boman sent a bouquet of flowers to Cheri Stempel. The cost was \$90. If any of the Board members would like to donate towards this expense, please send money to Linda Boman. If she collects more than \$90, she will make a donation in Cheri's son's name.

Sew Days: July 6 is the next sew day. The topic will be about Sergers. How to use them and what can be made with them.

Chris Bradshaw asked for suggestions for topics for future Sew Days. Kelly suggested a program on photographing quilts. Another suggestion was feedback from members that have moved away. Making friends and moving forward, could be the topic. Find out how they are doing, have they joined a guild, interesting things that guild does.

OLD BUSINESS:

Buddy system for new members. The Members at Large greet new members at the door. It would be nice for the new member to have someone that they can call if they have questions about the Guild. It was suggested to have members sign up to be a Buddy so new members would have an idea of who to call. ~~Linda Boman was going to write something in the newsletter to get sign ups.~~ Rather than having a formal Buddy system, Kelly suggested putting a star next to the volunteers' names, if they are interested to answer questions. **This topic has been tabled for further discussion.**

It was suggested for the Board to think about this for discussion at a later meeting.

The President adjourned the meeting 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Blakley, Co-Secretary