

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

May 26, 2022

Corrected – June 5, 2022

Board Members in Attendance: Cheri Stempel, Laurel Blakley, Linda Boman, Kelly Brown (zoom), Susan Jackson, Melanie Martens, Leslie Mastalarz, Susan Oakes, Linda Rubio (zoom), Margaret Sullivan, Diane Tainter, Christine Widman

Guild Members in Attendance: Chris Bradshaw (zoom), Laurie Perez, Melinda McGlashan

President Cheri Stempel called the on-site and zoom meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The meeting was held at Quilt and Things in Morgan Hill.

Minutes from the April 28, 2022 Board Meeting and the **Minutes from the May 19th General Meeting** were reviewed with corrections. It was moved (Diane Tainter) seconded (Christine Widman) and passed to accept the minutes as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: As of April 30, 2022 the balance in the checkbook is \$23,694.57.

Linda Boman said that she turned in an invoice for labels. First time ordering after four years.

Linda Boman mentioned that the treasurer's report is not being presented at the general meetings. She referred to the Policies and Standing Rules Section III, D7 page 3 of 9, "Treasurer shall make regular reports of guild finances to the general membership and to the Executive Board. May be printed in monthly newsletter."

Margaret Sullivan said that some contractual items are already listed in the Bylaws. Cheri Stempel commented that the Bylaws/Standing Rules should be reviewed this year.

Melanie Martens suggested the report should have the beginning balance, ending balance and list any activity that happened during the month. If a member would like to see more detail, they could set up a meeting with the treasurer. Leslie Mastalarz shared that in other guilds they supply a binder at the meetings. If anyone wants to look at the reports, they are available. There was also a separate binder with the minutes.

Cheri Stempel made a motion to follow the Bylaws/Standing Rules at the general meeting and provide the balances in the treasury to the general members. The motion was moved (Melanie Martens) seconded (Diane Tainter) and passed.

Program Committee: Leslie Mastalarz presented a questionnaire, for Board review, to send to guild members to complete and return. This could give the Program Committee a better idea of what the members are looking for in programs, workshops, etc. Since the guild hasn't met on site in over two years, this could be helpful information. Cheri mentioned that the section regarding wearing masks and being vaccinated was not necessary, as the guild will be following the CDC and Santa Clara Guidelines. Also, the section regarding the quilt show should not be included. The Board has determined a plan to present to the general membership regarding this subject. After more discussion, Cheri made a motion for Leslie to make the changes and suggestions that were discussed and send to her. Cheri will Email to the Board members so they can review and make any suggestions at the June Board meeting. Linda Boman seconded. The motion was passed.

July Ice Cream Social & Abundance Sale: Several members went through the storage shed and pulled items for the sale. Fabric will be priced at \$5.00/pound. Set up for the sale will begin around 1:00 p.m. The actual sale will be from 4:00 to 6:30. Several individuals have volunteered to help. Laurel Blakley offered to bring grocery bags for people to use who are purchasing. Melinda McGlashan will look at her prune scale to see if this would work for weighing the bags. Margaret Sullivan was asked to bring change

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and a change box. Linda Boman will talk to Michelle with Sew for Love. Maybe some of her students would want to come and purchase items. Whatever doesn't sell will be distributed to other groups.

Cheri said that the July meeting will be outside as much as possible. If a member feels uncomfortable coming and staying the entire time, it was suggested they could come pick up their ice cream cake and take home and enjoy. This way everyone can participate.

Cheri mentioned using the newsletter to find out who will be attending the on-site meeting in July. Kelly Brown suggested using Survey Monkey. The survey will be Emailed to all members and they can RSVP through the link.

Membership: Kelly Brown reported 87 members to date.

Newsletter/Website: Kelly Brown reported that 92% of the members receiving newsletters are reading them. There is only one person in the guild that does not have an Email address. Kelly will send her a hard copy every month. If a member would rather receive a hard copy instead of an email, ~~the member~~ it will be recommended that they should provide self-addressed-stamped envelopes. **Kelly said that she is making a low image edition available to the membership, so members could print out their own copies. It was decided that the Guild would not offer a hard copy option to people with self-addressed-stamped envelopes.**

Kelly Brown has set up a meeting with Diane LeGore to go over the Website.

Philanthropy: Linda Boman reported that there are four possible organizations for donation 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 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.

Laurie Perez suggested that the guild support all of these organizations. Linda Boman will present all four organizations to the membership.

Melanie Martens mentioned to get the word out that the guild will need more baby and children sized quilts.

Christine Widman verified that the quilts are not to be tied, they do need to be quilted.

Linda Boman announced that there will be five (5) philanthropy baskets at the July meeting. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or six (6) tickets for \$5.00.

Diane Tainter asked if the fidget quilts are to be turned in in October. Linda Boman verified this. There are two places that would like donations. Cedar Creek Alzheimer's – Assisted living in Los Gatos and

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Loma Clara Senior Living in Morgan Hill. Melanie Martens volunteered to bring Diane's completed quilts to the July general meeting to share. It was suggested that fidget quilts can be the subject of one of the free sew days.

Sunshine: Cheri shared that Diane Kirkpatrick sent one card to Paulette Reeder, whose brother passed.

Block of the Month: Diane Tainter reported that when the on-site meetings start in July, they will not be handing out hard copies of the directions for the Block of the Month. They will only bring a few hard copies for those members who don't have a printer. The pattern directions will be published in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Advertising – Cheri is looking at the newspaper Gilroy Life and Morgan Hill Life to put advertising for the Guild. She looked into My Town Silicon Valley, but the advertising costs are too expensive.

Mentor Program: Linda Boman suggested that an established member be teamed up with a new member to introduce to other members and talk about the guild. If the new member has questions later, they can call on their mentor to help them with their questions or concerns. ***This item was tabled until the guild starts meeting on-site.***

Incorporating Zoom and General Meetings at the Church: Susan Oakes went to Carson Valley Quilt Guild. About 30 people attended. They had an on-site speaker. She found that in order to do this, a good sound system needs to be provided by the meeting space. They had a laptop on a moving cart and had someone move the cart around. They also had a tripod that they put the laptop on. Need to make sure the laptop is stable. Susan also mentioned that some speakers will not come on-site and have a zoom audience. The speakers are concerned that they can be recorded. The Board needs to decide how they want to proceed with the general meetings – to offer zoom and on-site or 100% on-site?

A motion was made by Laurel Blakley and seconded by Diane Tainter to adjourn the meeting.

The President adjourned the meeting 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Blakley, Co-Secretary