

**PIECE BY PIECE QUILTERS**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
October 27, 2022  
Corrected November 9, 2022

**Members in Attendance:** Laurel Blakley, Linda Boman, Kelly Brown, Marilee Kline, Melanie Martens, Melinda McGlashan, Linda Rubio, Cheri Strempele, Margaret Sullivan, Diane Tainter, Christine Widman

**President Cheri Strempele** called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The meeting was held at Quilt & Things in Morgan Hill.

Laurel Blakley moved that the September membership meeting minutes, the September Board meeting minutes and the October membership meeting minutes be approved. It was seconded by Linda Boman.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Margaret Sullivan reported the balance in the checkbook as of October 27, 2022 is \$20,834.89. Expenses were \$400 for the last speaker, \$1,300 storage rent, \$500 retreat deposit, and other normal expenditures. The Retreat revenue has not been turned in, but will be turned in by the time the retreat begins. The Guild also received \$120 from the Philanthropy baskets at the October meeting.

Margaret mentioned that if anyone asks for a receipt, she can give them a receipt.

Laurie Perez reminded the Board that it is time to look at the Budget for 2023. Now that the Guild is meeting in-person and speakers are traveling, more money will be spent. Margaret Sullivan will be working on this to present to the Board and general membership.

**Fun Day: April 15, 2022**

The payment for the hall, \$1,500, still needs to be paid. The committee still needs a couple of people to help.

**Holiday Party: December 6, 2022.**

In the past, the Holiday Party was a potluck. Members attending would bring a dish to share with everyone. Since the pandemic, it was decided for the Guild to provide hors d'oeuvres. To defray the extra cost, at the general meeting, \$5.00 was collected from members who will be attending the Holiday Party. Twenty-four people signed up and ~~\$25.00~~ \$125.00 was collected.

The room for the party has been paid - \$240.00. This was originally paid in 2020 and was carried over. The room is reserved from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

**Retreat: January 8-11 San Juan Bautista**

The retreat is full. There is a waiting list.

**Program Committee:**

The October meeting was donation quilts. 157 quilts were donated. Members enjoyed having representatives from the various organizations come to the meeting and speak about their organization. The distribution was as follows: 55 to Community Solutions; 32 to Grace Arts and Wellness; 53 to Jewish Family Services; 15 to Older Adult Care SCC Institute on Aging and 2 fidget quilts went to Grace Arts and Wellness. Donations are done for 2022.

Linda Boman thanked Linda McGinnis, who turned in 19 quilts to donate. Some of these quilts were hand quilted. Laura Miller also donated some quilts.

Olivia Ronan, Artist in Residence at the San Jose Quilt Museum, will be the speaker for November. She does nature quilts. The title for the November lecture is Dyeology: A Discourse with Eucalyptus.

December is the Holiday Party.

The Guild will welcome Sarah Goer in January. Her lecture will be "Rules and Options of Planned Improv."

February, Jinny Lyon will present our first workshop on the day of the membership meeting. She will be showing members free motion quilting. Jinny will be coming from Granite Bay, so will stay overnight on Wednesday. She will also

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be the speaker at the meeting Thursday evening. Besides paying for the room, the Guild will also be paying for her meals; breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Jinny charges \$700 for the workshop; \$200 for mileage and \$450 for the lecture. 20 students is the maximum she will take for the workshop. The Guild will charge \$40 each with no refunds. This will help defray some of the cost. If 20 Guild members don't sign up, then it will be open to family and friends. There will be an extra \$5 charge for non-Guild members.

Signups should begin at the October membership meeting for the February workshop.

March, Geri Patterson Kutras will do a workshop on Boro a Creative Patchwork of Reuse and Renew. She will not be doing an evening lecture.

**Membership:** Kelly Brown reported that the Guild has a total of 99 members. Very impressive, since there were 110 members prior to the pandemic. Kelly will be sending, through the post office, an application to renew membership in December, to all members. ~~A small self-addressed envelope will be included.~~ **There was a discussion regarding sending a small self-addressed, stamped envelope with the mailing. It was decided not to include the envelope.** Members can either bring it in to the next Guild meeting or mail it back.

**Website:** Pictures from the donation quilts are up on the website. Barbara Christy and Kelly Brown took lots of pictures, so there will be more added.

**Newsletter:** Kelly has prepared a template to make it easier to just drop in items. She reminded officers to get their items to her early in order to get the newsletter to the members in a timely manner.

**Standing Committee:**

Cheri reminded the standing committee that if a member signs up for a workshop, it will be non-refundable. This needs to be added to the sign-up sheets, so they are aware prior to signing up. If a member has to cancel, it would be their responsibility to find a replacement in order to get their money back. Kelly Brown volunteered to make new signup sheets.

**Sew Days:** Melanie Martens asked about the sew day hostess signup sheets. These sew days would be other than the workshops and other than the Zoom Sew Days. They would be held the same day as the general meeting, in person, at the church. A signup sheet is needed for the next general meeting, but the first hostess will not begin until April. The hostess would be responsible for picking up the iron and ironing boards. Set up one or two tables. If more people come, more tables can be set up. There are not usually more than 12 attendees. The hostess would also need to pick up the reels for the extension cords. The key to the storage bin can be picked up at Quilt and Things. Cheri Stempel can always open the doors to the church, if necessary, and Melinda McGlashan also has a key.

**Philanthropy:**

Cheri would like to develop a Fabric Distribution Committee to handle the fabric that is in storage.

There are several quilt tops in storage. Margaret Sullivan suggested to take a couple of these tops to each meeting. Maybe someone would be interested in taking them to finish as donation quilts. Laurie Perez recommended that if the Guild purchases batting for the donation quilts, they should purchase the 120" roll. This would be a better use for the money.

Christine Widman and Linda Boman suggested to take these quilt tops to sew day. Members can tie the quilt tops and they can be donated to the Jewish Family Services. They take the tied quilts, also, to help the Ukrainian refugees.

**Philanthropy Baskets:** Kelly Brown will make up signup sheets to be presented at the general meeting for the Philanthropy Baskets. The preparer of the basket will be given \$25 in order to purchase items for the basket. This can include gift certificates, supplies, fabric, etc. The \$25 will come from the profits from the sale of the tickets. They can also put in useable items from their stash. The winners will be asked to return the baskets, if they want, and also ask members to donate baskets. Members will also be asked to donate items toward future baskets. There will be an area in storage

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designated to store the baskets and items for the baskets. There are also items in storage that can be used, but a Board member needs to go with them before picking items. There may be items set aside for another purpose. Guidelines need to be established.

**Sunshine:** A card was sent to Christine Wong. Cheri is going to ask Diane Kirkpatrick to check on Rod Twitchell, to see how he is doing.

**Nominating Committee:** Linda Bowman presented the slate of officers at the October meeting. They are as follows:  
Betty Columbo, President – she has volunteered for one year only  
Laurie Perez, Vice President  
Margaret Sullivan, Treasurer  
Laurel Blakley and Christine Widman, Co-Secretary  
Melanie Martens and Diane Tainter, Standing Committee

The members will vote on the new slate of officers at the November meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Quilt Show:** Does the Guild want to take over the quilt show from SVQA? Laurel Blakley read excerpts from the March and April Board meeting minutes to remind the Board what had been discussed. Linda Boman said that the members need to be told that SVQA will be fronting the money to do the show in 2023. Linda Boman also mentioned that members will want to see a budget of the quilt show. A handout will be developed to give to members. This needs to be presented to the members very carefully. Cheri and Melinda will send information to Kelly for the newsletter. A yes/no vote will be taken at the November general meeting. **As the bylaws state, every act or decision brought to the General Membership shall be decided by a majority of the members present at the meeting.**

**The motion that the Board discussed and voted on in March and determined to go to the membership in November was only to vote on a quilt show for 2023. Members were asked to participate with this years' show to familiarize themselves with the current structure of the show. For this show, SVQA is providing funds. Once this show is completed, there will be a further discussion if Piece by Piece membership (again, those present) wants to continue sponsoring a quilt show for the future. The format of which will be determined by a volunteer committee from the membership. In determining what the Board needed to take to the membership and how, the bylaws were consulted. If the Guild votes to sponsor the show for 2023, a committee will be formed to determine the format of the show and carry through with volunteering at the show.**

**New Business:**

It was decided that during the winter months, when it gets dark earlier in the evening, the Board meetings will be held in the mornings at Quilt and Things. Since the next meeting will fall on Thanksgiving, the date has been changed to December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

It was moved by Diane Tainter and seconded by Linda Boman that the meeting be adjourned.

The President adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Blakley, Co-Secretary