

**PIECE BY PIECE QUILTERS**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
September 22, 2022  
Corrected October 3, 2022

**Members in Attendance:** Laurel Blakley, Linda Boman, Kelly Brown, Susan Jackson, Diane Kirkpatrick, Marilee Kline, Linda Rubio, Cheri Stempel, Margaret Sullivan, Diane Tainter, Kris Thompson, Christine Widman

**President Cheri Stempel** called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. The meeting was held at Quilt & Things in Morgan Hill.

The approval of the August membership meeting minutes and the August Board meeting minutes will be tabled until the October Board meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Margaret Sullivan reported the balance in the checkbook as of September 22, 2022 is \$23,373.75.

**Fun Day: April 15, 2022**

Marilee Kline said they need help. The room rent went from \$500 in 2019, to \$1,000 in 2020 and now it is \$1,500. The entire budget for Fun Day is \$1,600. Marilee is requesting that the budget be increased.

Kelly Brown made the motion to raise the budget for Fun Day from \$1,600 to \$2,500 and to raise the Fun Day participant from \$20 to \$40. The motion was seconded by Linda Bowman.

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

The budget for the Holiday party is \$600. The budget will be used to purchase desserts, coffee and entertainment.

Betty Colombo will show the tote bag that is suggested to make at the October meeting. She will have information regarding the size of the bag and a list of suggested items to be put in the bag, not to exceed a certain dollar amount. These bags will be collected at the Holiday party and then donated to a Woman's Shelter. Someone will need to let Kelly know the information to put in the newsletter.

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

**Program Committee:**

The September program with Holly Casey was very well received. The program committee is thinking about asking Holly to teach a workshop. Marilee Kline mentioned that she is known for her Log Cabin quilts and she also does a class of 12 ways for half-square triangles. Cheri Stempel asked Marilee to contact her to see if she could send pictures of classes that she would be willing to teach.

The October meeting will be the donation 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 Dyeologue: A Discourse with Eucalyptus.

December is the Christmas 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 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.

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March, Jeri Patterson Kutros will do a workshop on Boro and Sashiko. She will not be doing an evening lecture.

Linda Boman mentioned that since we no longer have refreshments, if there could be a break during the evening sometime. There was no break at the September meeting. Cheri said that she will remember to do a break during the meetings.

**Membership:** Kelly Brown reported that the Guild has two new members. This brings the total of the Guild to 94 members. Kelly also mentioned that she is building a membership committee.

**Website:** The Website is up and running. Kelly urged members to get familiar with the algorithms to unlock the archives. The passwords are the month and the year. The passwords were not consistent over the years, so sometimes uppercase is used and sometimes it will be lowercase.

~~Kelly prepared a video that encases the beautiful quilts that Holly Casey shared at the September meeting. She Kelly has put the video on Facebook, in the Piece by Piece Quilters group. She is currently trying to figure out how to put the video on the Website.~~

**Kelly has prepared a video on the August Sew and Tell quilts. She has buried this on the Piece by Piece Quilters group Facebook page. She has also placed many of Holly Casey's quilts, that were shared at the September meeting, in the Quilt Gallery on the Piece by Piece Website.**

**Newsletter:** Kelly reminded everyone at the meeting that if they hear other members are not receiving the newsletter, tell them to contact her.

Cheri purchased 10 handmade doll pins from the boutique at the quilt show. She donated them to Kelly to give to new members. This way, Cheri will be able to recognize who the new members are at the meeting.

**Standing Committee:**

Diane Tainter had a great response regarding the Block of the Month for the Christmas party. She has made 40 kits and sold 27 so far. Kelly will remind members in the newsletter about the Block of the Month.

Having the sign-up sheets available at the meeting worked very well. The Standing Committee will continue to do this for future meetings.

Diane suggested that something be put in the newsletter about the need for volunteers to participate in the Guild. Kelly requested that someone write a paragraph about their volunteering experience. More people may volunteer if they hear about other members' experiences.

Opportunity Baskets are not the responsibility of the Philanthropy committee. Cheri asked Diane Tainter to create sign-up sheets for members to begin bringing one opportunity basket to the meetings. The signups will begin at the October meeting with the baskets starting at the January meeting.

**Philanthropy:**

The October meeting is the quilt donations. Linda Boman reminded the Board that there are four groups selected for these quilts. For the October meeting, four tables will need to be set up, one for each group. As members donate their quilts, they will show them to the group, then put on the table where they want their quilt donated. Some of these may be moved around at the end of the evening, as some organizations have requested only a specific number.

Diane Tainter asked about the tops that are finished and are in storage. She is willing to take a couple of these and finish them for donations.

Cheri asked if Philanthropy will be doing another by-the-pound sale. Linda Boman said that this would not be done in the near future. These sales take a lot of planning and preparation. Cheri suggested that maybe a committee be established to do this work. It can be called the Fabric Distribution Committee. This will take the responsibility off of the Philanthropy committee. This committee should work in conjunction with Philanthropy. Cheri will put something in the newsletter and ask for volunteers.

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At the July by-the-pound sale and the sale of the tickets for the baskets, the Guild took in almost \$1,000. Philanthropy is asking that \$300 of this money be donated to Reach Out.

Diane Kirkpatrick made a motion that \$300 from the fabric sale be donated to Reach Out.

Linda Rubio seconded the motion.

At the September meeting, the sale of the tickets for the baskets brought in \$65 and there was an additional \$10 from the fabric sale in July. This money has been given to Margaret Sullivan.

**Sunshine:** Cards were sent to Joanne Tarver, Rod Twitchell and Margaret Sullivan.

**Nominating Committee:** Linda Bowman will present the slate of officers at the October meeting. She will invite members from the floor to nominate someone, if they choose. The person nominated, though, needs to accept the nomination. The final slate of officers will be voted on at the November meeting.

The nominating committee consists of Kelly Brown, Linda Boman, and Barbara Christie.

**Old Business:** The room setup change that was done in September, seemed to work well. The Guild will continue with this setup for future meetings.

**Announcements:**

San Francisco Quilters Guild is offering Piece by Piece members a chance to attend a workshop they are having in November. The workshop is called Artful Improv, with Cindy Grisdela. This is a two-session workshop to be held Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. 10 am -1 pm both days. This workshop is a livestream event, conducted on Zoom, consisting of live instruction. The cost of the workshop is \$75. (Please no recording)

Workshop Description: Learn to create your own original quilt blocks, with no pattern, using improvisational piecing techniques. Students will learn to let go of the "rules" and piece blocks in an intuitive, free form fashion and may wish to begin with blocks or other elements left over from previous projects. We will explore contemporary improv log cabin style blocks, improve curves, and angled stripes, plus insets and curved strips. We will discuss color choices and use simple design principles to create an original dynamic composition.

It was moved by Laurel Blakley and seconded by Diane Tainter that the meeting be adjourned.

The President adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Blakley, Co-Secretary