

PIECE BY PIECE QUILTERS

General Meeting

Thursday, March 17, 2022

WELCOME: Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President, Cheri Strempele.

Over 27 people were able to access the Zoom meeting.

TREASURER: Margaret Sullivan

As of Feb 2022, the balance in the treasury is \$24,112.29.

There is 1 check outstanding and 2 bills to pay.

MEMBERSHIP: Kelly Ann Brown

There are a total of 82 members of the guild currently, which is 75% of our previous year's total. Kelly Ann continues to send out application forms and has had a 50% response rate (4 out of 8) from those mailings and reports this as encouraging.

The Membership Roster is up to date and Kelly Ann requests any corrections to be sent to her via email.

The Website is scheduled to be upgraded beginning May 2022 with the help of Diane LeGore as her mentor. Currently Kelly Ann is taking the initiative to learn about Dreamweaver and HTML and to learn about how other organizations create their websites.

STANDING COMMITTEE: Diane Tainter and Melanie Martens

Addressing the "mix-up" of the Standing Committee Chairpersons and The Members at Large Chairpersons, 2 votes were called for by the president.

A motion was made by Michael Sue to make Diane Tainter and Melanie Martens the Standing Committee Chairs and it passed unanimously. An additional motion was introduced by Barb Christie to make Linda Rubio and Susan Jackson the Members at Large Chairs and it passed in favor.

Block of Month – Diane Tainter Diane conducted the drawing for the Block called "Square in a Square" made in blue, white and yellow. Sylvia D'Souza won the #20 blocks. Sylvia was heartily congratulated.

Diane reported that she would have more information/instructions next week at the board meeting about the Fidget Mats proposed as a donation project for our guild.

Diane continued to request sign-ups for future BOM presentations for the months of May, June, August and Nov. and asked to be contacted if anyone was able to assist. Contact either Diane Tainter or Melanie Martens.

PHILANTHROPY: Linda Boman

Linda reports having had a fun zoom SEW DAY strip quilt demo. There are more kits available at Quilts and Things and include batting, backing, label and fashion fabric. There were more clear instructions published in a special newsletter email sent out to the membership as well. She hopes the members will enjoy making these quilts.

Linda requested ideas and suggestions from the membership to present to the board for our charity selections for 2022. The membership votes on these organizations in June but needs to be presented to the board for review prior to voting. Please send suggestions to Linda Boman soon.

Linda discussed the difficulty of assessing “fabric donations” from people in the community and the amount of time involved in pick-up and sorting, the expense of storing and the efforts involved in redistributing the unwanted fabrics. They were given 10 bags (described as quilting fabrics by the donator) and only 1 bag was useful for our needs. Cheri suggested a committee be started to create a firm set of “Donated Goods Guidelines” to have as a basis to speak to donators about their intended donation fabrics. It was decided this was a good idea and Linda and her committee will begin the process of developing guidelines. Some of the unwanted fabrics from this donation are suitable for garment making and will be offered to our contact person, Carol Frazier, for the Afghan women who are learning to sew. The remainder will be given to Michelle of Sew for Love.

NEWSLETTER: Kelly Ann Brown

Continued encouragement and praise from the editor for everyone sending information to her in a timely way. The deadline for submissions is the Sunday after the monthly board meeting, making it March 27th this month.

SUNSHINE: Diane Kirkpatrick – no report given

PROGRAMS: Marilee Kline

THE EVENING PROGRAM

Cheri greeted and introduced the speaker, Amy DiPlacido at 7:04pm. She is the curator of Exhibitions at the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles and brought us a 30-minute presentation of how the museum has worked to stay current and be a meaningful place during the recent 2 years of difficulty imposed by covid. She shared the philosophy of always keeping visual arts visible and balancing exhibitions with diverse artists from all areas of fiber arts and surface design as well as quilting. She spoke of being flexible and formulating a new lecture series called “Textile Talks” for listeners every week for an hour-long presentation from museums of art across the US in a collaborative effort during covid. Additionally, she brought more intense focus on local artists and presented a new program called “Artist Spotlight” to learn about them and the current trends in their careers. Amy spoke of children’s programs, future artists and uncomfortable / “controversial topics” displayed in art at the museum. After covering many other topics from gardening and art to membership and museum extended hours, she invited us to submit a quilt of our own into a new collection called Radical Regeneration, which will focus on **healing and restarting** in post-covid times. After a few questions, the program concluded at 7:34 pm. Amy was thanked by Marilee and Cheri for her presentation and by members of the guild.

Marilee introduced the upcoming Zoom programs. April is Best Tips and Tricks for Precision Piecing (Linda Sullivan), May's title is Painting with my Scissors (Denise Miller) and June's program is Love Where You Create: It's not a One Size Fits Solution (Lilo Bowman).

OLD BUSINESS:

UFO's – Laurie Perez substituting for Melinda McGlashan A Quilts and Things \$25 gift card was presented to the winner of the UFO challenge drawing. Laurie selected Linda Boman as the lucky winner. Laurie thanked us for choosing her store to purchase a gift certificate to reward the winner.

Next Zoom Sew Day – Chris Bradshaw Wednesday, April 13 at 10-1:30 pm hosted by Chris on zoom. The program will be MINI blocks and will be described in more detail in the newsletter.

It was brought to the attention of the president that the membership needed to vote on the co-secretary position being filled by Christine Widman. Linda Boman made a motion to accept Christine as secretary, and the motion was approved.

Thanks were expressed by several members for all of those who stepped into positions.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Cheri Stempel announced that she will not be seeking the office of president next year and encouraged everyone to start thinking and considering this important position.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Diane Tainter and seconded by Chris Bradshaw.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm by the president.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Widman, Co-Secretary