

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Board Meeting – April 6<sup>th</sup>,2016.

The meeting was called to order by President, Carla Mewhinney at 10:35 am.

Karon Jacobson reported that there is a balance of \$42,146.15 in the checking account which includes \$20,245.70 paid to the guild following the Quilt Show. She reports that the three CD's will be placed in the Savings Account as they become due and once all three are cashed they will be placed in one CD.

Two letters were requested to be issued, one stating that Christy Pohler will be the Treasurer of the Quilt Show and that she, Karon Jacobson, Show Chair and Carla Mewhinney, President are to be signers on the checking account for the guild at Bank of America. All authorized to sign any check in the amount of \$499.99 or less. All checks \$500 or more must have two authorized signatures. The second letter is authorizing Carla Mewhinney, President, Bonnie Hall, First Vice-President and Karon Jacobson, Treasurer as signers on the checking, savings and CD's of the Rio Grande Quilt Guild at BBVA Compass Bank. They will also have the authority to sign checks, deposit and withdraw money, and open and close CD's and other financial decisions.

These letters were issued as of today's date.

The Bee Keeper's have requested a budget of \$150 each (total \$300) in order to purchase prizes to be given away at various bees. Motion made by Jackie Heyes and seconded by Florea Flores to do so. Motion passed.

Judi Swanda, Secretary requested that new letterhead be printed using the new logo. Karon Jacobson to obtain this along with other material being printed.

Bonnie Hall distributed the new Directory to members present. She will need a stamp with new logo in order to print on the fabric to be used for name badges. It was discussed that Kathryn Webber is able to make name badges with the logo on it, as well as various designed shirts and she will be at the December meeting. A motion was made that name tags be purchased for all elected Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, Executive Board Members and Quilt Show Chair by Jackie Heyes and seconded by Mary Jo Havertape. Motion passed.

A proposal was made that the By-Laws be removed from the new member welcome packet and posted on the web site. Discussion held on the need for instructions on how to get on web site, and facebook site and be put in the welcome packet. No action taken at this time. It was also discussed that there is a need to have an alternate Administrator for the facebook site and also for the web master. No action taken at this time.

No report for Community Service.

Jan McCoy out today but Subie Redd will be doing a class at Saturday's meeting. All schoolhouse classes for next season are posted on the web site.

Sunshine & Shadows: Mike Hall recently had a pacemaker inserted and is doing well; Cindy Ellis' husband in hospital; Condolences to Sondra Baggot on the passing of her husband.

Nila Layman will be the Hostess on Saturday as Renee Darkis is out of town.

Newsletter news is due on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Karon Jacobson reported on the following for the Quilt Show: We continue to need a Show Chair for 2018. There will be no appraiser at the show and the Quilted Bazaar will be discontinued. Everyone will have an opportunity to sell their quilts in the show with the guild receiving 10% of the sale price. It was suggested by Karon Jacobson and a motion was made by Judi Swanda that children under the age of 12 be admitted free, those 13-18 will pay \$5 daily and Volunteers will also pay \$5 daily. Seconded by Karen Dill. Motion passed. Lucy Klass will no longer be able to head the Volunteer group and a new volunteer is needed for this position and also for the Hanging and Taking down of the Quilts/Show.

Bee Keeper, Judy Brown presented an affiliate program from Craftsy. If we put a link to Craftsy on our website, the program will pay our guild a commission for any classes bought from Craftsy through our site. Motion made by Karon Jacobson and seconded by Mary Jo Havertape that we add Craftsy to the web site . Motion passed.

A youth program is being implemented that will be open to all high school age children and younger. The guild will partner with teachers to teach children about quilting. We will need to have sponsors to help supply thread, fabric,

and batting for the students. To eliminate the danger from having students use rotary cutters, we would provide pre-cut 2.5” strips or 5” squares. More information will be available soon

The guild Desperately needs a facility to hold guild meetings beginning in May as STC is undergoing major construction. Several facilities have been checked and Karon Jacobson is continuing to pursue this.

A clarification about the Scholarships for the elected members of the Board was discussed and a motion was made by Carla Mewhinney that the Executive Board Elected Officers must use their scholarship by the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the year they are on the board. An exception was made for an outgoing Officer who is no longer on the Board. This Officer did not receive the Scholarship in time to use in 2015. Seconded by Mary Jo Havertape. Motion carried.

Clarification of Scholarships for Members only is that it must be used by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year awarded. It may not be given to someone else. If not used then an alternate (in the order of chosen) who has gone to a show may be reimbursed for \$600. If the member chosen knows they will not be going to a show the scholarship will be passed down the list of alternates in the order chosen.

Carla Mewhinney brought to the Board’s attention an e-mail that she rec’d asking several questions. The writer asked if a person from each bee could attend the board meeting. This was addressed at the last general meeting when Carla told the membership that the Board Meetings were open to all members but requested that if they wanted to address the Board that it be requested in writing to any Board member ahead of time.. Also requested was the amount made on the Opportunity Quilt – as posted by the Show Treasurer we made \$4,184.00 before expenses. The writer also requested a paper newsletter, the decision to eliminate paper copies of the newsletter was made several years ago due to cost of printing and mailing and because of the amount of extra work required. It was noted that there are only 13 members listed in the current directory who do not have e-mail. It was also suggested that those members either read the newsletter on line or ask a friend to share their copy of the newsletter

A motion was made by Karon Jacobson and seconded by Carla Mewhinney that the Minutes of the Board Meeting be put on the web site beginning

immediately. Guild General Meeting Minutes are already on the web and in the newsletter... Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary