

RGVQG Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Kathe LeTulle, President, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

Secretary – Joy Paugh: The September board minutes are on the website. There were no changes or corrections so the minutes stand approved as printed.

Treasurer – Diane Tewell: Quarterly report and annual budget copies were distributed to each member of the Board. October 9, today, the new insurance policy with Farmers Insurance goes into effect. USLI Insurance yearly premium was \$1440.00 per year. Farmers Insurance yearly premium is \$855.00. This figure includes certificate of insurance, when required. Ruby Garza, insurance representative, is researching the coverage of the Opportunity Quilt. The Farmers liability insurance covers us while we are at Renee's Studio, Padre Island Convention Center and John Newcomb Tennis Ranch.

Newsletter – Diana Wolf: Articles are due October 15<sup>th</sup> for the October Newsletter. 60% of our membership view the newsletter through email.

Facebook Page Administrator -Jan Baethke: Jan proposed that the Guild members (non business) use the Announcement Post (button) on the Guild Facebook Page to advertise any sewing/quilt related item they have for sale. The RGVQG Facebook page (a closed group) is for RGVQG Members only and for persons that a member may recommend. Businesses may advertise once a month in the Post section of the Facebook Page if they have a paid ad in the current month newsletter. A motion was made that we adopt the policy for Facebook Announcement Post regulations provided by Jan Baethke. Marty Morrison, seconded. Discussion on the motion. The motion was withdrawn due to need of clarification in relation to the Standing Policies.

(The Announcement Post is where anyone with quilting goods or services for sale should post in the comment section below the Announcement. This Announcement Post will allow you (the member) to advertise and sell your quilting supplies and services. On the Announcement Post, you will be able to post and advertise all of your quilting goods, services, links to your blogs, patterns, etc. Remember, you MUST and can ONLY list your post (items for sale) within this thread. All other Independent posts that include any type of advertising or selling will be deleted. This thread will be pinned, so it will always show up first. Please remember, buying and selling is at your own risk. The Facebook Administrator, Jan Baethke, and the RGVQG are not responsible for any transaction(s) that goes bad.)

A motion was made that only active-paid Guild members plus recommended friends of members be included in the Guild's Facebook Page (a closed group). Pam Manley seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Karyn Heaney made a motion that as of this day, October 9, 2019, only paying members will be allowed into the Guild Facebook Page. The current group presently on the Facebook page will be automatically grandfathered in. Judy Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer – Diane Tewell: September ending Bank Balance is \$7,027.34. Savings Account ending balance is \$33,141.41. Retreat Account Balance \$3,000.00.

Diane told the Board that the Guild finances were in trouble. If the Guild continues as we have done business these past few years, transferring monies from the savings and overlooking the ratio of income to expenses, the Guild will be broke in 2-3 years. The Guild has fixed over-head expenses of \$12,000.00

per year. Primary source of income is Programs, School House Classes, Membership, and the Quilt Show which includes the Opportunity Quilt tickets.

Discussion on ways to cut costs and increase income followed. Cost of Programs and Program Speakers were discussed.

Karon Jacobson made a motion that the Friendship Day be moved to December of 2020 and move the Granny's Attic (Rummage Sale) to April in 2020. Subie Redd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Karon Jacobson made a motion that beginning in the year 2021 we contract 2 national speakers a year. Subie Redd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Karon Jacobson made a motion that in 2021, if feasible, a preference of 1 class be provided by the national speaker(s). Subie Redd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Diane Tewell said that each expense category has been cut in half. Discussion of the 2 student scholarships provided each year in the amount of \$2,000.00 each followed.

Judi Swanda made a motion to reduce the 2 college student scholarships to \$1,000.00 each. Marty Morrison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Discussion on the cost of the School House Class supplies list. It was noted that the supplies list can be rather costly. Advise Karen Dill, School House Class Committee Chair to include terminology for options of alternative ways to gather supplies. Example: Student may share book, check out book from library etc.

Diane Tewell will give a finance report at the RGVQG General Meeting on Saturday, October 12.

Diana Wolf made a motion that as of November 2020 the fees for the School House Class be raised to \$20.00 per class. If passed, the question to raise the fees will be included on the November Ballot. Karyn Heaney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Discussion on feasibility of moving money from the Quilt Show account to the Guild account to cover expenses. It was decided that it is best to move money from the Guild savings account to the Guild checking account.

Granny's Attic – Karon Jacobson: The floor plan has been given to the Trophy Gardens staff. The doors will be open at 8am for members to bring their items for sale and set up their tables. The tables will be assigned that morning.

Membership – Marty Morrison: 12 members have renewed. In 2019 we had a total of 321 members.

Retreat – Karyn Heaney: Friendship Day Retreat has been moved back one day. Arrival is set for Tuesday, March 17. Departure is Saturday, March 21. The Blue Bonnet Retreat has 12 on the waiting list. The Bluebonnet shop hop begins the last day of the Bluebonnet retreat.

Webmaster – Bonnie Hall. There is now a Donate Button on each of the Guild's webpages.

Programs – Judy Brown: A discussion on how to reduce cost of program speakers.

Elections – Judy Brown and Pam Manley: The November elections will include 2 nominees for President, 2 nominees for 3rd Vice President/Programs and one nominee for Secretary. The newsletter will include bio's of each nominee up for election. Once the October newsletter has been issued, the ballot will be up and accessible on the website. The on-line voting will end on the Friday prior to the Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Those not voting on-line will be provided a paper ballot on Saturday at the November 9<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

Quilt Show – Marsha Santow 2020 chair: The show is on course. The Quilt Show speaker is providing a class for \$30.00. Deb Warner is the Boutique Chairman.

Sunshine and Shadows – Maggie Putney: Maggie has sent out a few cards this past month.

Military Service Quilts – Pam Manley: 2 quilts have been distributed at Heritage Village. Future distribution planned for Veterans Day (November 11) at Heritage Village, Veterans Home and Brookridge.

Publicity - Judy Swanda: Judy has been working with the winter publications like the Winter Texan and Welcome Home Winter Texans to advertise the Guild. Winter Texan requires an ad or originate from a park.

Community Service / Youth Sew – Subie Redd: 200 Christmas stockings are in progress. The students are making matching dress and tote. The young men are making these items for their mothers. Pictures will be posted to the website.

Community Service – Rick Redd: September figures: 156 Items, 236 Hours, \$1,711.50 Value. YTD total: 6060 items, 21,270 hours, \$147,943.50 value.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Paugh, Secretary