

RGVQG Board Meeting, Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Kathe LeTulle, President, opened the meeting at 1 p.m.

First item on the agenda was the letter from Trophy Gardens dated November 1 regarding the incident at the October RGVQG general meeting between Karon Jacobson and 2 Trophy Garden volunteers. Kathe read the letter. Karon Jacobson responded. Discussion was held. It became clear that Karon and the Trophy Garden volunteer apologized to each other at the end of the meeting. Karon considered the matter closed.

Rick Redd moved that the executive committee send back the recommendation to the Executive Committee and close the matter with no further action. Marty Morrison seconded the motion. The vote was one to send back and four to not send back.

Recommendation: The Executive Committee of the RGVQG is recommending to the Board that the situation with Karon Jacobson and Trophy Garden staff at Grannies Attic, as written in the November 1 letter, be resolved by reprimanding Karon of her negative and unbecoming attitude with the public and specifically the Trophy Garden Staff. As a member and chairperson within the RGVQG we have a responsibility to exhibit an attitude that works well with the public and specifically the Trophy Garden staff. The Board recommends that Karon be on probation for one year. This probation disallows Karon from holding a chairperson position with the Guild and the Guild Quilt Show for one year. The dates of probation will be December 11, 2019 to December 11 of 2020.

Diane Tewell moved that we send the recommendation through and vote on the original recommendation of the Executive Committee. Marty Morrison seconded the motion. Four were in favor and six were not in favor. The motion was voted down.

Rick Redd moved that the matter (recommendation) be considered with no further action. Judi Swanda seconded the motion. Seven were in favor and four opposed.

Diana Wolf, Bylaw Chair read Section 2.08 from the By Laws.

Second item on the agenda was Marshall Dry Goods. Diane Tewell, treasurer, learned that the RGVQG had two accounts with Marshall Dry Goods. One with a VISA credit card held by Mary Jo Havertape and an unknown owner. The issue is the unauthorized use of the RGVQG tax number which belongs to a 501(c)3 organization. Renee Darkis stated she had purchased materials for use with her dying class whose students were Guild members, and had not realized the improper use of the tax id # exempt status. Rick Redd made a motion that a letter be sent to Marshall Dry Goods informing them that all RGVQG orders must be approved by Diane Tewell, RGVQG Treasurer and that Renee Darkis will be responsible to resolve the sales tax reporting of her purchase with Marshall Dry Goods. Judy Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

For future discussion: Research of RGVQG donations, boutique sales, small quilt sales relate to Texas Sales Tax and effect our 501c3 status.

Kathe has asked the Board to provide Diane Tewell with a list of accounts where their committees use the Guild tax exempt number.

Secretary – Joy Paugh: The November RGVQG Board Minutes were posted on the website. If there are no changes or corrections the minutes will stand approved as posted.

Treasurer – Diane Tewell: November ending Bank Balance: \$8,461.70. November ending Savings Account Balance: \$33,144.18. Retreat Balance: \$3,000.00. Diane handed out the Quarterly Report and Annual Budget. The Income versus Expenses at the end of November show a balance to the good of \$3,853.53. With the increase in membership dues, Diane is hoping to be able to cover December expenses without using the funds in the savings account. Diane also informed the Board of the QuickBooks scam. An automatic subscription renewal for QuickBooks in the amount of \$1,300.00 was adverted. It was learned that the original subscription purchase over a year ago was from a scam site.

Membership – Marty Morrison: 12 new memberships from on line registrations. Currently there are 149 members for 2020.

Newsletter – Diana Wolf: The newsletter articles are due on the 15th.

Retreat – Karyn Heaney: Both retreats are full. Friendship Star retreat balance is due at the December general meeting. The Bluebonnet Retreat balance is due at the January meeting.

Quilt Show Chair 2020 – Marsha Santow: A Volunteer Chairperson is needed. Laural Powell said there will be 2 locations for the drop off and return of quilts. February 14th Tuesday, 10 a.m.-12noon, Trophy Gardens. February 15th, Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.-3p.m. Port Isabel Methodist Church.

Community Service – Rick Redd: November totals, Items: 454, Hours: 1860, Value: \$13,485.00.

Youth Sew – Subie Redd: Christmas Stockings will be delivered to the Children’s Hospital of Edinburg. 19 stockings were also presented to employees of Texas-AM Life Extension. The Youth program will continue with Subie teaching classes the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. It is understood that the youth will have quilts to display at the February RGVQG Quilt Show.

Programs – Judy Brown: Judy and Laural have met to begin the transfer of program duties to Laural. Judy asked for assistance in picking up Tina Hilton for classes and meeting. Rene Imarelli, the teacher for the February Quilt Show, will be at the Saturday RGVQG General Meeting. Angela Walters will be the March speaker. Angela has offered to do evening sessions. Interested groups are Llano Grande Bee, Renee Darkis, and Winter Haven. Judy will determine Angela’s hourly rate plus a percentage of her expenses to provide a cost to these groups.

Website – Judy Brown: Drop off and Pick up Dates and locations for the 2020 Quilt Show Quilts will be added to the website.

Newsletter – Judy Brown: Judy is proposing that the articles for the RGVQG newsletter be due the Monday following the RGVQG General Meeting.

Programs – Laural Powell: Karen Combs is renting her own car.

School House Classes – Karen Dill: Karen submitted her resignation and believes she has a replacement.

Military Service Quilts – Pam Manley: 28 quilts were presented at Brookridge. The Winter Texan Times had a front-page article on the presentation. Pam received a number of thank you cards from recipients.

Sunshine and Shadows – Maggie Putney: three cards were mailed this past month. Karyn Heaney said that Kathy Dunning's forty-six-year-old daughter-in-law passed away.

Publicity – Judi Swanda: Judi handed in her resignation.

Library – Susan Coleman: Susan is continuing to research the cost of building shelves on wheels for the library to be stored at Trophy Gardens.

Discussion:

In 2020 the international/national speakers will be limited to 2 to 3 for the November to March months. Recommendations are needed from RGVQG membership to provide talks for April through October. Please give Laural your suggestions.

An individual is asking for three (3) queen size double wedding ring quilts be made and completed by December 2020. The individual is paying for this work. If anyone is interested, see Kathe LeTulle. Kathe asked that we table this issue until the January 2020 board meeting. This encompasses the by-laws, quilts being shown at the quilt show, donate to veterans outside the valley, and selling of quilts.

Kathe is asking each committee person to be ready to give their report at the Saturday meeting and to keep it to 30-seconds to one minute.

Tough Stuff has fabric for \$3 and \$1 a yard.

Other Discussion:

Question about whether a seventeen-year-old high school graduate is eligible show a quilt that she made in the quilt show. She is under 18 and that is the only qualification to show in the youth category.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Paugh, Secretary