

Guild Board meeting, January 8, 2020

The meeting was opened at 1:06 pm by the President, Kathe Letulle.

She announced that three of the Guild's debit cards were compromised, and the events had been intercepted by our bank. The cards have been replaced with new cards. When the bank was asked if these could be replaced with credit cards, the bank said yes but any adverse events would go on that individual's credit report. A decision was made to continue with debit cards for Guild purchases.

While at the bank, they learned that they will no longer accept checks made payable to RGVQG. Instead, the name has to be written in full, Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, as the payee. A stamp will be ordered for use primarily by the Membership Chair for this reason.

There is a new deadline for the newsletter, the Monday immediately following the Guild general meeting on Saturday.

Library is continuing to pursue sturdy bookcases to hold our collection. There is a file listing the library contents available, and it may be uploaded to the Guild webpage.

Retreat – Friendship Star attendees have paid. Bluebonnet retreat payment is due in full at the next Guild meeting. There may be one opening. There are 14 on the waiting list.

Membership chair, Marty Morrison, stated members are currently 215, with two new members and 21 renewals. A survey was developed and will be distributed to members at the next Guild meeting regarding programs and other matters.

Treasurer filed the monthly report which stated:

Beginning balance Dec 1	\$ 8,461.70
Expenditures	1,951.64
Income	3,255.72
Ending balance	9,765.78
Savings account Dec 31 st balance	\$33,145.59
Retreat	\$ 3,000.00

She also filed the year-end financial report which included all four quarters and year end totals. The March program expenses are \$3,700.00 plus airfare, hotel, meals and other expenses. Angela Walters is charging \$1,200.00 per class, for both days. The Guild will be losing approximately \$1000.00 even with full enrollments at the classes. The program speaker's expenses at the Quilt Show have not yet been paid, nor the January classes or January program speaker. Please note: In a later discussion with Diane Tewell, after some specific figures were calculated, it was learned the Guild will lose \$600.00 per class.

It was discovered that the Quilt Show bank account was not linked to the others at the bank. There are plans to link the accounts after the Quilt Show because the Quilt Show account will have to be renamed slightly to conform to the format of the other accounts.

Quilt Show – Marsha Santow reported that so far everything is looking good with the Show. There are only about 100 quilts registered at this point but that seems normal given the time before the show.

It was noted the March speakers fee for Angela Walters is expensive. The push for returning winter Texans to pay for 2020 memberships at the end of 2019 was helpful. The national speaker classes taught at the Guild class will lose money that month. Even at full classes of 20 students each paying a \$45.00 fee, it does not cover the Guild expenses for her teaching fees.

Marsha Santow, Show Chair, felt that so far, so good, is the status of the show preparations. She still needs volunteers. There are a few appraisals scheduled now, and she hopes more people will sign up to have their quilts appraised.

Laural Powell discussed the Opportunity Quilt for the 40th anniversary of the Quilt Show which will be a Ruby Jubilee. She will be the Chair of that show, and would like donations of red fabric, and wants many members to be involved in its construction. She has a design in mind. Marty Morrison made a motion that for the 2022 Quilt Show, the 40th Ruby Jubilee anniversary of the Quilt Show, that we ask for a donation of red fabric, 1/4-yard WOF of fabric, an eighth yard, or a fat quarter donation of red fabric from members to be incorporated into the Opportunity Quilt for that year. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Hall. The motion passed. Laural also stated she wants many members involved as possible in the construction of the 40th anniversary quilt.

Military Service Quilts – Lucy Klaas thanked past Publicity Chairs for their outstanding coverage in the local media. We have received many favorable comments about the committee's activities as a result of the Publicity Chair's efforts to publicize the Guild. There will be a military sew day at Trophy Gardens on Monday, Jan 27th. She is trying to arrange for HEB to donate supplies for food for the lunches provided. She needs a tax number for HEB. Diane Tewell stated the Guild's tax number could be supplied.

Snow to Sun is having a military sew day on the 15th, and there will also be four quilts presented during that event. Lucy and Pam plan to announce the military sew days at the Guild meeting. They plan to donate wheelchair quilts to veterans located at Harlingen Veteran's Home. Bonnie stated she could register quilts at the Military Sew days. However, the last date to register quilts is prior to the Trophy Gardens event. Military Service will hold off on bundling quilts until after the Show. Community Service asked for some quilts for their booth at the Show.

Youth Outreach distributed pillowcases to each child in the Children's Hospital. They also sent a big thank you up to Texas A & M for holiday stockings made by Youth Outreach. The Outreach class has started quilting projects.

Rick Redd presented his fourth quarter report of 2,664 items, 11,502 hours' worth a total of \$91,074.50 making the year's grand totals to be 8,724 items, 32,772 hours, and \$239,018.00. He also announced that he will be resigning effective the end of the next Guild meeting, this next Saturday. Kathe Letulle accepted his resignation effective that date. Subie will help any successor in this position.

The webmistress Bonnie Hall planned to distribute an email to members regarding critical times and issues about the Quilt Show deadlines and volunteers needed. There was also discussion about timing issues regarding announcements about Guild programs. For iPads, Chrome worked better than Safari as a browser to register quilts and pictures of the quilts.

Maggie Putney reported no activity for Sunshine and Shadows. It was suggested cards be sent to Lila Helms and Carrah Maney.

Evelyn Fincher stated she will send reminder letters or text messages to pertinent people regarding Academic Scholarships.

Laural Powell stated Karen Combs would be teaching two classes at the new Guild class prior to the General meeting. There were still places available to enroll in each class. The Program classes for Angela Walters are both full with waiting lists. Angela may go to some Bees and revenue from those classes may offset some of the expenses associated with her visit to the Guild. She also announced due to a motion previously passed by the Board, the program for April of 2020 will be Granny's Attic. During the period of May to October she needs six members to be speakers for Guild programs. Judy Brown had previously contracted with Bill Weeks to be a speaker at the November 2020 program and two classes. The motion from October 2019 by the Board also designated December of 2020 to conduct Friendship Day activities.

Laural also plans to have two speakers during the season. Bonnie Hall made a motion that beginning in the year 2021, we contract two national speakers per season. An example of a season would be the 2021 season defined as November 2020 through March 2021. This was seconded by Marty Morrison. The motion passed.

Laural also stated she quickly needs a chair for Granny's Attic. There ensued a lively discussion about vendor participants at the event which centered around the definition of "vendor".

It was left to the Chair of that event to implement whatever the Board decides about the policy. There would be a difference between a business selling discounted merchandise and an individual selling "extra" to de-stash or reduce the volume of "stuff" they have. It was noted that businesses can purchase a table at any Guild meeting. There was a discussion to rename the event. It included a charge of \$20 per table to a retail business. It was felt a change in policies regarding Granny's Attic be made, and by making the changes at this time would provide some guidance for the Chair of the event which occurs in two months. Rick Redd made a motion that the annual members sale be called a Members Garage Sale. If a retail business wants to sell at retail prices, they will pay \$20.00 per table. Evelyn Fincher seconded it. Hands in favor were six and hands against were seven. The motion failed.

Diane Tewell moved that the Members Garage Sale will be for members only and have garage sale prices and there will be no retail pricing allowed. Rick Redd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sarah Reed, the new Publicity Chair, reported she will be taking pictures at Guild meetings. She is updating the membership brochure. It was noted that Sewing Sisters have discontinued meeting and should be removed from the list of Bees. She will be calling the Bee contacts to verify the name and phone numbers for the Bees. She wanted to start an Instagram account for the Guild. Bonnie Hall remembered there had been an Instagram account for the Guild established earlier. The Instagram account concept was tabled for the time being.

There were several different quotes by printers to run a new set of membership brochures. We believe we have about 1000 left.

For the Quilt Show, Marsha Santow and her board has renamed the Boutique to the Bargain Barn.

Subie Redd announced the Block of the Month program has had few participants this last year. It takes two hours each month to construct the display board for the Guild meeting each month. She stated she thinks the program has run its course. She proposed this next Guild meeting be the last presentation for this program. Marty Morrison moved we eliminate the Block of the Month effective February 1, 2020. Rick Redd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Diana Wolf moved the last month's Board minutes be approved as published on the Guild website. The motion passed.

Kathe Letulle announced for Judy Brown that the newsletter deadline is the Monday after the Guild general meetings, that we need to promote Quilt Show classes, and there will be a special drawing at the next Guild meeting. Further, we will put any Bee quilt show dates in the newsletter, and they understand there is a reciprocal obligation to promote our show.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Wolf, Secretary.