

Board minutes Feb 5, 2020

First Vice President, Marty Morrison, opened the meeting at 1:00pm. There was a quorum present with 10 of 17 positions represented.

Marty summarized the returned results of the member survey. About 80 surveys were returned of 150 distributed. The responses could be used to guide selection of classes and speakers for members. The members self-reported that 5 considered themselves beginners, 59 considered themselves intermediate, and 14 indicated they classified themselves as advanced.

Sarah Reed is having surgery and it will take some time to recover. She will continue as Publicity Chair. She is greatly disappointed to not be able to attend the Quilt Show on SPI.

Laural Powell, Programs Chair, stated we still need a chair for the garage sale in April. She has posted this need in several places and also solicited some individuals. She has not yet received any positive responses. It was also noted that chairs and officers are to have a committee of two or more so there is a backup individual.

Membership in the Guild for 2020 stands at 278. There are still 103 who have not yet renewed. A few members paid in advance of the dues increase, and still need to pay the \$5.00 differential.

Military Service quilts held two very successful events. There are at least 70 tops ready to hang at the show. Four were recently presented to veterans residing at Snow to Sun as part of the sew day held there recently. Trophy Gardens also hosted a military sew day with 40 sewers busily working. HEB presented a \$50.00 gift certificate for food and it was put to good and tasty use. Sixteen quilts were bundled and two new longarm persons volunteered to do some quilting for this project. The date for the next Trophy Gardens Military Sew day will be January 14, 2021. More fabric is needed for quilt tops. Laural Powell will donate a Creative Grid Strip Cutter to the committee. The AccuQuilt tumbler die is easy to use to make quilt pieces but the volunteers find they are time consuming to assemble.

The Retreat Chair, Karyn Heaney, reported there are 3 remaining slots available for the Friendship Star retreat. The Bluebonnet retreat remains full at present. She has booked the next retreats for 2021 at no price increase. The dates are during the same calendar week as this year, but the days might vary slightly.

Marsha Santow, the Quilt Show chair, reported that everything remains on target

Academic Scholarships chaired by Evelyn Fincher reported no news at the moment. Deadline to apply for these scholarships is February 28th of this year. The Guild PO Box should be checked on that date for applications.

The Webmistress, Bonnie Hall, stated all the items needed for the Quilt Show are done. For the retreat, name tags and certificates need to be printed.

Heather Nelson, Schoolhouse Chair, had three of five classes scheduled. Two more classes need to have a teacher and their program scheduled.

Laural Powell of Programs stated the March programs were full. She had obtained contracts from Judy Brown. She noted that Bill Kerr does not have an official contract and does require a deposit when a contract is signed. Another potential speaker has a one-day class in January which involves tiny piecing, and she did not think that would appeal to many members. She will investigate other options.

She further requested Board input regarding speaker costs in light of the current financial situation. Lively discussion ensued. The Guild has never made money on a speaker and classes. Most national speakers request about \$750 per class per day. Angela Walters is charging \$1200 per day for her class. Their speech is an additional expense along with room, board and other expenses.

Suggestions to consider for future programs were Quilt Haus, Moda fabrics, Sulky thread and possibly other large regional or nationally known companies. Another discussion occurred regarding having a major distributor provide an informational program versus a distributor pushing their products to members. The first is acceptable, the second is not. Additionally, some of the large regional or national manufacturers could be approached to underwrite the costs of some speakers, which would make the Guild budget for speakers stretch further.

The Treasurer, Diane Tewell, presented the following as her report:

Checking account

Jan 1 beginning balance	\$9,765.78	Savings Account	\$33,146.91
Income	\$3,698.99		
Expenditures	\$3,980.96	Retreat	\$3,000.00
January 31 ending balance	\$9,483.81		

It was agreed she would produce quarterly instead of monthly line item reports for committee and officer expenses. She requested to borrow about seven bank bags for the duration of the quilt show. During discussion a source was found to purchase six very inexpensively.

Laural Powell noted she has not been receiving minutes of meetings via email. This is to be remedied.

The Secretary asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions to be made to the minutes of the prior month. No corrections were heard, so the minutes stand approved.

At 2:15 Pam Manley made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Heather Nelson. The motion passed.