

Board Minutes from May 13, 2020 Conference Call and Committee Reports

New format. Committee reports submitted prior to the conference call appear ahead of the minutes. Next appear the minutes. The Show Board submitted a very important report after the board meeting. It appears after the minutes. Please read all of this report.

Reports submitted:

Membership

We now have a total of 315 members. We have 4 new members. During the last month I've sent out 24 emails to new members since January (who have not picked up their membership card) and received back confirmation from only 7 of the new members. I sent the new members their member-id and passwords, so the others must have gone to their spam folder.

Marty Morrison, First Vice President and Membership

Newsletter

The newsletter went out last month in a timely manner. I have received very few comments, but would appreciate any suggestions. Since we are not now meeting, I don't know how much content we will get. The deadline for this month is Monday, May 11. I would appreciate materials any between now and then. Please put on your thinking caps for what content you would like to see, in addition to any reports. Many of us see things on our RGVQG Facebook pages, but not all are on Facebook. Should we repeat any of that?

Judy Brown, RGVQG Newsletter Editor

Community Service

Chris Cowan with Community Service report. A lot of guesswork on my part as I muddled through previous reports and guidelines.

Near as I can tell, each item has been given an hourly total and then multiplied by minimum wage of \$7.25.

What do we actually have to report to IRS and who does the actual paperwork yearly? What is required to maintain our tax-exempt nonprofit status?

Anyway, here are the monthly, quarterly item, hours and dollar amounts for October through March.

October: 207 items, 479 hours, \$3443.75

November: 0

December: 391 items, 3823 hours, \$27,660

4th quarter 2019

598 items, 4302 hours, \$31,103.80

January: 457 items, 3206 hours, \$23,288.75

February: 292 items, 1688 hours, \$18,483.50

March: 388 items, 3511 hours, \$25,854.75

1st quarter 2020

1137 items, 8405 hours, \$67,627

This does not include any of the many masks made by our very generous members. Personally, I could make 4 masks from 2 fat quarters. Including cutting, making ties and actual sewing those 4 would take me about 1-1/2 to 2 hours.

Let me know how we want to track the masks, officially or just kudos in the newsletter.

Chris Cowan, Second Vice President and Community Service

Guild Board Meeting, May 13, 2020

Youth Outreach

The youth class was cancelled due to COVID 19. Some of the youth made face masks for the community. They made stuff turtles for The Painted Turtle.org. Which is a camp they offer in CA for kids with serious medical conditions. Every kid that comes to the camp will receive a stuff turtle. Thank You, Florea Flores, Youth Outreach.

Note: nice picture included

Treasurer's Report – Diane Tewell

April 2020 Treasurer's Report

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| April 1st Beginning Checking Account Balance | \$21,834.36 |
| Income | 122.71 |
| Expenses | 1,849.13 |
| April 30th Ending Balance | \$20,107.94 |

April 30th Ending Savings Account Balance \$33,150.98

May 13, 2020 conference call

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Kathe Letulle, President.

From Free Conference Call phone number report of phone numbers: Marty Morrison, Diane Tewell, Sarah Reed, Susan Coleman, Diana Wolf, Kathe Letulle, Bonnie Hall, Evelyn Fincher, Laural Powell, Karyn Heaney, Judy Brown, Chris Cowan, Pam Manley, Laurie Magee. Fourteen voting board members present and a quorum established.

Treasurer's report - Motion to accept the report made by Karyn Heaney and seconded by Diana Wolf. The motion passed.

Secretary's report – Motion to accept made by Evelyn Fincher, seconded by Marty Morrison. The motion passed.

Academic scholarships – the report had no questions or comments.

Retreat – no report other than what was included in email. Recap – the Blue Bonnet retreat enrollees had their deposit rolled over to next year's report.

Membership – Membership is as reported in email. Discussion included that in past years was turned off in the summer. We received four new members last month. Discussion occurred about whether new members can enroll on Nov 1 any year and enjoy 14 months of membership. If they join on Oct 31, they will have to renew for the following year. This policy will be considered, and if changed, the new policy would be widely publicized.

Newsletter deadline for next month will be the 20th.

Community Service was inquiring how to value donated items for Guild tax purposes. Much discussion occurred.

Military Service – Pam Manley will be presenting 19 quilts to VFW members soon. Masks were made and donated to VFW members by way of Lepita Perez.

Community Service – was unaware of recent receipts for items made in pursuit of Guild goals, so had no tally. Presently the form must be printed but no meetings have occurred where it could be handed off. There was a suggestion to create an online form and possible information to be included in it.

Chris Cowan was asked to write up an article from content submitted by Florea Flores.

Beekeeper – no report.

Fat Quarter Draw – no report.

Librarian – Susan Coleman - no activity in library.

Publicity – Sarah Reed no activity to report.

Schoolhouse – no report.

Sunshine and Shadows – The Chair, Maggie Putney has had to resign. A new chair is needed and in the interim, Kathe Letulle is acting in that capacity.

Webmaster – plans to create a new community service form. There is a picture of one schoolhouse class shown. Questions arose about online Guild meetings, perhaps using Zoom. Up to a certain number of people, it is free. After that number, there is a subscription fee. Because of the fee, it was decided to not meet virtually at this time.

Programs – Loral Powell - Because neither Weeks Ringle or her husband are traveling until a vaccine is developed, we are no longer obligated to pay for the program. Timing and subject matter of various Guild general meeting programs was discussed. Easter will be early in 2021.

Quilt Show – Laurie Magee – We received an extension to sign the contract with South Padre Island Convention Center until June 1. There are many unknowns about conditions which could affect whether or not it would be feasible to hold the Quilt Show in February 2021 or postpone the event until 2022. Many Quilt Show vendors they would come in 2021 if there is a vaccine, others were not sure if they would attend if conditions deteriorated further.

At the Show Board meeting, Loral Powell proposed a motion that Deb Warner moved and Marsha Santow seconded which stated that the contract with the convention center to request contract amendment wording be in writing about if we do cancel the show in 2021, even though the convention center is active, and that we can move the deposit to the scheduled date in 2022. If not in writing, the deposit drop down date is cancelled in 2021 to ensure the date in 2022 is confirmed.

Laurie was looking to meet soon with management of SPI convention center to get a statement in writing to see how to schedule to have the Quilt Show in 2021 or postpone it in 2022. There are two and a half weeks before deadline to sign contract. She plans to have at least three other people with her when meeting with SPI Convention Center management. This group would include at least Laurie Magee, Kathe Letulle, Marsha Santow and Linda Swonger. Many issues regarding volunteers and attendance were discussed. One goal is to reserve the scheduled dates for 2022. Financial implications to postpone had been examined and the Guild could survive without one year of revenue, but two years would likely find the

Guild broke, if no additional fundraising occurred. A bare bones budget for the Guild is estimated to be \$12,000.00 for one year. It is unknown if the gentleman they hope to meet with can make a decision regarding the contract.

Laurie Magee stated, "Depending upon what the financial implications are, we will come back to the Guild board. The final decision will have to be made by the Guild board because this really impacts the entire Guild financial situation". "Depending upon what gets said, assuming this guy isn't laid off by tomorrow, we may have to see if we need another conference call, to see what the next step would be." My personal decision is "If they are not going to give us any reassurance in writing, I don't see how we can actually pay the money. If they will hold the 2022 dates for us, that would be \$5000.00 and it might be worth it the risk, but that would be a Guild decision". Evelyn Fincher asked if we could have a called meeting when you (the Show Board) get all your information together. Laurie Magee thought because there is two and a half weeks remaining until the contract must be signed, depending upon when people are available, perhaps.

Laural Powell asked once the meeting occurs, could a summary of the meeting be sent out in an email and then schedule a conference call at that point with the whole Guild. Discussion occurred about how the free conference call process worked. Laural Powell stated we could send out a summary of the meeting and then schedule a conference call at that point. Laurie Magee replied that's Kathe's decision whether or not to have a conference with the whole Guild. Laurie further stated she could have a conference call with the Show Board Committee and then follow with a conference call with the Guild, but it was something to be decided later. Diane Tewell remarked the SPI convention management could not guarantee a set date for our show as they may not be open. Laurie Magee replied that's why they are willing to hold our deposit. Laurie Magee stated the Show Board's concern was if the State of Texas allows an event like the Show, but the rest of us are not clear about whether it would be safe for attendees, that's where it becomes hinky. If the situation is clear cut, about whether SPI Convention Center is open, it's an easy decision. If the situation is not clear cut, that's a problem.

Sarah Reed asked if there is a cutoff date to decide when to decide to have the Quilt Show because there would be too much rushing around to get ready for it if there is not enough time between the decision date and the show dates. Laurie Magee stated if we decide not to have a show (in 2021), then there needs to be a working group to decide our next steps. It would need to include plans include the 2022 Quilt Show and to decide when things are back to normal for planning purposes. It would be a "Plan B" committee to explore and plan alternatives, and allow for planning the 2022 Quilt Show.

Kathe Letulle stated if you really take a look at various financial scenarios developing from the decision to not have a Quilt Show in 2021, including a worst case scenario of losing \$10,000.00 through the actions of the Show Board and society's feelings about attending a large group event, then money would have to be pulled from savings to fund the following next Show Board and their activities. That following year would also include funding the Guild's activities and then the Guild would be broke in two years with no money in savings. That is the area where we have the greatest area of concern from the Show Board.

Laurie Magee replied if we have the show, and we only break even or even lose money, we would have to take money out of savings to fund the Show Board for the next year. There are a couple of ways there could be a negative financial impact.

Kathe Letulle that gives you (the Guild Board) more information and shows why this decision is gut wrenching and heart wrenching, and we will do our level best to make sure whatever decision comes from the Show Board is a positive for the Guild as the first priority is to protect the Guild in general.

Karyn Heaney asked if the Guild doesn't get any income from the show, and we have to put money out, where does that money come from to support the Guild? Kathe Letulle replied that's when the \$33,000.00 from savings becomes zero. Laurie Magee stated that is what the Show Board is trying to avoid. Laurie Magee added under the current circumstances, (the pandemic Covid-19) the dilemma is we don't know if the show would make money. We don't know if our members are willing to come back or if they would be willing to risk coming to an event like the Quilt Show. Also, half our vendors are OK if maybe there is a vaccine, but we have no control over if or when a vaccine is available. Laural Powell added the SPI Convention Center receives money from city and state funding.

Discussion occurred about alternative money-making events such as a fundraiser. Some doubt was expressed if we could raise the same amount of money in excess of a fundraising event as the Quilt Show has been able to generate through the years.

Laurie Magee expressed this is a multifaceted problem compounded by lack of trustworthy data, and that makes the decision about whether or not to have the 2021 Quilt Show such a problem. We don't know if physical distancing will still be in effect. We need to get this first piece done (reserve possible dates for 2021 and 2022) and then look at our options. We need another couple of months to see how things develop, and then look at our options. This would be the best outcome to buy some more time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm by President, Kathe Letulle.

Show Board report

Laurie Magee, 2021 Show Chair, did her due diligence and below is the show board vote after the Video Conference call with SPI Convention Center and Visitors Bureau: Results of the vote was 19-YES and 3-NO.

Below is also the recap of the Video Conference Call - with Mayra Nunez, Laurie Magee, Marsha Santow, Laural Powell, Linda Swonger, and Kathe Letulle.

Laurie is now proceeding with mailing the deposit check and signed contract to the SPICVB. There is still much to be done before we can vote on holding the Quilt Show in February 2021. In our case, "a Financial disaster" is in our favor for cancelling in October due to circumstances in the Valley and our Guild.

RGVQG Show Board Vote = Vote Must Be Submitted by 5:00 PM, Friday, May 29, 2020

Blessings!

Later, Kathe Letulle (RGVQG Quilt Show Board), president@rgvqg.com, 956-272-2377