

Board meeting on February 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by the President, Kathe Letulle.

In attendance were Lucy Klass, Kathe Letulle, Mellie Peach, Diane Tewell, Jan Bathke, Marty Morrison, Heather Nelson, Diana Wolf, Michael Hall, Sarah Reed, Judy Brown, Bonnie Hall and Gayle Steinbeck. Quorum established.

Discussion regarding whether next year will be a virtual or physical quilt show. The Guild has signed a contract with SPI Convention Center. The deposit can be rolled over to the next year if there is a valid reason presented to SPI Convention center. Some members are in favor of the next show be an in-person show and others were hesitant. The Quilt Show committee was meeting the same day in the afternoon and little information was available about the show results. Two persons wrote the show webpages and coding involved, three Guild members (Bonnie Hall, Linda Osborne, and Mike Hall) did most of the loading of quilt pictures into the virtual show website. Another option discussed was running the in-person show and then the following week running a virtual show. The ending financials for the Virtual Show are unknown; we don't know if there was a profit or loss.

It was announced that Pam Manley accepted the position of Beekeeper, and Mellie Peach will serve as co-chair with Lucy Klass for Military Service Quilts.

Academic Scholarships committee still needs a chairperson.

Mike Hall, Treasurer, stated while we could certainly use the revenue from more memberships, we can continue as a Guild under the present circumstances. There was no knowledge about when or if Trophy Gardens would reopen for meetings such as the Guild in their big hall. It was estimated that the Guild has about \$1000 in annual fixed expenses left to pay, but exact figures would be located soon.

She also requested, for 2021, thoughts to improve or streamline the Guild, or to further our purposes and goals, and these comments be included in discussion as each chair's report was presented.

Treasurer's report from Mike Hall was no change from the information presented in his committee report. Ending balances for January 1, 2021 were:

RGVQG checking	\$14,309.06
RGVQG Savings	\$33,160.06
RGVQG Quilt Show	\$11,158.99
RGVQG Retreat	\$ 3,000.00

The Beekeeper, Pam Manley, reported meeting with the Snow to Sun sewing group who were very busy making military service and other quilt tops They will be submitting a newsletter article about their activities that day. Planning has begun to contact more Bees and sewing groups. Additional discussions are occurring with a group of quilters at Magic Valley RV park who are considering becoming a Bee.

The following are good reasons to stay in or join the Guild: 1. Gain friendship with like-minded quilters. 2. Retreat, a slumber party with like-minded people and sewing time, uninterrupted. 3. Learn new skills and techniques. A. Learning helps keep your mind sharp. B. You can practice on quilts made for others who are generally thrilled to be remembered. C. There is much satisfaction in doing for others. D. You

will never be bored. 4. Participate in swaps or group buys. 5. Opportunities for quilt challenges and contests. 6. Special offers and pricing for Guild members. 7. Get feedback and advice, and you can ignore the quilt police. 8. Find inspiration. 9. Get prizes and free stuff. 10. Show and Tell about your latest project.

Chris Cowan, Community Service, had no report. The same was true for the committees for Facebook, Fat Quarter Draw and Historian. There were no comments from the Board.

Hostesses, Gayle Steinbeck and Susan Hudson had no new registrations to report.

Susan Coleman, Librarian, had no activity to report. Gayle Steinbeck had discussed with the Supervisor of the Woodshop at Trophy Gardens who stated the members there could probably build some bookshelves for the Guild. Cost of materials would come from the Library budget.

Membership, Marty Morrison, stated she was concerned that the Guild budget for 2021 was based on 250 members and the current actual membership is 176. Two email reminders were sent to all members who had not yet joined. There was a low response rate.

Lucy Klass and Mellie Peach reported 4 military sew days this past month, two for bundling, and two at Snow to Sun to cut and assemble quilts. No quilts were distributed this month. There are quilts available to give to qualified RGV residents. Clarification was sought for their budget which is \$300.00 for this year. They have 2 bolts of batting, and a gracious donation of a bolt of backing material. Quilters are being sought, but so far, the quilts are being quilted. Possibilities were considered to schedule sew days over the summer on Zoom.

The newsletter deadline remains next Monday for the newsletter according to the Editor, Judy Brown.

Nominating committee members will be Pam Manley and Nancy Tatro and more individuals are to be added.

There was no report from the Programs chair, and no program announced for the March general meeting. In prior years, the program topics were known months in advance and printed in the newsletter and posted on the Guild website. Discussion occurred regarding speakers for Guilds that can cost as little as \$100 and these individuals are being sought by other Guilds. Members have commented that they like to know about speakers well in advance of their presentation. There are also some free speakers and excellent YouTube videos also.

Retreat numbers as reported by Kathe Letulle are changing day by day. Friendship Star deadline to decline has passed. The deadline for Blue Bonnet is the following Sunday. There will be an effort to have the Tennis Ranch reduce the amount of the deposit from \$4000 so it can be paid from existing funds. The Ranch has arranged the sewing room so participants are distanced 6 feet apart, the trash is emptied without staff coming into the room, meals are served on your plates (no self-serve buffet) and the room is vacuumed and tidied when no participants are in the room. Other safety measures are in place too. Whether there is one or two Guild retreats next year will depend upon potential interest for participation.

Heather Nelson, Schoolhouse, requested participants in the Virtual Quilt Show give her information about how they felt about taking a four-hour class online. She will use that to consider classes for Schoolhouse.

Jackie Landon, Sunshine, was unable to be on the call as she is recovering well from planned surgery. There was no report from the committee.

The Youth committee, Subie Redd or Florea Flores, had no report.

Webmaster, Bonnie Hall, reported the participants list for the two retreats is active in the Retreat section. Information was updated for the Board and Quilt Show meetings. Other information needed had not yet been supplied. It is possible to add some information from the Show website which explains what the Guild does and have that appear on the RGVQG.com website. Kathe's introduction to the Guild which appears on the Show website could also appear on the Guild website as some other selected sections.

Diane Tewell, Zoom chair, had no changes to report.

Quilt Show, Laurie Magee was not able to attend the meeting. Some members thought it went well. It still needs some tweaks.

Minutes were presented by the Secretary. Marty Morrison moved and Heather Nelson seconded that the minutes be accepted. The minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Arrangements were made to add our new Treasurer, Mike Hall, as signatory on the Bank of America accounts.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am.