

Board minutes, March 10, 2021 final

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

Present were: Heather Nelson, Bonnie Hall, Laurie Magee, Kathe Letulle, Gayle Steinbeck, Jan Bathke, Mike Hall, Diana Wolf, Jean Waufle, Mellie Peach, Judy Brown, Laural Powell and Evelyn Fincher. Quorum established.

Evelyn Fincher has resigned from Scholarships and Sarah Reed has resigned from Publicity and the Opportunity Quilt positions. The Guild is seeking persons willing to fill those positions.

The Treasurer's report from Mike Hall was as follows:

**Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild
Treasurer's February 2021 Report**

Monthly Account Balances as of 2/28/2021

RGVQG Checking

Beginning Balance	\$14,319.06
Income	3,178.46
Expenses	\$1,436.66
Ending Balance	\$16,060.86

RGVQG Savings

Beginning Balance	\$33,160.82
Interest Income	\$0.76
Ending Balance	\$33,160.82

RGVQG Quilt Show

Beginning Balance	\$11,148.99
Income	\$2,625.22
Expenses	\$0.11
Ending Balance	\$13,774.10

RGVQG Retreat

\$3,000.00

The bill for the Post Office box went up by \$40 to \$188 per year. At the moment, he anticipates the Guild will be able to meet the anticipated expenses for the year. Some figures will change if we return to in-person meetings, but the other expense will shift and we will likely still be able to stay within budget. The major budget expense will likely be the scholarships.

Beekeepers, Diana Wolf and Pam Manley, reported initial contacts with several Bees and more are being planned.

Some suggested changes to the Bylaws were proposed by the committee. The original wording was:

4.03 A nominating committee composed of two members of the Board with three other members of the Guild shall be chosen by the Board at or prior to the August regular meeting of members. The

nominating committee will publish the list of qualified and recommended candidates in the October newsletter. At the October meeting of members, any voting member in good standing may nominate a person for an office, with the seconding of any other member in good standing.

Proposed

4.03 A nominating committee composed **of two members of the Board with three other members of the Guild shall be chosen by the Board** at or prior to the **February** regular meeting of members. ***These board members cannot be eligible for an additional term.*** The nominating committee will publish the list of qualified and recommended candidates in the October newsletter. At the October meeting of members, any voting member in good standing may nominate a person for an office, with the seconding of any other member in good standing.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of members of the nominating committee and how it would be formed. The month to form this committee was also discussed. The motion carried and this proposed Bylaw change will be published in the newsletter and voted on by the Guild members.

The Bylaws committee also proposed an addition to the Standing Rules, "The Nominating Committee can assist finding persons to fill unexpired terms if an officer resigns after a year but before their term has expired, and vacant committee chairs if asked. The motion was seconded by Mellie Peach. The motion carried.

Mike Hall wanted to discuss the policy for military service quilts which states recipients must live in the Rio Grande Valley, with the implication that full time residency is required. This is a standing rule. He also wanted discussion regarding if donations could be accepted for the quilts. He also was wondering if a quilt could be provided to a veteran in exchange for a small donation of perhaps ten or twenty dollars. Robust discussion followed which included if someone owns property in the Valley but visits for less than half the year, would they be eligible for a quilt. The definition of the word resident was debated. The co-chairs of the Military Service committee are in the process of discussing if their policies should be revised. The issue was tabled at the request of Mellie Peach until later in the meeting when their report would be presented.

Jan Bathke reported no additional information for Fat Quarter Draw or Facebook.

The Historian, Debi Warner was unable to attend the meeting.

Hostesses reported Trophy Gardens still required facemasks and was not allowing open meetings, according to Gayle Steinbeck.

Susan Coleman, Librarian, was unable to attend. It was noted the Guild library books are in storage.

The Guild now has 179 members according to Marty Morrison. Laurie Magee suggested making personal calls to members who have not yet renewed.

Military Service reported difficulty having donations of military service quilts reported by presenters and sent to Community Service. This helps maintain our 501(c)3 status. A further challenge was finding funds to pay for fabric, batting, backing and quilting. They thought qualified non-residents could receive a quilt and a donation for that quilt would be requested. It was noted that careful wording would be needed should funds be requested from an individual or group when a quilt is being presented to a veteran. It

was also agreed this issue needs further study. The committee agreed to bring a report with suggestions back at a later date.

The newsletter deadline remains the same, next Monday.

There is no program this month as the Quilt Show was being held the same day as our general meeting. There was no additional information. The Quilt Show has a speaker for the it instead.

The Retreat committee of Elaine Hall, Marty Morrison and Kathe Letulle announced the 2022 dates of March 14-18 for Friendship Star, and March 20-24 for Bluebonnet Friends. As of today, the upcoming retreat has 22 attending Friendship Star, and 27 members plan to attend Blue Bonnet Friends. The recipients for the Academic Scholarship awards have been selected for this year, announced Evelyn Fincher. Rosario Garcia and Carla Guzman will each receive an award letter for \$1000.00 to be presented at the March 13 Guild meeting.

Jackie Landon chairing Sunshine and Shadows was unable to attend, but some requests for cards had been sent.

There was no report about Schoolhouse matters from Heather Nelson.

Webmistress, Bonnie Hall, noted the Quilt Show page needed some updates.

Zoom chair, Diane Tewell shared that Winter Haven Quilters had purchased their own Zoom account and would no longer be using the Guild account. There are three Bees scheduling meetings on the Guild account. She also noted the Zoom account is billed on an annual basis, and would end in July unless renewed.

The Quilt Show committee reported the financial results of the Virtual Show. It raised enough money to cover the fixed costs charged to the committee such as storage space at two facilities, printing and advertising costs, and a program speaker. The classes held by the program speaker were more profitable than expected.

The Virtual Show expenses and income were almost even. Some of the financial activity included costs for items that can be used by next year's quilt show, such as a domain name and SPI Chamber of Commerce membership. There were still two outstanding small financial items, which, if paid, would result in more income for the committee.

The Virtual Show received many positive comments from within the committee, Guild members and outside people who visited the Virtual Show. Some comments indicated where some things could be tweaked and those comments were noted for future activity. She felt dividing the Show Committee into task orientated teams worked very well. She was truly amazed and truly thankful for the committee volunteer efforts, some of whom were working far outside their comfort zone. The Show learned the value of tutorials to help users on the Show page, and wondered if we should consider some tutorials for our own Guild page.

She noted the deposit for South Padre Island Convention Center is still held by the convention center, ready for use next year, or another year if we are unable to hold it there for reasons specified in the contract.

The Secretary, Diana Wolf, requested an amendment to the January 2021 minutes to change the date in one sentence regarding the year referred to in the Military Service committee report from 2021 to 2020.

The amendment and the minutes from the previous meeting were adopted.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Wolf, Secretary