

SECRETARY: Kristi Gomez

March 9, 2022

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild – Board Meeting Minutes

Marsha Santow called the meeting to order.

There were no changes to the Treasurer's Report. No corrections or changes requested on Secretary's Minutes. Library will be raising money for bookshelves at the Rummage Sale. No change to Membership as reported. Nothing new to report on Military Service; 9 quilts were given out since the last meeting. Chris Cowan will be taking over the Newsletter; Debi Warner is working on it until the transition. For Community Service, there have been very few items donated for the Rummage Sale.

Publicity was discussed; Kristi Gomez asked for guidance for the expectations for Publicity and if there was a budget. There are no guidelines in place. Mike Hall provided that the annual budget is \$300.00 for Publicity. Deb Warner added that outreach to winter residents at South Padre Island is needed and they may be more likely to join if they can attend via Zoom.

For the 2022 Quilt Show, Laural Powell will be doing a presentation at the upcoming General Meeting. The 2022 Quilt Show will be able to provide the Guild with a \$5,000.00 check from the profits. Opportunity Quilt winners will be presented and photos taken at the General Meeting.

Deb Warner for the 2023 Quilt Show, there will not be any classes. Instead, there will be a Bee sponsored activity, "Make & Take" where each participating Bee will be given one hour to demonstrate and sell a kit to profit their Bee. This will give the Bees more exposure and a reason to participate in the Guild. Paula McCutchin will lead this program. This was approved at the 2023 Quilt Show Meeting held March 8, 2022; more details to come in time. Additionally, there will be a larger focus on the Guild Booth to let people know who we are and what we do. It was voted to have an appraiser for 2023 and possibly a lecture from the appraiser. We will be doing a "Block Party" again as well. The categories will be undergoing some changes to include "Fiber Arts". The 2023 Quilt Show Budget has not been finalized nor have Vendor Fees. Laural Powell added that the proposed budget for the 2022 Quilt Show was \$29,000.00 but the actual expenses was just over \$22,000.00. However, we will have to keep in mind that costs continue to increase when thinking about next year's budget.

The current focus for Programs is the upcoming Rummage Sale and working on Program instructors for future meetings.

Chris Cowan asked if we wanted to continue to do the Block of the Month when we are on Zoom meetings. Marsha Santow said that we had not been doing the Block of the Month when we were on Zoom only.

Mike Hall asked if we would be doing a Zoom meeting for the Rummage sale and it was agreed there would not be a Zoom meeting this month but that Zoom meetings would resume in April. Marsha Santow will put out a notice that there will not be a Zoom meeting for March.

A table will be set aside for the Fat Quarter Draw at the Rummage Sale. The drawing will be held before the general meeting is adjourned for shopping.

Scholarships will also have a donation table at the Rummage Sale.

Jan Rondeau mentioned that PayPal can collect monetary donations for RGVQG and Bonnie Hall said that Amazon Smile does that as well; both have to be set up in settings. Bonnie Hall added that we signed up for Benevity Causes that is sending small amounts of money to the RGVQG; she will do a summary of these donation opportunities for the upcoming Newsletter.

Schoolhouse Classes are going well, the last class was "Fun with Circles" with Deb Warner. The upcoming classes will be held November 2022-April 2023.

Sunshine and Shadows: Evelyn Fincher had a knee replacement last Monday.

Bonnie Hall, as Webmaster, stated that there was nothing new with the website but that there had been some reported issues with email and it was being addressed. Marsha Santow asked if member nametags could be purchased via the website and Bonnie Hall said that it is possible.

Marsha Santow asked if the Llano Grande Bee could list their standing quilt frames in the Newsletter. It was discussed if the Guild could benefit from the frames but the overall consensus was that it would cause a storage issue. It was mentioned that they could list the frames under Bee News.

Marsha Santow asked if there was anything else to address, no reply. Deb Warner moved to adjourn the meeting. Debbie Williams seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.