

RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD
BOARD MEETING
February 7, 2024

Present; Mike Hall, Marsha Santow, Lila Helm, Debbie Williams, Susan Coleman, Carah Maney, Laurie Mcgee, Bonnie Hall, Diana Wolf, Chris Cowan, Lucy Klaas, Leslie Lorenzo, Carmen Avila, Florea Flores, Kathe Letulle and Dale Shafer.

President, Diana Wolf called the meeting to order.

The treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit.

The secretary's report will be filed as printed.

Community Service – Chris Cowan – Nothing to report.

Newsletter – Chris Cowan – Articles due by Tuesday after the meeting

Programs – vacant – Diana Wolf gave us a list of the upcoming programs. She also gave us information on the Swap and Shop at our March meeting.

Quilt Show – Laurie Magee and Jean Waufle, Co-chairs 2024, Jean Waufle 2025 Chair

- 260 quilts are registered for the 2024 show.
- Allison has had to withdraw as appraiser due to her husband's illness. She has found a replacement who will honor her contract. Cynthia Stuart will arrive in Harlingen on Wednesday at 4 pm and return to Knoxville TN at noon on Sunday. She will stay with me, and I will handle her transportation.
- Joy will recruit for the remaining open volunteer positions on Saturday.
- Debbie Genette is dealing with a medical issue, and she has asked Debbie Williams to be a backup for Silent Auction.
- We have 27 totes available for Totes and More.
- Our show brochure is at the printers.

- The “Best of Show “quilt/ribbon will hang front and center in the entrance to the exhibit hall.
- The RGVQG banner and historic quilts/military banner will hang in the aisle leading to the admissions desk.
- We will present at least 4 military quilts on Friday and Saturday at 10:30 am. The Laguna Vista quilt group will provide the quilts.
- Bag Check and Lost and Found will be in the same space.
- We have had several articles by Ben Trevino in the Winter Texan News.
- The Quilt Show banner is now in the boulevard as visitors drive north on the SPI.

Hostess – Marty Morrison – She needs to know how many tables are needed for the guild meeting.

Membership – Debbie Williams – She is asking about charging the \$10 for non-members to attend the meeting. Mike Hall made a motion to charge non-members the \$10 for meetings that have an external speaker, second by Kathe Letulle. Motion carried. We will wait until October to start doing this.

Facebook - Carmen Avila and Josie McVey - FB is Showing 413 members (183 paid members as reported in the newsletter). And an additional 13 have paid since the release of the newsletter. So, only 47% of the FB members are active “paid” members. It is very likely that the postings encourage “paid” membership to the guild, therefore, let’s continue sharing our activities, show quilts, etc.

Fat quarter draw - Carrah Maney - Last meeting give 11 packs of 4 fat quarters. \$96.00 profit, \$0.00 expense

Historian – Vacant – Diana asks what we want to do with this position. There are tubs in storage that contain our past history. Bonnie Hall has files saved with some of that information. Marty Morrison made a motion to make Historian a non-voting position and set up a committee to handle the digitizing of all history information, Marsha Santow seconded. Passed with a show of hands.

Library – Susan Coleman – She is going to have a table at Swap and Shop to sell books from our library with money to go to the guild.

Military Service – Lucy Klaas – Had some military sew days. She was disappointed with how many guild members showed up to sew. She needs more people to come forward and help. She is really in need for machine quilters to volunteer to quilt the ones that are waiting. Lucy also stated that she will be resigning at the end of this year.

Publicity – Marsha Santow - Had 1,000 brochures printed for the guild to use for advertising. I plan to take some of them to RV parks to get the word out about the guild.

Mike Hall also mentioned there will be some items in the next 2 weeks of the Winter Texan Times. Bonnie Hall made a motion to get a booth at the Winter Texan Expo if we can get a sponsor, second by Marty Morrison. Motion carried.

Retreat – Kathe Letulle – she has one opening in Friendship Star Retreat.

Scholarship – Leslie Lorenzo - I have responded to 1 request regarding the deadline for Scholarship Application. Response is February 28, 2024. Mike Hall says we need to open up our scholarships to something beyond textile art. Diana wants Leslie to get a committee together to decide what they need to do to get more interest.

Schoolhouse – Dale Shafer – the class tomorrow is duffle bags. Survey results. The best comment she got was how friendly we are. She says no one likes the library for our meetings. Dale has had people ask to have the results posted.

Webmaster – Bonnie Hall – we need more forms from JotForm's, but she is worried about the price, she is checking into other ways to get forms to use for forms. Kathe Letulle made a motion to defer finding a viable solution until the May meeting, second by Marsha Santow, motion passed.

Nominating committee – Needs volunteers. Five members are needed, two board members and three general members.

Auditing Committee – needs volunteers – Nancy Malman is interested in helping, Kathe Letulle volunteered, Mike Hall as treasurer will be on the committee. We still need one more. The audit needs to be completed by December 31, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Hall would like to extend the ability to make purchases with the guild discount for educational and charitable programs. Mike would like this offered to the Bees. This needs more discussion.

We cannot sit in the area behind the auditorium seating. If you have a scooter or wheelchair, you can use the area.

Mike Hall is trying to find room for Show and Tell at street level so we can avoid the steps.

Bonnie Hall made a motion to have all Board meetings a Zoom meeting only, second by Laurie Mcgee. Passed with a show of hands.

Mike Hall stated we are only allowed to have one table per person.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05

Secretary, Lila Helm

