

## RGVQG Board meeting minutes Mar 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. Present: Marsha Santow, Diana Wolf, Marty Morrison, Bonnie Hall, Debbie Williams, Kathe Letulle, Donna Otto, Josie McVey, Laurie Magee, Carmen Avila, Mike Hall, Lucy Klaas, Chris Cowan, Renee Darkis

The Treasurer's report was received with no modifications and will be files for audit.

The minutes were posted by Lila Helms and approved as presented.

There was a discussion about using our tax exempt status to purchase supply items for Guild activities such as Schoolhouse or Programs classes. There was a concern that this could trigger an unrelated business event income event. Such events can be red flags to the IRS when auditing finances. Discussion covered that to date all kits have been purchased within these classes. There was a feeling that as long as no profit is shown or reported, there is no issue. Our Treasurer will check into the matter further.

Nominating committee is adding members. The Swap and Shop is on schedule. The Membership chair, Debbie Williams will be able to take memberships that day. The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports will be posted for the membership to read.

Debbie Williams reported membership is 216 with more being added from time to time.

Programs reported the next class is filling for reverse applique.

The Quilt Show committee as reported by Laurie Magee had their last meeting for the year. They reported they will be transferring \$8,000.00 to the Guild. Wrap up reports from the various committees had been submitted and will be passed along for following committees. The first half of the bill for the SPI Convention Center was paid March 13, 2024 for the 2025 Show. Bonnie and Mike Hall were going on an extensive Shop Hop journey in Texas. During their travels, they are going to scout for vendors for the following year. The numbers of vendors at our Show this year were down, but the ones present were pleased with their income. However, the vendor fees help cover the space rental for the SPI facility which help increase our revenue from the Show. Attendance was down slightly in spite of the significant rain on Friday and the wind event which closed the causeway for a couple of hours on Saturday morning. Revenue for Silent Auction, Boutique and Totes and More was up compared to last year. The Opportunity Quilt revenue doubled from last year, due largely the efforts of Edna Butler. Laurie expressed her sincere appreciation for all the efforts of all of her committees and is ready to pass this project along. Laurie announced that Renee Darkis has volunteered to be the 2026 Quilt Show Chair.

The Beekeeper position was discussed. Debbie Williams made a motion to continue the position of Beekeeper, with a second from Marsha Santow. The motion carried.

The Facebook chair, Carmen Avila wondered if prior non-paid members should continue to be on our closed Facebook group. We have allowed it in the past.

Donna Otto has volunteered to be Historian for the Guild, to the delight of many. Bonnie Hall will be passing along some information and will provide a folder on the Guild web storage for Donna's use.

There will be no sign-in at the Garage Sale this coming Saturday, so Hostesses will not have that responsibility for that meeting.

The Library Chair, Susan Coleman, will have books for sale at the Swap and Shop Saturday.

Lucy Klaas stated we presented five quilts to veterans during the Quilt Show and twenty more will be delivered on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> to the Armory in Weslaco. She continues to seek quilters for the big quilts. Help is very much needed. Kathy Dunning has agreed to help with quilts needed over the summer. Some presentations can be held until Lucy returns in October.

Newsletter submissions are due this next Monday so Chris Cowan can assemble the newsletter.

Marsha Santow, Publicity, took brochures to the Art and Culture Museum on the 499 Loop in Harlingen. She plans to drop off brochures at the Visitors Bureau in Harlingen as well. She found a Facebook page, South Texas RGV – Calendar of Events and listed our next meeting on it.

Kathe Letulle said both Retreats are full and there are still waiting lists presently. Changes for 2025 is the availability of attending double retreats - only in the availability of openings in Friendship Star Retreat, then a lottery drawing will be done once acceptance of any participants and the wait list has been exhausted from both retreats. All this has come to pass due to the Ranch hosting weekend tennis classes for adults and youngsters alike. In the event an attendee is selected to attend the two retreats, the attendee will need to make housing arrangements outside the Ranch during the days between retreats.

Checking into 2027 or sooner to have 3 consecutive retreats, if the waitlist so requires and the Ranch has housing reservation openings (as suggested by Activity Director).

Leslie Lorenzo is being assisted by Donna Otto regarding Scholarship activities. They will talk in detail during the Friendship Star Retreat. Scholarship applications are being reviewed.

The next Schoolhouse Class is filled completely.

Jackie Landon was unable to attend and has been sending cards as appropriate.

Webmasters reported Jani Shoemaker has been timely about updating the home page. The Board minutes are up to date and the directory is current within two

weeks. Other information which was included in the older paper directories is being considered for inclusion in the online directory, such as a list of past presidents, chairs and so forth. Class rosters are up to date and class reminders are sent a couple of weeks prior to Program and Schoolhouse classes. This give enrollees a chance to cancel prior to the deadline for enrollment which is a week prior to the class.

Mike Hall, Treasurer, asked permission to put the \$8000.00 revenue from the Quilt Show into the Guild savings account. Marsha Santow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16.

Secretary Pro Tem, Diana Wolf