



Board Meeting Minutes April 1, 2021

In Attendance: Lynne Bryant, Susan Schwandt, Marilyn Knepp, Mary Beth Donovan, Marge Venema, Carol Makielski, Arlene Kindel, Nico Laudenberg, Kaye Whittington, Nancy Finlayson, Marna Balazar, Patti Wolff, Lori Rhode, Roberta Myyra.

Meeting was convened at 7:00 PM.

Secretary Report:

Grace Boxer has resigned as secretary. Lynne is recruiting a new secretary. March minutes were approved without changes.

VP Program's Report: Arlene Kindel

Arlene reported a well attended pair of March workshops by Margarita Koriath, as well as the current numbers for the pending 2021 workshops. Discussion as to the details of the July dyeing workshop (Zoom at WCC vs. home participants) were tabled to a later date when the number of participants is confirmed. See Programs report for details.

VP Membership: Patti Wolff

Patti reports 223 active members, Quilt Day attendance was at 124, similar to January. Of the members with whom she has spoken whose memberships were about to expire, all said they want to come back to in-person meetings.

Treasurer Report: Marilyn Knepp and Marge Venema

The Treasurer's Report containing the detail for March activity was completed and added to the Board's Dropbox repository only hours before the board meeting. Work on those reports could be finalized until after the bank cutoff for the prior month, in this case, midnight on March 31. The timing of the completion of the reports meant that many board members did not have a chance to review the documents prior to this April 1 meeting. Therefore, discussion and approval of the March financial reports was deferred to the next board meeting when they will be presented for approval in addition to the April reports.

Marilyn and Mary Beth Donovan are heading up a review of the ownership of software accounts as well as real assets so the Guild's properties are in correctly named and accounted for.

Acceptance of the April Treasurer's report shall be deferred to the May Board meeting.

Susan Schwandt reported on the embezzlement situation, with many members in attendance expressing frustration at the lack of consequences for the former treasurer. Lynne and Susan will collaborate on a victim impact statement for the Prosecutor's office. All kudos to Marilyn Knepp and Susan Schwandt for discovering, documenting, and pursuing this case.

Webmaster: Mary Beth Donovan

Reported on website activities, discussed a malware threat that was identified by the upgraded security software. For complete details on activities, please see attached Webmaster report.

Online Activities and Small Groups:

Susan reported that two different webpages have been created for small groups.



Marge Venema reported that a second Zoom license will be obtained to allow small groups to use the second license without compromising settings for Quilt Day.

Fundraising Opportunity: Nico Laudenberg and Roberta Myyra

Nico and Roberta reported on the huge donation the Guild received, with discussion on how to give away/sell/disperse the 38 BOM kits to interested parties in the guild and how to use the resulting quilts as a fundraising opportunity. It was generally agreed to see if people were at all interested in the kits as kits, or whether we pull the fabric and include it with the fabric sale, then sell the patterns at the Garage Sale. Roberta and Mary Beth will put a web page together, then Nico will do a social media post about the kits.

President's Report: Lynne Bryant

1. Need for a new Secretary, will be recruiting.
2. Quilt Labels and batting: would switching to polyester batting as a cost saving measure be acceptable? Also, could we have Spoonflower print our labels? The cost would be comparable to having it printed locally after purchasing Kona Cotton, washing, ironing and cutting.
3. Lynne reported that she would like to share the Global Quilt Connection "All Star Virtual Sampler Platter" with board and key volunteers, a series of teaching demos and mini-workshops by known and up-and-coming quilt teachers. She will pursue the best way to do this.
4. At the March Quilt Day meeting, the Zoom 'room' was left open for members to visit after the meeting. Lynne supports making this a regular practice.

Strategic Planning

Lynne led the Board in a discussion regarding the future of the guild and how to recruit someone who perhaps has a background in corporate strategic planning, that can help us through the changes the guild is going through. The discussion will be continued.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta G.W. Myyra
Interim/Substitute/Temporary Secretary

Attachments: (to final PDF)

March Minutes

Programs Report, Workshop Summary

Membership Report

Treasurer Activity Report, Financial Report and Accounts Summaries

Webmaster Report