



## Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2022

In Attendance: Lynne Bryant, Sarah Bush, Liz Rodgriguez, Noreen Walker, Mary Beth Donovan, Nancy Finlayson, Donna Hoskins, Susan Schwandt, Patricia Wolff, Arlene Kindel, Sonja Hagen, Jane Clark, Carol Makielski, Kaye Whittington, Roberta Myyra, Marge Venema, Martha Williams, Kathy Johnson

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

### **Secretary Report:** Sarah Bush

- Susan moved to approve the August 2022 minutes, seconded by Marge, all in favor.
- Minutes are on Google Drive.

### **Introductions:**

- Mary Beth introduced Donna Hoskins who will serve as the Workshop Registrar for 2023, replacing Carolyn Raschke. Donna has been a longtime member of the Guild and has served for several years as one of our Librarians.

### **Treasurer Report:** Marge Venema

- Sarah moved to file for annual review the August 2022 financial report, seconded by Mary Beth, all in favor.
- All Treasurers reports are on Google Drive.

### **Quilt Show 2022:** Co-Chairs Lori Rhode and Kaye Whittington, Wanda Nash vendor chair

- Lynne reported that the Quilt Show profited over \$10,000.
- Lori not in attendance because of family emergency but emailed that she will have a report at next month's board meeting.

### **Quilt Show 2024:** Chair Liz Rodgriguez

- Washtenaw Community College contract has been reviewed by Liz, Lynne and others who feel it is acceptable to sign. Prices are consistent with 2018 prices. They do not seem high. WCC charges GAAQG a non-profit rate and provides room at no cost for SafeHouse Sewing events. Lynn moved we sign the contract, Sarah seconded all in favor. Marge will get a check for Lynn. Liz will follow through on a few concerns she has which should not hold up the signing of the contract, such as:
  - Do we need the special exhibits room
  - How long do we have to leave the building after the show has ended
  - Vendors vs subletting
  - Possible expensing the SafeHouse quilt room to SafeHouse
- Liz looking forward to combining her notes with Lori's manual.

### **VP Programs:** Arlene Kindel

- September: 2022: Sheila Frampton Cooper: there are a couple workshop spots open due to cancellations. We will get info out to members right away.
- November 2022: Mary Kerr: we still have workshop openings.
- July 2023: Change in plans, our speaker will be Marsha MacDowell from Michigan State University.
- Program reports are on Google Drive.

### **Novi Sewing Expo 2022:** Susan Schwandt and Kaye Whittington, Nico Laudenberg Co Chairs

- November 10, 11 and 12, 2022
- Susan asked for donations from members for 3 Door Prizes. Roberta said she has lots of donated items that may work for baskets.
- Susan asked if there is a way to offer an incentive to join the guild at the Expo. Patti is opposed to financial incentive but maybe we can think of another incentive.
- There is no need for a laptop at the Expo because people don't want to take the time to sign up. Susan will make sure paper applications are available and we can always accept checks. Prospective

members will be encouraged to renew on-line using the QR code.

- Susan will arrange for printing of more brochures with 2023 speakers, she advised the board that prices have increased and it may be \$200 - \$300.

**VP Membership:** Patricia Wolff

- Welcome to Martha Williams, she is a candidate for VP Membership in 2023
- 253 Members. Net change was up 6 from last month.
- The tablet was not successful at the last meeting for a member renewing on the spot. We need to plan more time to get setup.
- If lapsed members come in and renew their membership, they do not need to pay \$10.00 for the meeting.
- We had some PM Pro software issues. If you hear of members getting messages to renew after they have renewed please call Patricia.
- Membership reports available on Google Drive.

**Webmaster:** Mary Beth Donovan

- PM Pro is aware of our issues as mentioned above and is working on it.
- Several website pages have been updated
- Mary Beth is coordinating with SafeHouse coordinator in preparation of the upcoming Quilt Sale.
- New website screen shots were presented by Mary Beth. It has a new user-friendly interface, six menu items direct the user to all pages. The new 'refurbished' website will be presented in detail at our January 2023 Quilt Day meeting via Zoom.
- Webmaster reports are available on Google Drive.

**Fabric Sale:** Roberta Myra

- All ready for September meeting

**Social Media:** Nico Absent

- Social Media reports available on Google Drive

**Presidents Report:** Lynne Bryant

- Please submit names of volunteers for the Volunteer Quilt drawing.
- Quilt University vs Quilt Retreat vs Tours: Considering a survey of members.

**Nominating Committee:** Lynne Bryant

- Open Position: Secretary, requirement is to be able to type, preferably use Word or Google docs.
- Lynne to introduce the slate and the open position at the September board meeting, voting will take place at the November board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Bush  
Secretary

Current Officer Slate for 2023:

- Officers/Board Members: This slate shows 'candidates' who will run for election at the November Quilt Day meeting. If elected, their terms begin January 1, 2023. The \* indicates a voting Board member.
  - President elect: Marge Venema\*
  - Co Treasurer: Melissa Gregoire\*, Sarah Bush
  - Secretary\*: Open
  - VP Membership : Martha Williams\*
  - VP Programs: Jane Clark\*
- Other voting Board members for 2023 who are appointed but not elected.
  - Past President: Lynne Bryant\*
  - Co Webmasters: Heather Barthell\*, Noreen Walker
  - 2024 Quilt show: Liz Rodriguez\*
  - (There is no 2023 Quilt University so this Chair position is open)\*
- Appointed, non-voting volunteers who regularly attend Board meeting:
  - Social Media Editor: Nico Laudenberg
  - Mailchimp Lead: Mary Beth Donovan
- Other Volunteer chairs attend relevant agenda-specific meetings