

LIGHTHOUSE QUILT GUILD BOARD MEETING

August 21, 2018 – 6:30pm

LOUTIT LIBRARY – Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Char Lozicki, Amy Stuparits, Chris Bussell, Jackie Baden, Barb Dryer, Char LaDronka, Marianne Stuparits, Annette Allen, Wendy Rice, Linda Engel, Kim Frisch, Elizabeth Clark, Christine Sinkiewicz, Lisa Schooley, Barbara Wexall

WELCOME

The meeting began at 6:30pm, chaired by Char Lozicki. She welcomed all especially our newest board members, Christine Sinkiewicz– membership/bookkeeping and Wendy Rice – programs.

AGENDA

Secretary's report was accepted as amended.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

- Chris read a thank you note from Beth Hanis of Habitat for Humanity for quilt raffle donation.
- Chris said that at next month's meeting, which will have Barb Dryer in the treasurer position, the treasurer's business will be to have a discussion of next year's budget. So she reviewed this year's budget and made mention of areas where the guild might make adjustments based on historic spending and needs.
- Barb Dryer asked if the Guild has ever had an audit, formal or informal, and explained reasons to consider having one: have an uninvolved person look at our numbers, make sure our checkbook and reports match, avoid any chance of misappropriation of funds, and write a report for our records. She and Barb Wexall will check into having someone do one.

Newsletter: Barb Wexall said that, due to an early September meeting date, articles are due now.

Community Outreach

- Elizabeth Clark reported that 40 quilts were picked up for distribution .
- Regarding next year's budget, Elizabeth said what drives their financial needs is not the number of quilts made and turned in but the number of kits they make. Much material is donated; they choose which fabrics are suitable. What they buy includes feature fabric and two coordinating fabrics for the breast cancer quilt kits, fabric for backing, and batting. They have found economical ways to buy which include the internet, The Craft Outlet in Grand Rapids, Country Stitches in East Lansing, and JoAnn's.
- Their committee needs one or two more volunteers to make kits.

Membership: Lisa reported 86 members have already paid for 2018-2019. Committee will set up a table at the LQG/PALS joint meeting to allow the rest of our membership to renew.

Library: no report

Hospitality: not present

Website: Char will post minutes and other information on the website.

Publicity: Even though the Tribune published the list of Quilt Show winners, they have been inconsistent in their printing other information Jackie Baden has sent to them. This has been frustrating.

Take-A-Chance: not present

Programs: Annette reported that the only months where we do not have a program planned for 2018-2019 are January, March, and July. All the contracts for programs we do have scheduled are signed and done. The programs will be listed on the website.

Quilt Raffle:

- We have a new chair since Barb Dryer is now treasurer. Elizabeth Clark has volunteered.
- Barb compared data from the last three years to determine where we are most successful in selling tickets. Outside of selling at the Quilt Show (#1) and selling to our members (#2), the location where we have sold the most has been the Art Fair if we have a good location with high visibility. All locations have been free except a \$10 charge to sell at the Farmers' Market. Other locations are not consistent in results.
- We have donated proceeds from the raffle to Habitat for Humanity for the past few years. Elizabeth suggested that, because we donate Community Outreach quilts to new Habitat homeowners, we should ask the membership for suggestions of other organizations to which we might consider donating.

Quilt Show:

- JackieBaden said the billboard on northbound US31 was a good use of our publicity money. Because it is still up, three weeks after the show closed, it was suggested that next time we use a billboard, we contract it for more time prior to the show date.
- Attendees commented they wished we'd had more vendors. Lynn contacted 27 potential vendors and we had 11 or 12. We too would have liked more.
- 2019 show will be Friday July 26, and Saturday July 27. Chris Bussell, treasurer, has paid St. Patrick's Church \$350 to reserve the exhibit space for Wed. – Thurs, July 24-25 set up, and Fri. – Sat., July 26-27 show.
- We are soliciting themes for 2019. Contact a board member.

Old Business:

- Assets list was updated with minor changes.
- New board members:
Marcia Knorr – welcoming
Carol Keen and her friend – welcoming
Wendy Rice - programs
We still need another program committee member, and quilt show co-chair
- Christine Sinkiawic - bookkeeping
Elizabeth Clark – quilt raffle
Amy Stuparits – Show chair 2019
- The September 10, 2018 meeting will be held at Fellowship Church, 4200 Apple Ave. in Muskegon; 6:30 – 9pm. Susan Cleveland of Pieces Be With You will do a trunk show. She is teaching her Thread Applique workshop on Sunday and her Shadowbox workshop on Monday.

New Business:

Elizabeth Clark proposed the guild contribute an amount to be determined at our next meeting to the Migrant Quilt Project organization due to the powerful statement the show upstairs in the library was making about the migrants who have crossed the US / Mexico border and died in the effort.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Minutes submitted by _____ Date _____
Linda M Engel, Secretary

Minutes approved by _____ Date _____
Char Lozicki, Chair