

## LIGHTHOUSE QUILT GUILD BOARD MEETING

September 17, 2019 – 6:30pm

LOUTIT LIBRARY – Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Jackie Baden - Co-Chair, Barb Dryer – Treasurer, Linda Engel – Secretary, Leslie Johnson – Quilt Show Boutique, Dianne Gustafson and Wendy Rice – Programs, Chris Bussell – web page, Char LaDronka -former web page, Kim Frisch and Elizabeth Clark – Community Outreach

### WELCOME

New Co-Chair Jackie Baden opened the meeting at 6:35pm. Carol Keen, Co-Chair was away. Minutes from August General Meeting were accepted.

### AGENDA

Treasurer, Barb Dryer, presented a preliminary report. She received input from several members to make the categories more representative of the funds in them so she will redistribute some monies. One major move is dropping the \$2500 beginning balance under Quilt Show to more accurately describe the income from the show. Also, clarification from Elizabeth Clark is that the donation of Quilt Show Raffle Quilt monies to Little Red House Adult Day Care Services will be gross not net amount. In any event, our balance as of 8/31/2019 is \$27,813.60.

Community Outreach –

Quilts: Elizabeth Clark reported 40 baby quilts went to (new name) Ottawa County Maternal and Infant Health Center; 6 breast cancer quilts went to the hospital. She reported the positive reaction of a quilt given to the owner of the new Habitat for Humanity home in Ferrysburg. Pictures are on the Habitat Facebook page.

New committee member is Nancy Cook.

Fund raising sale of fat quarter pieces will be at the October meeting

Quilt Show Raffle Quilt was won by Sandy Mercurio, drawing held at the September 9 meeting

No report from the following committees: History, Hospitality, Library, Membership.

Newsletter:

Kim Frisch reported for Barb Wexall, who was away, that she will reinforce the deadline for all newsletter articles which is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Looking for suggestions for something different than Notes from the President on page one of each newsletter. Dianne Gustafson suggested we each take one month and write a column of our own interest. Volunteers so far are: October = Linda Engel; November = Kim Frisch and Elizabeth Clark; December = Carol Keen; January = Leslie Johnson. We will fill in additional months at the November board meeting.

Web Page: Chris Bussell is our new web page administrator. Jackie Baden thanked Char LaDronka for her work with the webpage for the past few years.

Programs: Wendy Rice and Dianne Gustafson have received many positive comments after the September workshops and program with Becky Goldsmith of Piece O' Cake.

They also had suggestions and news:

For the next joint meeting with PALS, when hosted by Lighthouse, they recommend a committee of four, not just the chairmen, be responsible for all activities associated with hosting a visiting workshop / speaker. It would help diffuse the efforts into manageable portions.

Do we want to continue to offer national speakers for programs, which means an increase in expenses and associated tasks? The board was in agreement, yes.

Do we want to consider a presentation camera system such as Becky Goldsmith used for her workshops? The board was in agreement, yes.

October program is Kristine Curtis talking about the History of Quilts.

Changes at the Church of the Dunes are all locks have been changed so everyone needs a new key, deposit \$20. The treasury will reimburse Wendy for her deposit and see if we can add the guild name to the record of key holder, not just Wendy's name. Jackie Baden will also need a key.

New custodian, Chuck, has been more than accommodating. We decided we want him to set up our stage at the 24 inch height for meetings and install steps and railing that were to come with our order

Publicity: Jackie reported the Tribune has scheduled a notice about our October meeting to run during the first week of October.

**New Business:**

Elizabeth Clark suggests we consider consolidating three positions of newsletter, web page, and publicity into one committee as the Communications Committee. She suggests we take this up at the March board meeting. Members agreed to discuss at March board meeting.

A second topic of new business also came from Elizabeth. Because she had such difficulty getting members to consider a leadership position for the new year, she proposed a program with a "sweetener" to make members more seriously consider a position with the board. Leslie Johnson moved and Elizabeth Clark seconded that for 2019-2020 we offer the opportunity to take a class offered by the guild tuition free (but not inclusive of fees or supplies) to Co-Chairs: 3 classes per program year; Secretary: 2 classes; Treasurer: 2 classes; Programs: all classes tuition free. Also, attendance at one of the two annual retreats for the co-chairs would be paid for by the guild, not including overnight accommodations. Leslie amended her motion to include a \$1000 reserve fund to cover the cost for these classes. Motion carried.

Quilt Show Boutique: Leslie Johnson proposed raising the cost of quilting cottons sold at the boutique from \$2 to \$3 per yard. Apparel and upholstery fabrics would stay at \$2 per yard. Agreed by members. And a point of clarification: the donations of excess fabric after the boutique sale went to quilters who meet at a church on Baldwin Street in Hudsonville, not the city of Baldwin.

Last point of business: Jackie Baden will notify the hospitality committee that the basket for refreshment donations put out at each meeting will no longer be needed. Members donate treats and coffee already and the annual receipts have been \$50 and less.

Next board meeting will be Tuesday November 19, 2019 at Loutit Library.

The meeting adjourned about 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M Engel, Secretary

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
Jackie Baden, Co-Chair / Carol Keen, Co-Chair

Date \_\_\_\_\_