

LIGHTHOUSE QUILT GUILD BOARD MEETING

May 19, 2020 – 6:30pm – No March 17, 2020 meeting

Via Zoom online conferencing

Present: Jackie Baden, Chris Bussell, Elizabeth Clark, Barbara Dryer, Linda Engel, Kim Frisch, Alicia Gilewski, Jill Highhill, Carol Keen, Marcia Knorr, Wendy Rice, Kathy Schripsema, Christine Sinkiawic, Deb Smith, Jean Stordahl, Amy Stuparits, Marianne Stuparits, Barb Wexall

WELCOME

Jackie welcomed all to the meeting in this new Zoom format to take care of guild business during the Covid-19 pandemic Stay Home Stay Safe. She thanked Chris Bussell for hosting the meeting on her personal Zoom account. Jackie commented that future guild meetings will be decided month to month and be contingent upon health and safety of the public.

AGENDA

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary: Motion to accept minutes of January 21, 2020 made by Marcia and seconded by Barb W.

Treasurer report shows a balance of \$23,519.36.

- Barb D. emailed the report to all prior to the meeting.
- Community Outreach expenses reflect a good buy on quilt batting thanks to Elizabeth. And the \$149 payment for the canceled quilt show is for advertising in the newspaper, Country Register.
- Since the guild canceled several upcoming events, Barb refunded money to: spring retreat registrants (\$1,795), future workshop participants (\$400), bus trip travelers. She is waiting for refunds of deposits from the bus trip: \$100 check from the bus company and a check from the Blue Gate Restaurant. The deposit for our 2020 spring retreat will be held over and used for the spring 2021 retreat. We paid \$750 deposit to St. Patrick's Catholic Church for the July quilt show and she is not sure if we will get that money returned since canceling the show. Amy will call the church and ask them if they will just keep it toward the Quilt Show 2021 so as to avoid the bookkeeping work. Amy will notify Barb of the outcome of our request.
- Newsletter advertisers have been billed.
- No mention was made about Barb's request to update the list of guild assets for which some board members are responsible.
- Leftover from January board meeting: Barb was going to read past publicity and practice to offer clarification of why \$20 retreat reservation fee is not refunded per Amanda and Sue.

Community Outreach

- Baby and breast cancer quilts are coming in at a high rate: 12 – 15 per week instead of per month .
- How can technology enhance our meetings and work? Elizabeth reported on a charity quilt sew-in over Zoom held by the Arapaho County Quilters. Elizabeth felt it was not an efficient way to have a sew-in but thought it might work for some speakers at our general meetings / workshops. Wendy said our June guest, Valina James teaching the Laura Heine technique, does not want to use Zoom; she prefers hands-on for her workshop.

2020 Quilt Show canceled. Jill will take over the 2021 show with help from Amy working in the background.

Raffle Quilt: Amy, Marianne, and Elizabeth will be in charge of doing something. We decided not to do a "raffle" quilt since that must be done with a license (which we have) and notification to the licensing bureau of

when, where. Instead, we will have a “drawing” for a quilt whose quilt squares will be made by any who want to participate in the drawing. Info to come!

Library: Does the guild want to purchase an AccuQuilt machine as suggested in January? Thumbs down.

Membership: Awareness raised about how our group can be more welcoming to first time visitors / potential members. Several ideas suggested. No decision or action.

Programs: decisions will be made month-to-month

- Our June speaker, Valina James with the Laura Heine technique, has been rescheduled for October 2020. For July meeting, local longarm quilter, Terri Watson, will be confirmed later.
- Using Dune Dollars to give to persons in appreciation for work done for meetings was thumbs down.
- Program Committee has already taken action to subsidize the costs of workshops which are higher than \$35. Wendy believes that cost is reasonable; should a member not be able to pay, (s)he might use a coupon or certificate won in a Take-A-Chance drawing. Next year’s speakers will be more costly, so the guild will be providing a larger subsidy than we have so far. She recommends reviewing this procedure annually.

Newsletter: deadline is always 20th of the month, which is tomorrow! Next month’s Opening Page Thoughts will be written by Margarete Fochtman. July’s Opening Page Thoughts will be written by Alicia; August will be written by Elizabeth and Kim.

Take-A-Chance: Alicia clarified that she gives away three prizes each month, valued \$10-\$15, but always has a fourth choice on the table which is a coupon or certificate toward a guild workshop or speaker.

Website: Chris has not yet followed up on our Go Daddy subscription. Update: Chris has paid for the renewal of the Lighthousequilters.org domain name for our website. The remainder and majority of our website charges are not due again until 1/31/2021 and will be automatically renewed and charged to Chris.

OLD BUSINESS

- Shiphewana bus trip cancelled. Alicia and Kathy M are willing to plan again in 2021.
- Microphone and wireless mic: on hold since pandemic lockdown interfered with contacts.
- Spring retreat canceled; see treasurer’s report.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 – 2021 Board Member Positions: only Christine Sinkiawic, membership, announced she will not return for next year. Marianne is willing to either stay or leave her library position, opening the door to another person who might like to be in charge of buying a different type of quilting books. Dianne and Wendy suggested a new composition of the Program Committee: they recommend adding two more members and have a rotation every two years. They are willing to stay for next year since so many programs are already scheduled. No nominating committee was formed nor plans made to do so for 2020-2021 to fill one membership and (maybe) two program positions.

The executive committee will review the policy of canceling guild meetings when Grand Haven schools are canceled.

Boutique – Tent Sale: positively received. Amy, Leslie and Wendy will make plans once we are free to gather in groups. Barb D has a potential location to recommend once plans for the boutique get going.

Healthy Budget / Enrichment Ideas: many ideas for spending our budget for the enrichment and enjoyment of our members were presented and discussed. Notes on that discussion are separate from these minutes. While some ideas are already public but not all, Carol would hope we keep them confidential until proposed to the board due to some surprises in the works, hopefully. Several items were left to the executive committee to discuss.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 21 @ 6:30, location tbd.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by _____ Date _____
Linda M Engel, Secretary

Minutes approved by _____ Date _____
Carol Keen or Jackie Baden, Co Chairs