

LIGHTHOUSE QUILT GUILD BOARD MEETING

November 17, 2020 – 6:35pm

Via Zoom

Present: Jackie Baden, Chris Bussell, Elizabeth Clark, Barbara Dryer, Linda Engel, Kim Frisch, Alicia Gilewski, Dianne Gustafson, Jill Highhill, Marie Huyge, Carol Keen, Marcia Knorr, Wendy Rice, Amy Stuparits, Marianne Stuparits, Barb Wexall

WELCOME

President Carol opened the meeting by welcoming all and thanking all for our efforts on behalf of the guild, "keeping it alive and active with a positive spirit."

AGENDA

SECRETARY: Minutes of September board meeting were accepted.

TREASURER: Financial report ending 10/31/2020 received and filed for audit

Barb D presented a 2020-2021 budget showing little income and showing question marks in expenses due to uncertainties resulting from our activity during the Covid-19 pandemic. Discussion followed:

- Tech expenses must increase. Our website, hosted by Go Daddy, comes up for 3 year renewal January 2021 about \$736.
- Programs will provide updated information about costs for 2020-2021.
- Spring retreat venue deposit was forwarded from 2020 to 2021; winter retreat deposit monies will be forwarded likewise since neither 2020 retreat took place.
- A \$25 door prize for general meetings will be relocated in budget to Membership line item and revisited with next year's budget.
- Income from Boutique fabric sale will be moved from Miscellaneous to Quilt show/Boutique income.

Motion to accept budget, with changes, made by Elizabeth and seconded by Chris. On Friday November 20, 2020, using email contacts, treasurer presented budget reflecting changes. Motion to accept by Chris, seconded by Carol, and accepted via email responses.

Motion to accept an audit of our treasurer's books by Jan Tomhave with \$200 honorarium made by Chris, seconded by Dianne, accepted.

No liability insurance update.

A less cumbersome method (such as using credit cards) for accepting member payment for workshops and paying presenters, especially during pandemic-enforced distances, will be researched by treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Quilts are coming in at twice the usual rate.

HISTORIAN: Nothing to report.

LIBRARIAN: Nothing to report.

MEMBERSHIP: Marcia reported they have door prizes purchased ahead for the next few months.

NEWSLETTER: Amy is preparing the front page article for December newsletter. Barb D will prepare something for January. Jill will see what she can come up with. Barb W would like to have people identified to do front page articles for the next several months. Carol suggested we all take the responsibility of either writing ourselves or asking a general member who may have something interesting to say. Typical length is about 400 words.

PROGRAMS: Wendy and Dianne provided the descriptions of all programs planned through November 2021 with still a few openings, plus a request for about 5-6 members to present an in-house program for February 2021. W. and D. report they are willing to stay in their positions through the last of the presenters they have invited. After that, they are ready to hand off the program responsibilities.

Wendy suggested our website have expanded capabilities beyond text and pictures, such as a blog, as a way to draw more traffic and keep our members involved. Chris is willing to research how to add more on our website. Carol suggested we table action until January board meeting. Barb D suggested perhaps we form a mini committee to talk about the technology items we may want to include. No action taken.

Whatever we do, Barb D reminded us we must keep in mind privacy issues for those members who do not want to appear on the internet. Dianne suggested a "members only" page.

PUBLICITY: No report.

QUILT SHOW: Presently scheduled for 7/29/2021 – 7/31/2021. Amy reported they are not ready to cancel the quilt show but they do not need to be fully committed to cancelling until January. One idea they are considering is a massive online show where members submit one item.

WEB PAGE: Nothing to report

ZOOM COMMITTEE: Alicia will ask all members to update to newest Zoom version, 5.3.

NEW BUSINESS

Quilts donated to Byron Veterans' Home by members is not a guild activity but is coordinated by Carole McLean, a guild member. She will accept quilts members bring to the classroom in Fields Fabrics Spring Lake on Saturday, December 5 from 10am to noon. Any issues with sharing the virus from the quilt fabric will be a concern for the VA facility. UPDATE 11/20/2020 CANCELLED DUE TO INCREASE IN COVID-19 NUMBERS AND RESTRICTIONS. Information is from Carole McLean in an email by way of Kim Frisch. 11/20/2020.

President Carol asked for other ideas the guild can provide to keep members engaged in addition to 1.) monthly meetings via Zoom, 2.) Beacon newsletter, 3.) Community Outreach sewing, 4.) Officers' quilt challenge? Marcia mentioned sending quilts to the fire victims along the west coast. Marcia will research another guild's actions of doing same and give logistic details to the executive board to discuss this and bring back to the January meeting.

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Minutes submitted by _____ Date _____
Linda M Engel, Secretary

Minutes approved by _____ Date _____
Carol Keen, Chair