

LIGHTHOUSE QUILT GUILD BOARD MEETING

January 19, 2021 – 6:30pm

Via Zoom

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

WELCOME

Chair Carol Keen opened the Zoom meeting at 6:35. She thanked everyone for their interest and participation in the guild at this time of personal separation.

AGENDA

Secretary Report accepted.

Treasurer Report accepted. Since we do not have an audit of our books, Janet Tomhave reviewed our financial information and reported the funds “have been handled and recorded with good accounting practices.”

Received a thank you note from Loutit Library for donation for quilt books; the librarian will provide a list of titles purchased in our name.

Report on the topic of removing our financial report from our public newsletter published on the internet said that our bylaws require the financial report be in the newsletter. Anything otherwise requires an amendment in the bylaws which must be presented at the August general meeting for a vote by the membership in attendance. In the interim, suggestions were to consider posting them on a “members only” page and our newsletter editor offered to leave blanks for the internet report. Once it is removed from the public eye and available for members only, the public version would say it is available to any who ask since we are a 501 C3.

Two cash donations received, one in memory of a friend of a member, and one “just because”. We thank them for their generosity.

Last board meeting the topic of finding a less cumbersome method to receive payments for workshops, etc. was raised. Answer this meeting is that at this time it will not be pursued due to cost.

April program cost for Mahoney was cancelled since Ms. Mahoney cannot present via Zoom.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Outreach Since September 1, 2020, more than ½ of our membership has been involved in some way to prepare kits, sew quilt tops, sandwich and quilt or longarm, bind, wash, and distribute completed quilts to the hospital for newborns, women newly diagnosed with breast cancer, and new Habitat for Humanity homeowners. Of the 77 members involved, seven do longarm quilting. Kudos to the eleven “Super Stars” who turn in more than one quilt a month. Fifty percent of the baby quilts come from kits, the rest from the member’s own patterns. The committee has prepared 130 baby quilt kits and 16 breast cancer kits. They are always available to sew by those with an itchy finger.

Historian no report

Hospitality no report

Librarian no report

Membership Door prizes are all set for future meetings. Marcia reported that, once we gather again in person, her committee will make personal contact at meetings with new members to help make them feel welcome, and give new people a copy of the newsletter.

Newsletter deadline tomorrow. Barb Dryer will write this month's first page (see old business), officers will write for March, and someone needs to follow up with Jill Highhill for another month, writing about three generations of quilters in the same family. Plus, Barb would like more volunteers.

Programs Dianne asked for volunteers to help with February program – share a helpful tip or tool.

Publicity waiting for information about this summer Coast Guard Festival

Quilt Show even if the Coast Guard Festival takes place, our show committee is considering an online show for the public because of too many unknowns. Exhibitors might possibly submit pictures for a Power Point presentation.

Website Chris sent her report by email in advance. She has renewed our email through GoDaddy for month-to-month so she and Barb Dryer can investigate better options for email. She suggests the guild form a short term committee to consider our website future look and functionality, maybe hire a professional to do our technology and incorporate all uses of technology at one address from newsletter to blog to Facebook to other uses we could envision. See Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Marcia learned of many outreaches our guild does in our community so she chose not to follow up on her suggestion of our sending quilts to people on the west coast who were burned out by wild fires. However, she did find out what the National Road Quilt Guild in east central Ohio did for the fire victims. Twenty-six members sent 45 quilts to an Oregon guild to distribute.

The idea of adding a blog to our website has taken shape now. Wendy will do the blog to get it started, even though we do not have answers to all issues this may create. Chris will do what she can for the blog on the website with what info we now have. Barb D presented the idea of creating a short term committee of five to six people, perhaps made up of members from the general membership, in addition to board members, who will address issues described above under Website so she will write an invitation to all members to be printed on the front of February's newsletter. One goal would be to create a technology committee which would look at the email, website, blog, newsletter, Facebook, etc. so all outreach from our guild has the same message in promoting our guild.

NEW BUSINESS

The officers will follow up with discussion on a suggestion to create a Sunshine Committee, whose purpose would be to send notes and cards to members who need a little sunshine due to death or illness, etc. This might create a new position of Corresponding Secretary; our present secretary agreed to fill the position until further decisions are made and until we have elections in August. Further details at next board meeting.

Alicia has attended seminars related to Zoom and asks all to update to the newest version. She has also discovered that some guilds are allowing members to use Zoom for sewing bees. She will write up a description of how other groups are using Zoom and what we might consider.

Joan Thomas shared M J Kinman's website for gem quilts. She also reported the Houston International Quilt Show is still scheduled for October 2021.

Elizabeth brought up something our guild has not done for a long time. That is using a survey and research to find what members are doing and what they want in our guild. Somebody is going to write a survey document. Elizabeth will report to board..

Alicia will send out the Zoom meeting link twice before future board meetings, two days prior and day of.
Secretary will send out minutes of prior meeting two days before as refresher of actions discussed and taken.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

Minutes submitted by _____ Date _____
Linda M Engel, Secretary

Minutes approved by _____ Date _____
Carol Keen, Chair