

SURFSIDE QUILTERS GUILD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2020

Via Zoom Video Conference

Called to Order at 10:01 a.m. by Mary Arter, President.

Attendees: Mary Arter, Deanne Meidell, Nancy Pestal, Nancy Ota, Vickie Janis, Janis Toman, Linda Chiu, Sharon Whelan, Holly Betz, Laura Miller, Monica Shafer, Debbie Myers, Karen Wendel, Mary Harrigan, Katy Lillie, Connie Veldkamp.

A quorum of officers and standing committee members was verified.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Motion made by Nancy Pestal to approve the August 2020 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Debbie Myers. Motion passed.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS:

- a. The checks collected for the December workshop were returned.
- b. Mary and Vivien Hawker have researched virtual workshops.
- c. Monica Shafer has formed a committee to review the by-laws.

OLD BUSINESS: Virtual workshops to be discussed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Mary Arter reported the September general meeting went really well. The group enjoyed HollyAnne Knight's interaction with the group during her presentation. There was positive response about the breakout rooms before the meeting began. Breakout rooms will be planned for future meetings. The door prize for the next meeting will be a "Noah's Ark" charm pack.

1ST VP PROGRAMS: Mary gave Vivien Hawker's report in her absence. Our October speaker will be a Zoom presentation by Sarah Goer. Her topic will be "Rules and Options of Planned Improv Piecing." Future programs are listed on the SQG website.

2ND VP MEMBERSHIP: Vivien reported via email. There were 87 participants in the September general meeting. There are currently 181 members in the guild.

3RD VP FACILITIES: The Philanthropy group will be going to the church soon. Nancy Ota noted the checks for the storage area rental have not been cashed. Nancy Pestal and Karen Wendel will check on that.

SECRETARY: No report

TREASURER: Nancy Ota presented the August 2020 Income & Expense report. A correction of the ending balance date was needed at the bottom of the report. Motion made by Debbie Myers to accept the report as corrected. Motion seconded by Karen Wendel. Motion passed.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Monica has formed a committee to review the by-laws. Members: Jeanne Haynes, Linda Rigdon, Suzette Blake, Susan Ritschel, Maggie Bell. There will be a vote on the by-laws by the board in October and by the full membership in November.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

50/50 RAFFLE: No report

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Janis presented the new block of the month, "Happy Flower." The new block will be added to the website.

HOSPITALITY: No report

MONTHLY MINI: No report

NEWSLETTER: Debbie Myers thanked the board for the articles contributed to the newsletter. Members may place ads in the newsletter. After a discussion of whether members should pay for ads, it was decided not to make a change in the by-laws.

NOVEMBER FEST: No report

Monica Shafer offered to hold Indigo Dye workshops at her home for small groups. Mary will include this information in "Saturday Stitches."

PHILANTHROPY: Linda Chiu reported over 150 quilts are now available for donation. She has contacted Meals on Wheels in nearby communities and all would welcome quilt donations. Nancy Pestal will check into the needs of the military groups. They received a donation of fabric from Claire Bell which will be used for backings. More quilters are needed to join those already doing the machine quilting.

PUBLICITY/SPONSORS: Sharon Whelan will check in with our sponsors soon. She noted that Saturday, September 19 is "National Sew a Jelly Roll Day."

SCCQG: Mary reported SCCQG lost our insurance renewal information and she was not informed until it was too late to correct the error. We will reapply in October.

SHOW AND TELL: Mary reported there was good participation in "Show and Tell."

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS: Katy Lillie reported she is doing well after her surgical procedures. Monica Shafer shared that the husband of Julie Vlahos has been in the hospital and that Julie has a new great-granddaughter. Holly Betz reported that former member Joanie Downum has a new granddaughter.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: No report

WELCOME/FRIENDSHIP: No report

WORKSHOPS: Mary reported the “Global Quilt Connection” has recently been created to connect quilt guilds with teachers who will present virtual online classes and lectures. Mary and Vivien Hawker have participated in 3 presentations that featured 100 teachers. They hope to have a virtual workshop scheduled for November.

January virtual workshop: Brita Nelson, “The Magic of Disappearing Blocks.”

February virtual workshop: Elizabeth Eastmond, “Merrion Square Quilt.”

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

BUS TRIPS: No report. Mary reported that “Road to CA” has canceled the quilt contest due to the hardship of the sponsors. The challenges scheduled will continue. A “Road at Home” virtual quilt show is planned.

LET’S GET TO KNOW: Holly Betz interviewed Mary Freedman for the newsletter. Mary is a long time member of the guild.

MAGAZINE RECYCLING: Laura will request new magazines and books when we begin to meet in person.

PHOTOGRAPHY: No report

PHD COORDINATOR: No report. The next project is #7.

RETREAT: No report

NEW BUSINESS

- a. For the next 4 months general meetings and board meetings will take place via Zoom. Mary will try a Zoom “Sewcial” soon.

Sharon Whelan expressed a concern: If our attendance is lower during our meetings via Zoom it might affect our membership numbers in 2021. Several suggestions were made to help those who are intimidated by Zoom:

- One-to-one tutorials
- Partner with someone who doesn’t use Zoom to view the general meetings
- Encouraging Zoom participants to reach out to non-participants
- Make sure everyone knows they can call in by phone to the Zoom meetings.

NEW ACTION ITEMS: No new items

Next Board Meeting will be October 20 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom video conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m. by Mary Arter, President.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanne Meidell, Secretary