

Quilters Guild of Dallas, Inc.

Minutes from Board Meeting

November 24, 2020

Held via Zoom. In attendance: Shelly Goodwyn, President; Melanie Reimann, 1st VP - Community Service; Linda Bartley, 2nd VP - Membership; Nancy Netherland 3rd VP – Programs and Workshops; Bonnie Ambrose, 4th VP – Communications; Concetta Boscardin, 5th VP – Finance; Lut Demeulder, 6th VP – Show; Marcia Wood, 7th VP – Education; Christina Vilmar, Secretary, and Laura McClure, Guild Treasurer, were present. Shelly called the meeting to order at approximately 6:36 pm.

Shelly Goodwyn asked for Founder's Award and Silver Thimble nominations.

The minutes of the board meeting held on October 27, 2020, were reviewed. Bonnie Ambrose moved that the minutes be approved and Concetta Boscardin seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business:

Linda Bartley discussed how the Plano Quilt Guild uses their Zoom account for small groups around an interest/topic (ie. embroidery, applique, paper piecing) to foster connection, and discussed if our Guild would be interested in doing something similar. Bonnie Ambrose confirmed we have paid for a Guild Zoom account and one of the Guild's small groups is using it for their December meeting. It was suggested to send a survey of possible topics to see where interest is, if people are willing to be the group hosts, and introduce this idea in a newsletter article. Linda Bartley will send a proposal to the Board.

Old Business:

There was no old business discussed.

Committee Reports:

Melanie Reimann reported the recent collection totaled 62 quilts, and 52 tops, and 23 backs, with approximately 31 people that attended the pickup/drop-off. Melanie discussed the idea of encouraging members to donate a quilt during their birthday month. December 19, 2020 is the next pickup/drop-off date. If the weather is bad, the back door at Sew Let's Quilt It can be used. The Guild Store was present and sold some items.

Bonnie Ambrose reminded the Board that if anyone needs help setting their profile up, she would resend the directions. She encouraged all to upload a photo for the Directory profiles to help generate interest. Bonnie is working on a calendar for when information is needed to go on and come off the website, but each Board member is responsible for keeping their information current.

Nancy Netherland stated she has Zoom meetings scheduled for the December, January, February, and March meetings. Julia McLeod will be the speaker for the General Meeting in December. Irene Blanck from Australia will be the speaker for the General Meeting in January and they are finalizing the workshop(s) with her. There was praise for the November workshop held via Zoom, with the recommendation to ensure the supply list is sent out in advance. There were 8 people in attendance at the workshop. Nancy discussed if the Guild could accommodate a speaker from Europe that needed to present on a different day/time instead of our regularly scheduled meetings, due to the time zone differences.

Concetta Boscardin reported that the \$25,000 check from the insurance policy was deposited into the Guild savings account and the portfolio was rebalanced due to the influx of cash. At the end of December 2019 the balance was approximately \$424,000 and as of today the balance was approximately \$351,000. Laura McLure and Concetta are working on filing the tax return by the end of the calendar year.

Lut Demeulder reported the Show discussions would pick up again in August 2021.

Marcia Wood requested feedback on her lessons during the general meetings. At the next meeting she will discuss steam versus no steam. Marcia discussed the Keeper Quilts and the possibility of passing them to a committee. Marcia will ask if Marian Ann Montgomery will be the point person of this committee that would bring their recommendation on the Keeper Quilts to the Board.

Linda Bartley reported that only 39 people have uploaded their profile information to the new Directory. The use of Zoom for Guild Small Groups will be brought up at the general meeting.

Shelly adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Vilmar

Guild Secretary