

Minutes from Quilters Guild of Dallas Meeting September 3, 2020

Held via Zoom. The Zoom meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. for social time before being called to order at 7:00 by Shelly Goodwyn, President. Shelly welcomed everyone to our Zoom meeting held in lieu of an in-person meeting due to Covid-19 and said thank you to the incoming board. Shelly announced that the Guild Retreat is cancelled as of now, but will be revisited later in the year. Shelly then called for committee reports.

Committee Reports:

Linda Bartley, 2nd VP – Membership, announced membership for 2020-2021 started on September 1 and encourages you and your friends to join. Join now because only current members will receive the email with the Zoom link to the Guild meetings moving forward. You can renew/join online. To date approximately 170 members have joined. Note there will be no mailed membership packets this year.

Melanie Reimann, 1st Vice President – Community Service, celebrated the last pickup/drop-off on August 22 for Covers for Kids with the delivery of 43 completed quilts and 50 tops. We had recently donated 27 quilts to Ronald McDonald House, 28 to Vogel Alcove, and 30 to Children's Advocacy Center. The next drop off will be Saturday, September 26 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Sew Let's Quilt It at Belt Line and Coit Road. There will be an e-mail reminder. Remember to wear your mask. Next month we will talk about Covers for Kids and where our quilts go when completed.

Nancy Netherland and Kathy Bonnett, 3rd Vice President – Programs and Workshops, Nancy announced the October general meeting will discuss Covers for Kids and the November general meeting speaker will be Ann Holt. Her lecture will be about quilting to honor loved ones. She will host an online workshop in the morning on Friday, November 6 on the Lancaster Diamond Star quilt block she uses in her Quilts of Valor. When meetings resume in person, we are looking for helpers for set up and break down for speakers and workshops. Please let Nancy and Kathy know if you want to help.

Bonnie Ambrose, 4th Vice President – Communications, announced the new website will be coming in October.

Concetta Boscardin, 5th Vice President – Finance, announced that the Guild 2020-2021 budget was reviewed and approved by both the Finance Committee and the Board in August. The budget included only Guild operations and not the Quilt Show, as the Show is currently pending due to COVID-19. Actual income and expenses from 2019-2020 and budgeted income and expenses for 2020-2021 were reviewed. The budget for 2020-2021 is conservative out of regards with these uncertain times, particularly with the projected income, which is mostly from membership. The majority of budgeted expense is for Programming, with the assumption of in person meetings starting in January 2021. Conservative fiscal management and profitable Shows have provided the Guild a savings account, which was used to cover the deficit in 2019-2020 from both Guild expenses and Show expenses, while still maintaining a safety net. Linda Newman, Member, expressed gratitude for the extra work the Board has done this year.

Lut Demeulder, 6th Vice President – Show, announced Market Hall is willing to rent us half the space, and therefore it would be financially possible to do the March Quilt Show. Renting half the space would also mean the miniature auction would take place online. A survey of approximately 90 vendors indicated about 80% would be willing to participate in our Show if held in March 2021. Volunteer willingness will be evaluated and discussed at the next show committee meeting, with the goal of a decision for the March Quilt Show to be made in October.

On behalf of Marcia Wood, 7th Vice President – Education, Peggy Cord read a note from Marcia about Education going back to basics by learning foundational basics of quilting and touching on skills we wish we had learned.

After committee announcements, Bonnie Ambrose shared slides of member's work for Bring and Brag.

After Bring and Brag, Nancy Netherland introduced our speaker for the meeting, Thomas Knauer. He presented an emotional and thought-provoking lecture on why we quilt.

Shelly Goodwyn reminded everyone that in order to attend the next Guild Zoom meeting, people would need to have their membership current. Linda Bartley announced door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Vilmar

Guild Secretary