Quilters Guild of Dallas
Minutes from Board Meeting
October 24, 2023

The Board meeting was held on Zoom with Linda Bartley, Guild President presiding. Others attending were Pat Henry, VP Membership, Laura McClure, Treasurer, Kelly Edwards, VP Communications, Bonnie Ambrose, Show Chair, Marcia Wood, interim VP Community Service, Alice McElroy, VP Education, Dana Ryan, VP Programs & Workshops and Laurel Blackburn, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Linda Bartley at 7:09 p.m.

The minutes of the September 26, 2023 Board meeting were approved.

Board Training and Non-Profit Compliance Sessions with Earamichia Brown are scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 2023 and Saturday January 6, 2024. Some members of the Quilters Guild of Plano Board will also be attending these meetings.

The Endowment Committee has selected the Hot Springs Village Quilt Guild as the recipient of this year's funding. The funded project is "sewing classes for Boys & Girls Clubs of Cedar Mountain Club". The award amount is $2,000.00.

Linda Newman is the new Chair of the Endowment Committee.

Linda Bartley pointed out that the job descriptions for some members of the Board and for the President of the Guild are quite lengthy. This makes those volunteer positions very time-consuming and increasingly more difficult to find people willing to take on those responsibilities. She asked that each Board member needing/wanting help look at their job description, write a list of their responsibilities and give suggestions for how those could be restructured, delegated to a person or committee, or maybe even eliminated. These are to be sent to Linda in the next couple of weeks for the Board's consideration in the near future.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**:

**Marcia Wood, interim VP of Community Service**

Progress is being made on the backlog of quilts on hand. There are quilts completed and ready to be distributed. Some have been quilted and are ready to be trimmed and bound. Completed tops are having backs made for them by Dana Ryan and Melanie Reimann to prepare them for quilting. The goal is to get the backlog dealt with before issuing any new work to be done. There is still much sorting to be done in the storage unit.

Is there a need to adjust the number of CFK quilts being given each month? The liaison contacts for each charity will have a conversation with them to determine a realistic number of Covers For Kids quilts needed to serve their operation.

Community Service is not just limited to the CFK initiative. There was discussion of other opportunities to educate the public about what is quilting, its history, etc. but no decisions was made on a specific effort.

Linda brought up the topic of labels on each CFK quilt. There aren't currently any labels being put on them to identify that they are made by QGD members. No decision made about how to put this idea into action.

**Pat Henry – VP Membership**

The Guild Swap Meet will be held December 2, 2023 at the Forest Green Branch Library Community Room, 9619 Greenville Avenue, Dallas 75243 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Lut DeMeulder may want some of the leftovers; Soul's Harbor Resale shop will also take any and all leftovers. A flyer with all the details will be available at the November general meeting (November 2nd) and information will be on the members only Guild Facebook page.

The January Retreat at Tanglewood is not firmed up yet. The Tanglewood representative is not available to meet with anyone from the Guild until after the end of October. Part of the delay is that the resort has new owners who operate in a different way. A meeting will be set up with Tanglewood for early November.

There was some discussion about alternative sites if Tanglewood cannot be worked out but right now it is “wait and see”.

**Dana Ryan – VP Programs & Workshops**

There is a need for 4 speakers for the remaining 2023-2024 Guild year and work is beginning on the 2024-2025 speakers scheduling. Frances Hafer is the Program Chairman for the Plano Guild and it was suggested that she would be a good source for speaker suggestions.

Before scheduling a speaker Dana takes into consideration the source of the information recommending that particular speaker and uses Kelly Edwards and Marcia Wood as sounding boards for the speaker and topic under consideration.

**Kelly Edwards – VP Communications**

Kelly and Linda Bartley will schedule a meeting with Mary Jones to discuss options for making the newsletter briefer and more up to date. Written guidelines for the newsletter will be compiled. Any suggestions from Board members regarding the newsletter are needed and welcomed.

Kelly has been in contact with a Zoom expert and will meet with him to learn what options are available to make the Zoom portion of the general meetings more effective and professional. Linda Bartley gave her a contact with the Plano Guild who could also help with that need.

Kelly also reported that Quilt Mercantile has been confirmed as returning to the 2024 Quilt Show as a platinum sponsor and Handi-Quilter will again be a silver sponsor. Rockin’ Bobbin will return as a sustaining sponsor.

**Bonnie Ambrose –Show Chair**

Bonnie reported that so far there are 27 confirmed vendors for the Show, right about the same number as for the 2023 Show at this same time.

Shirts are not yet ordered. Work on the flyer is going well but not yet finalized. Other plans are right on track for the 2024 Show.

The need to consider locations other than Market Hall was discussed due to the tremendous increase in rent year to year. There were some possible options mentioned. Bonnie advised that getting reliable information on a venue is best accomplished in a face-to-face meeting rather than relying on emails or other communications.

**Alice McElroy – VP Education**

Alice asked for suggestions for Guild meetings to travel to for display of the Raffle Quilt and raffle ticket sales.

The educational demonstration for the November general meeting will be done by Shelly Sutton showing embroidery stitches. In December Sherry Searcy will demonstrate how to do a Show quilt entry online, including a picture. Suggestions are needed for other Guild members to do some quilting related demos before the general meetings.

**Laura McClure – Treasurer**

Laura asked for information regarding expenses for Betsy Chutchian's October workshop. Dana Ryan provided that information and will work with Laura on reimbursement.

Laura asked if the Treasurer was a voting member of the Board since that position is appointed, not voted on. There was discussion about that being changed in the Guild by-laws some years ago with the memory that it was being stated; that will be checked on.

**Concetta Boscardin – VP Finance** was not present at the meeting but had made the Treasurer aware that there was nothing to be reported.

After Committee reports were concluded the question was asked: do things need to change within the Guild? How can we communicate better with the members? Are we doing things just because we've always done them? Are they still

productive and relevant? Are there things that need to be scaled back or eliminated? Some discussion followed and it was pointed out that this falls right in line with Linda Bartley's request that Board member job descriptions be given in-depth scrutiny.

With a reminder to send your job breakdown to her quickly, Linda Bartley adjourned the meeting at 8:38p.m.