

Maritime Modern Quilt Guild Executive Meeting
Sept. 16, 2019

Present: Susan, Christine, Mary, Sarah, Amanda
Regrets: Jeanette, Aimee, Andrea B., Chantel

Executive elections will be held next month and the new board members will be announced at the November meeting. Christine will send out a list of the positions available. We need a new treasurer, vice-president, swaps & challenges coordinator, and workshop coordinator. Susan has taken on the workshop role pending elections.

October Workshops with Corey of the Quilted Stash

The workshops will be on the weekend of Oct. 19 and 20. Corey will do a trunk show on Friday night at the NSCC Ivany Campus in Dartmouth. The Saturday workshop, Seven Scrappy Sisters, will be at the South Woodside and the Sunday workshop, Someday on Quilts, will be at the NSCC.

We have worked out the prices for the workshops based on Corey's travel costs, fees and class sizes. Seven Scrappy Sisters will be \$75 and Someday on Quilts will be \$80 and there will be 25 seats in each class. Christine will send out an email to the members. Those who are interested should respond by September 24, stating which workshop they want. If there are more applicants than seats there will be a lottery for places. Those who get in must pay by Oct. 1 to hold their seat.

Executive Elections

Our bylaws need to be on the website. Sarah will post them after Christine sends them to her. By the first week of October the nomination forms will go out so people can nominate themselves. The deadline for submissions will be the second week and by the third week the voting will take place. We will be able to announce the new executive members at the November meeting. Amanda wants to be able to hand over vice-presidential responsibilities before membership renewals start in December.

By-Law Changes

We need to make a change to the by-laws so that we can raise membership fees as needed. The executive reviewed the by-laws for other changes.

- Associate membership: should we have associate members? For a reduced fee, associates could attend a limited number of meetings, but be eligible to apply for workshops and retreat. The St. John's guild has associate members. Christine will research how this would affect our relationship with the MQG. The fee we pay to them is based on the number of members we have. We will have to wait until next year to act on this.
- Membership dues will go up to from \$40 to \$45 for 2020. The by-laws name a dollar amount which ties our hands. So the by-laws will be amended to read: "Dues will be set at a reasonable level as set by the Executive." The clause about paying half dues if joining after July will be removed.

- Monthly meetings will continue to be announced on the website and on the Facebook Members Only Group.
- There will be no changes to the voting section.
- Executive members can step down and be replaced if needed. Replacements can finish the term and stand for re-election.
- Travel on guild business. No change.
- Minutes shall be posted on the website. The secretary will send them to the person managing the web page (will be Social Media/Chantel after Sarah hands off the website administration)

December meeting/potluck

We have too many members now to meet at Linda's house. We may be able to use the LeBrun Centre. They expect events to be catered and we will want to do a potluck. Christine will ask if we can have our regular meeting slot and bring food.

Sew ins

Christine will put up poll about alternating Saturdays and Sunday. South Woodside community centre is not available on Sundays so we will have to look for another space. Karen has offered the condo room at her place in Burnside. There are no tables and chairs there but the since the room is free it might be worth buying some of our own. Christine will find out if there is somewhere to store them at the condo.

Other options:

1. A church in Fairview near Linda, although will likely be unavailable on Sundays. Linda will be asked to check it out.
2. MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning in downtown Dartmouth. Amanda will look into it.

We need to know the capacity, availability of tables and chairs, and availability on Sundays for both spaces. We have tried to keep the sew in Dartmouth, but we need to be flexible to find a good space.

Other business

1. We need to add a new budget line for copying and other administrative costs.
2. We'd like to start giving thank you cards or gifts to outside presenters. We do have a stash blank MQG cards we can use.
3. Ask for volunteers outside the executive to join a Swag Acquisition Committee. Look into using the website Threadless. They make a variety of logo merchandise with no minimums and the price goes down when you buy more.
4. Discussion about permitting members with quilting-related businesses to promote them at meetings. The executive agreed that this should be permitted as long as it is fair. Many guilds have pop ups shops at meetings. There is nothing against it in the by-laws. Sarah will write a post for the website. We will permit interested members to set up tables starting at 6:30 (no earlier) to sell products or excess stash so other members can shop and visit before the meeting gets under way at 7:15. We will look into inviting fabric sellers to do pop ups some time.
5. We are considering having a spring workshop, ideally with someone local.

6. Sarah will prepare transition documents for the swaps and challenges for Barb K (only interested party in Swaps & Challenges right now - pending the election process) who has agreed to take over the role. There is a helpful document on the MQG website's leadership pages.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.