Quilt Guild of Greater Houston

Board Meeting

August 4, 2020

On August 4, 2020, the Executive Board of the Quilt Guild of Greater Houston met online via Zoom. The board members and committee chairs that participated in the meeting included Mary Plail, Mary Engle, Karen Benson, Dorothy Burchfield, Meg Raatz, Maryellen Robinson, Sharon Kralj, Debi Mishael, Peggy Lucas, Mary Van Speybroeck and Linda Pratt.

**Treasurer, Judy Barney** – Judy was not present but sent her report by email. The Guild tax return was completed and mailed in by Nancie Roach just before the deadline in July. She has been paid $300.00. $500.00 was sent to Elizabeth Helfter for the August lecture and workshop deposit. Nineteen workshop participants are needed to break even.

Bank balances haven’t changed much as of August 3rd: checking is $22,270. And savings is $73,014. We earned $12.23 in interest in the second quarter – up from $9.07 in the first quarter! Last year we earned $63 interest during second quarter on $50,900.

Judy is also planning a trip to New England for mid August to mid October. She should be able to participate in online meetings while out of town. She plans to take the checkbook with her and can mail checks as needed. Someone here will need to make deposits while she is gone.

**Vice President Programs, Mary Engle** – All “in person” speakers have been cancelled for August, September and October. Cynthia Regone, who was a previously a scheduled speaker, has retired. Online Show and Tell was a success. We had 41 participants.

Elizabeth Helfter is scheduled to be the online speaker on August 18th and she will provide the online workshop on August 19th and 26th. At this time there are 10 signed up for the workshop. We need 19.

Right now workshops are being advertised in the newsletter and on GroupWorks. Perhaps adding email notices to QGGH members would help to increase participation.

**Vice President Membership, Karen Benson** – There are 233 members total. 1 new and 1 renewal. Karen has the deposit book and stamp for making deposits in Judy Barney’s absence.

**Workshop Chair, Meg Raatz** – We will go forward with the August workshop even though there are only 10 people registered at this time. Those who have signed up have already purchased patterns and fabric.

The fabric donation to QGGH has been sorted.

There will be no Show & Tell in August since we have a speaker. The next Show & Tell will be in September.

It was agreed to cancel the fall retreat due to the continued Covid Virus threat.

**Programs Elect, Debi Mishael** – Debi reminded everyone of the Virtual Meet the Teachers Event on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 from 4:00 to 6:00pm est. This is a chance for anyone interested to learn more about 30 teachers and prospects for speakers for QGGH.

Debi will take any recommendations for speakers for next year.

Also, Debi has the ability to send out emails to all of the membership to inform them of workshops, etc. Karen Benson will send her an email list.

**Advertising/IT Chair, Mary Van Speybroeck** – The next Show & Tell will be in September. Please encourage everyone to start sending in their pictures of their projects.

Susan Penny confirmed that the Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church will continue to be closed through September.

**President, Mary Plail** – It is time to form a nominating committee for the new board starting January 2021. A volunteer from the board is needed to head up this committee. Mary Engle has volunteered to head the committee and to find 4 others from the membership to serve on this committee.

We still need to find a location for the 2021 Quilt Guild show. The Merrill Center in Katy has been mentioned. Lois Cleveland can contact them for information at [Barbe@merrillartcenter.org](mailto:Barbe@merrillartcenter.org).

Masks and surgical/scrub caps are still needed. There was a pattern for “Easily make scrub caps” on GroupWorks on May 28, 2020 for anyone who needs a pattern.

**Parliamentarian, Linda Pratt** – The current by-laws of QGGH do not include coverage for circumstances such as our current pandemic and resulting “shut down”. Linda made a motion that we change the wording for the Standing Rules of the Guild as follows:

Under the title Meetings:

1. The regular business meeting …..
2. The daytime program meeting …..
3. In the event of inclement weather …..
4. When a motion is on the floor …..
5. In the event of federal, state, and/or county regulations regarding the health, safety, and welfare of guild members, these Bylaws and Standing Rules will be seconded.

Mary Plail seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed by vote of those present. Linda will make the addition to the Standing Rules and have them ready for approval in November.

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm

Prepared by Dorothy Burchfield

These meeting minutes were approved electronically by: Mary Plail, Maryellen Robinson, Debi Mishael, Mary Engle and Sharon Kralj