

Quilters Guild of Plano
General Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2020

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The following meeting was done via the Zoom Cloud Meeting application. These meetings will continue using a media application as long as the COVID-19 pandemic prevents large groups of people meeting in person. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

President's Business: Linda Neal

- The minutes of September 12th, 2020 were approved as published on the Guild website.
- The treasurers cash flow report of August 31, 2020 was approved as found on the Guild Website.
- The new budget is on the website. Members are encouraged to look at the financials. The budget was tough to complete since we don't know what is going to happen. This is basically just like last years. We will just have to make adjustments as we go.
- The small groups are going well on Zoom. Linda had her first English Paper Piecing and hand applique meetings, and everything went well. Donna Petrick is doing machine embroidery and Jeannie Vogel is doing 2 Featherweight groups. If anyone is interested in joining one of these groups just shoot us an email. There is more information about the groups in the Newsletter and we will be putting more information on the website drop down boxes.
- Linda would like to start a group called "Worker Bees" for those members that work during the day. If you work and are interested in joining a small group in the evening or would like to join a group in the evening email Linda. lindanealmck@hotmail.com
- Monica Hendewerk is doing a new small group for free motion quilting. During this meeting no one will have to show the quilt that they are working on. The group members may use their phones that may be easier than a laptop. There will be an exercise for beginners and one for intermediate or advanced quilters. Contact Monica if interested in this group. mhendewerk@gmail.com

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Sue Rentz

- Sue welcomed new members: Ashley Stovall, Lynn Wagner and Mary Heflin. We also have members that have rejoined: Barbara Snyder and Patricia Becerra.
- We continue to have our membership drive. Today we have 173 members which is half of last year's membership and hopefully more will sign up. The drive lasts through October 31st.
- We are having a one-time prize drawing for members that sign up before the cut off date. The newsletter included a detailed list of wonderful prizes that will be awarded. First prize is \$100.00 worth of rulers; second prize is a kit donated by Rosie deLeon-McCrary; third prize is a 2-day/2-person day retreat donated by Best Little Retreat Center in Texas; fourth prize is some Laurel Burch bags including sewing notions donated by Sherry Worley; fifth prize is a gift certificate donated by Sew Let's quilt it.
- There are 2 ways to pay your \$30.00 dues as explained in the Newsletter. Members may pay online with a credit card starting by logging in online at the Guild's website, qgplano.org. Then select from the menu "Membership" on the dashboard, click on the button that says: "Pay Your Dues"; follow the directions. The other method is to fill out the form found on the website (you don't have to log in for this). Go to the website. Under "Membership" click on "Membership Form" and print it out. Send a check for \$30.00 to the address found on the lower part of the form along with the form. The

mail-in approach is the only way for a new member to join. If members haven't renewed Sue encouraged them to do so.

- If you have joined and haven't received a membership card in your email, please contact Sue via her email listed on the website. srentztx@gmail.com
- We also have a family membership for couples or members of a family. You must use the mail-in form for this.

Community Service: Dolores Williams

- We had a drop off and pick up on September 22nd, which was very successful. We want to thank everyone who came by. It was nice to see people and chat with them. We received 85 completed quilts, 8 tops, a couple stockings and 30 pillowcases. It was a really wonderful take-in. Our organizations are really happy.
- Our goal this year for stockings is 1600. Martha O'Grady said that we topped 2200 stockings and she has taken them to the organizations. We will continue to make them for next year, so we need to continue making them.
- Our next pick-up day is scheduled for November 10th. We will be at Plano Sewing Center from 10:00 to 11:30. If you can't make those times give one of us a call and we will come by and pick up from you or make other arrangements.
- We had our Quilting Contest. The drawing winner was Linda Neal who has quilted over 100 quilts for us.
- We still have our Birthday Quilt Contest going on. The drawing will be at the December general meeting. This contest is a drawing from people who have completed a quilt and handed it in, possibly the month of their birthday. These quilts are given to one of our organizations. We have a couple nice prizes for this.

Programs: Janet Carver

- November 12th we will have Katie Pasquini Masopust. The slide lecture shows her development from early painting through traditional quilts, up to the present contemporary wall quilts.
- December is our holiday party.
- A quick tease of some of the 2021 speakers: In January we will have Jenny Lyan and she's all about free motion quilting. Debbie Maddy will show us her Indigo Shibori Dying. Suzanne DiCarlo will talk about Quilts of Valor. J. Michelle Watts will entice us with her Southwest Inspired Designs. Gyleen Fitzgerald will discuss her Path to Modern. Maria Shell has been rescheduled from March 2020 to September 2021 due to COVID. Diane Kirkhart has her Appliquick technique and Millefiori.
- Stay tuned for updates on the guild website and the return of workshops!

Activities: Leigh Knox

- We are going to close out the year and get connected. Berene Campbell from Happy Sew Lucky developed a project for guilds that are shut down from the COVID and couldn't have lectures and workshops. She did this to show guild members that we are still connected. This project is paper piecing but really easy. Members wanting to be involved with this project please email Leigh. Michael Davison explained how to do the project using templates. When Leigh sends out the information to members that have signed up there will be both paper piecing and a template instruction.

VP Media: Diane Poor

- We now have a Quilters Guild of Plano Member's Only Group on Facebook. Connected to our Facebook page is a member's only group. This group is private. Only members of the Guild may see things on there. Members may show beautiful things they have done, and hackers can't see them. The only people admitted to the group are paid members of the Plano Guild. Diane is sending out an email to tell guild members about this.

- Ashley Stovall was introduced to the members. She is helping Diane with the website.

Quilt Plano 2021: Donna Petrick

- Donna will be sending out an email to the Show Committee to have a Zoom meeting this month to discuss what we need to do to get started on the show.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm. Following the business meeting our speaker was Carmen Geddes from Ten Sisters Handicraft, who presented a trunk show.

The next general meeting will be November 12th at 7:00 via Zoom.