

Quilters Guild of Plano Board Meeting
January 23, 2023– 7:00 p.m. – Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Donna Petrick, President. Those in attendance were Donna Petrick, Liz Beaty, Bonnie Cook, Mary Alice Caffarel, Michelle Cotton, Dawn Wester, Carolyn Cosgriff, and Sue Rentz.

The minutes from the December board meeting were approved as mailed to the board. The January guild meeting minutes need some membership name spelling corrections, which Mary Alice will send to Sue. Newsletter articles are due.

Community Service. Bonnie Cook said that no one has come forward to be in charge of collecting and delivering dog beds, so she will promote that position in her article along with a picture of her dog when he was a puppy. For birthday quilts the prize will be a fat quarter bundle. The committee is working together well. She will be sure that the newsletter includes totals of contributions which might be necessary to keep our non-profit status.

Education. Donna thinks that Liz needs some committee members, so both of them will include a request for members in their newsletter articles. Concerning demos for the quilt show, Donna said that we are needing some new ideas. Some of the vendors will offer demos.

Guild Activities. Michael Davison was not available for the meeting tonight, but Donna discussed the plans. MJ Fielek has agreed to teach us how to do orphan blocks—dying the blocks and assembling them into a stunning quilt. The parameters still must be set, and Donna thinks we need to pay MJ something for this. There will likely be a fee for the session, as we would hold it at the Best Little Retreat Center. May is a possibility for timing.

Media. Dawn stated that Donna, Ashley, Deb, and Dawn met to discuss the website. The priorities in order are as follows:

1. Online registration.
2. Total re-design of the site. Pages must be moved from the old template to a new one.
3. Membership directory – probably not to be addressed until this time next year.

Each area needs to determine how much old information to keep. Perhaps we only need to include information from the last 5 years. Old data could be kept in Dropbox or on a flash drive in case it is needed for an audit or something else. We have lots of pictures and newsletters that we probably don't need on the website. The fewer pages we have to transfer, the less expensive it will be. One thought regarding membership would be to have a picture album of members rather than having the picture with the data.

Membership. Mary Alice reported that we now have 306 paid members, 11 of which are family memberships.

Meetings. Donna said that we are now back on the church calendar for future meetings. We will need an alternative location in July, because they will be having Vacation Bible School that week.

The Pieceful Organization group would like to have a bones table at a meeting, and Donna is thinking that we need to do that when we don't have a speaker. May would be a good time, as we would have the show rollout then—and no speaker. The bones table could either be in the hallway or in one of the Sunday School rooms adjacent to our meeting room.

Quilt Show. Carolyn reported that the committee held its first meeting last Monday night, and everyone was very motivated. She still needs someone to take over Quilt Angels and signs. Monica Hendewerk will bring the sign information from the last show to Carolyn tomorrow.

The current push is in the publicity area. Carolyn has information from Plano regarding eight news outlets, some of which were familiar. If people have other contacts, the committee would appreciate receiving that information.

Regarding vendors, several of them have retired. However, we don't have many openings for new vendors. Carolyn is also interested in getting information regarding the use of bar code technology to keep track of quilts from registration onward.

The committee also wanted to know how many Square devices we have and whether or not we could get more of them. Michelle said that we have five of them. At the show we have one at each entrance, one at mini quilts, and one shared by membership and programs. The cost of the device we use is approximately \$300.

Finance. Michelle Cotton said that the last month was a quiet one. There were a few refunds for membership and the program/workshop committee. Michelle made these other points:

- She plans to do an audit each month to keep updated on vendor payments.
- Taxes will be filed on time.
- Our program workshop income is higher than we budgeted for the entire year.
- The convenience fee is still being paid each month and will be reflected in the financial reports, although we don't collect it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Rentz, Secretary