

**Quilters Guild of Plano Board Meeting
February 27, 2023– 7:00 p.m. – Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Donna Petrick, President. Those in attendance were Donna Petrick, Dawn Wester, Tisha Harms, Bonnie Cook, Carolyn Cosgriff, Liz Beaty, Mary Alice Caffarel, Michelle Cotton, and Sue Rentz.

The minutes from the January board meeting were approved as mailed to the board. Michelle reviewed and explained some of the financial documents she sent out. She plans to get together with Concetta, the financial person from the Dallas guild, to get some ideas of how she manages their funds. Also, Carolyn has sent some questions to Michelle, but they will get together offline for that discussion. It was agreed that the financials can be posted online.

Newsletter articles were due a couple of days ago. Mary Alice admitted that she might have mess it up, and she sent a message to Dena, hoping that she could restore the items that were lost. After the meeting, Mary Alice learned from Dena that everything entered through Sunday was backed up; only data entered on Monday might be lost.

Nominating Committee. Donna pointed out that Jeanne Vogel has agreed to serve as nominating committee chair again this year, but she needs to know who will not be returning and who will be continuing. Those rolling off are Donna, Tisha, Mary Alice, and Sue. Probably returning are Dawn, Bonnie, and Liz. Michelle might be willing to continue in her position, but Donna wants to add a treasurer to reduce the workload on Michelle. Donna said that the president should come from the board, as board members are aware of what has happened this year.

Tisha said that she would be willing to continue working with volunteer hours and could possibly continue on the Program committee, but not in her current capacity because of other commitments. The way we are doing programs now is so much easier than it was in the past. She thinks that Frances might be willing to continue. Frances is already working on the programs for 2024.

Website. Dawn told the board that we currently have 169 “published pages” on the website, and many of them include pictures. That is far too many and would be extremely expensive to bring over to a new system. She demonstrated how something on the website relates to a page on the back end.

Dawn is proposing that we use an app called Smug Mug to handle most of the past pictures, and she showed us a couple of examples and demonstrated how quickly the pictures appear. For approximately \$110 per year, we could publish unlimited pictures on that site and simply link to it from our website. The minutes are handled with a link to a document on Dropbox.

Word Press hasn't been reliable at all times. Dawn is doing some website clean-up, removing partially done pages and anything prior to 2017. We discussed newsletters and

thought that they need to go back somewhere between 2 and 5 years. Dawn needs to talk with Denna about where the pictures are located and find out what kind of help Dawn will need to get the pictures transferred to Smug Mug. Donna suggested that we might have a special board meeting before the March one to make a decision on Smug Mug.

An email blast will be going out to all members to ask for volunteers to assist with the Dallas show. The same will happen in August to get volunteers for our show from Dallas members.

Education. Liz and Donna will work together to find some things for Education to do.

Banks. Donna and Michelle have been looking for a new bank which will offer more benefits than the current one, which has gone through several acquisitions. They have already visited two of them and plan to go to a third. The hope is that they can make a recommendation next month. Because of the scarcity of safe deposit boxes at many banks, we may have to leave some money at our current bank, where we do have a safe deposit box.

Activities. Michael Davison is out-of-town, but an activity has been planned for Saturday May 6. M. J. Fielek will present her orphan block class at the Best Little Retreat Center. It is a guild activity, but it is on the retreat center calendar. Dawn will set up information about the workshop on our website, possibly with a link to the retreat center.

Membership. Mary Alice said that four new members have joined online since the guild meeting.

Programs. Tish reported that our next workshop, Fabric Painting 101, scheduled for April 14th, is now full, plus there is one extra person, as approved by Michele Markey, the instructor. The intermediate class the next day has only two openings.

Vicki Conley gave us another idea for a place to look for speakers, and this has been helpful to Frances.

People continue to say that they are somehow filling out volunteer hours online, but the form has now been removed. Any hours should be reported to Tisha.

Quilt Show. Carolyn Cosgriff said that the big news is that the quilt registration form is being sent to Deb tonight. They want it to be open by mid-March. Everything else is on target.

Linda Chappell is working on member-driven demos. If you know about a good one, please contact her. It is possible that Michael Davison will have a guild presentation ready for May.

The committee has been “evolving.” They finally have someone to do the signs, but she lives far away. They have also found someone to work with vendors. For special exhibits, we still need a coordinator. Tisha indicated that her team could handle the drop-off for special exhibits. Also, Carolyn said that the T-shirts have arrived, although she hasn’t seen them yet.

Liz Beaty asked if anyone is familiar with the NEAT system for storing scanned documents. She is familiar with it, because it is used in her husband's business.

Carolyn said that she is writing a grant request to try to get a grant from the City of Plano Cultural Arts program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Rentz, Secretary