

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Donna Petrick. Board members in attendance were Donna Petrick, Bonnie Cook, Tisha Harms, Michael Davison, Carolyn Cosgriff, Michelle Cotton, Dawn Wester, Mary Alice Caffarel, and Sue Rentz.

Donna pointed out that we should have the books audited twice a year, but that was put aside during the time of COVID. We need to start that again. She suggested that she and Carolyn sit down with Michelle to review this process prior to the time when other members would do it. Michelle mentioned that Jeanne Fletcher had volunteered her help on the audit.

New Bank Choice. Donna said that she had been unable to visit a third bank. She and Michelle favor Bank of America because they can link a credit card to the guild rather than to an individual. Some of the advantages we see to changing are the following:

- Ability to do mobile deposits
- Use of Zelle or similar app
- Lower fees
- Credit card assigned to guild rather than a person
- Business solutions could help with linking to the website
- More small business friendly

We still need to keep our safe deposit box at the current bank, as the others have none available. We might be able to retain it if we keep a money market account there. One thing that we must be careful about is minimizing the use of the credit card, as it doesn't get the protection that an individual would if it is used improperly.

Carolyn moved and Tisha seconded that we give Michelle and Donna the authority to change our bank. Motion passed.

Activities. Michael said that the Orphan Block activity is very popular; we currently have 22 people signed up, with 24 being the maximum number of positions available. Pam Wingate is suggesting that we stop promoting it.

Website. Dawn has talked with Dena Smith about the pictures on the website. Dena has pictures from 2018 forward, and it would be fairly easy to drag and drop the from one folder to another. She isn't sure about previous years, but she thinks it best to focus on quilt shows rather than on meetings. Again, if you see something on the website that should be changed, please contact Dawn.

At the last two meetings Dawn had trouble with our computer, and the problem was that the video card died. She purchased one similar to her own computer at the cost of \$1000. Michelle will check on the warranty on this one, as we only purchased it last year. This new one

should last us 3 to 5 years. Bonnie moved and Michael seconded that we reimburse Dawn for the new computer and approve its purchase retroactively. Motion passed.

Membership. Mary Alice said that our membership is still increasing. We have around 315 to 320 members.

Programs. Tisha announced that the elephant is the choice of those attending the next workshop. The boot will be available for purchase, for those who particularly want it. There is one cancellation in the Saturday workshop, and she suggested that Dawn send out an email to the membership to find a replacement. Tisha had sent Dawn the specifics for the email blast.

Quilt Show. Carolyn said that the show preparations are going well. On-line registration is now available, and 13 quilts have already been registered. There have been no issues connected with it. She also reminded everyone that newsletter articles are due.

For the May meeting, the program, presented by Michael Davison, will consist of a trunk shows of 10 to 12 quilts made by Judy Niemeyer and quilted by various “quilting celebrities.” The only problem is that we must pay for shipping them, at a cost of \$100 to \$200. Tisha said that the program budget might work for this, as we are very rarely getting sample quilts from those doing workshops, and this is a budget item.

In the mail Michelle had received a thank you note from Mary Kerr, after her presentation on Southern quilts. There were also two notices of quilts shows in other parts of Texas, and she wondered if this could be presented in the newsletter for the attention of our members. The board thought this would be okay.

Donna thinks that another guild plans to show its raffle quilt at the April meeting, but she wasn't sure which one it is. Mary Alice mentioned that the Garland guild is interested in showing their quilt, and Donna will be in touch with them. Donna mentioned that Bonnie Cook won the raffle quilt at the Dallas show, and Linda Neal won the Viewers' Choice award.

Community Service. Bonnie reported that since the last meeting there have been 40 quilt tops, 29 pillowcases, and 9 baby quilts donated. Also, eight quilt tops were completed at the Sit & Sew day. At future meetings they will have more dog bed covers available for members to fill with scraps and submit.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Rentz, Secretary