

Quilters Guild of Plano Board Meeting April 24, 2023– 7:00 p.m. - Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Donna Petrick. Board members in attendance were Donna Petrick, Dawn Wester, Mary Alice Caffarel, Bonnie Cook, Tisha Harms, Michael Davison, Carolyn Cosgriff, Liz Beaty, and Sue Rentz.

The minutes of the April meeting and the current financials were approved as presented.

Donna and Sue asked that everyone review the minutes soon after they are emailed. This is important for getting names spelled correctly and being sure that each Vice President's report is accurate. After reviewing, please let the secretary know if the minutes are okay or changes are needed.

Community Service. Bonnie said that she is taking over dog beds and deliveries to City House. They had been unable to get a new person to do dog beds, and one person resigned from the committee. She is hoping to get some pictures of quilts being delivered, so that we could publish them in the newsletter.

Education. Liz has an idea of someone who might be able to help with Education. Julie Cohagen sits with her at meetings and would be a good possibility.

Finance. Michelle is out-of-town, but Donna reported that they plan to open an account at Bank of America and begin moving some of our funds there around the first week of May. This is important particularly to allow people to make payments on the website without using PayPal.

Guild Activities. We discussed the display of Judy Niemeyer quilts at the May meeting. The program committee has two quilt stands that can be used, and there are others in the guild who have them. It was decided that they must be displayed on the stage, as there will be too much activity in other areas regarding show volunteers. We will wait until June to ask the Garland guild to bring their raffle quilt, and the Allen guild can display in July.

Media. Dawn hasn't sent the receipt for the computer purchase to Michelle yet, but she will do so soon. She has been working on cleaning up the documents on the website. She plans to make a list of pages that might be candidates for deletion and then share that with Donna for her opinions. We need to pare down pictures, particularly those from past meetings, but keep quilt show pictures. Dawn also reported that we now have a Mail Chimp Essential account for \$13 per month. This gives us 5000 hits per month of emails. Mary Alice will send her a current membership list in order to cut down on the emails we send. Dawn also asked about the needs of our June speaker; Tisha will learn 7-10 days ahead of the program whether Catherine will be bringing a presentation on a USB drive or something else.

Membership. Mary Alice reported that we have 326 paid members as of today. Only 317 are listed in the directory. We cited one person who is a member but isn't being displayed, and Mary Alice will send that name to Dawn in order to find out why.

Programs. Tisha said that we only have two more workshops remaining in the 2023 season, and each is about half full. More will likely sign up as they are several months away.

Quilt Show. Carolyn said that we are ready for the rollout meeting. She has ordered extra t-shirts in the larger sizes and is hopeful that they will be here by the May meeting. Dolores has posted

the volunteer sign-up on our website now. Tisha reported that we got 27 new quilts registered in the last week; the previous total was 58. Regarding food to order, we will be offering chicken salad, grilled chicken, tuna salad, and veggies and hummus.

Carolyn proposed that we offer a parallel activity regarding the first step on becoming a quilt show judge. One of the judges for our show is qualified to offer a 2-day seminar on this process that would run concurrently with our show, using one of our demo rooms. Standard pricing is \$200 per attendee with \$150 going to the judge. We would likely price it at \$250 and offer lunch on both days. The maximum number in the class is 12, and this judge could find a second instructor to allow 24 attendees. There are only three or four certified judges in Texas, and it would be in our best interest as well as that of other guilds to start the process to get more qualified judges for our state. This is a way we could give back to the quilting community.

Mary Alice moved and Tisha seconded that we spend a maximum of \$2500 to provide a certified judge workshop at the same time as our show. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49.

Respectfully submitted
Sue Rentz, Secretary