

Quilters Guild of Plano Board Meeting
June 26, 2023– 7:00 p.m. - Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Donna Petrick. Current board members in attendance were Donna Petrick, Tisha Harms, Carolyn Cosgriff, Michelle Cotton, Bonnie Cook, Dawn Wester, Mary Alice Caffarel, Liz Beaty, and Sue Rentz. Others who have been nominated for upcoming board positions also attended. They were Jeanne Vogel, Donna Morris, Beth Swiatek, Laurie Lumston, Raj Aggarwal, Valerie Schlake, Ginny Cherry, Lorrie Gray, Linda Sullivan, and Barbara Goetz. Donna asked each of the nominees to say a bit about herself.

The June secretary and financial reports were approved as presented.

Finance. Donna explained that we now have accounts at two banks, as Prosperity didn't offer everything we needed, including a credit card. We still need to keep some money there because of the safety deposit box. Michelle plans to have a couple of meetings with Deb to discuss how to handle vendor payments and the use of Zelle in general. She will include the appropriate people in those meetings. She will also talk with the Dallas finance person to learn what they can do on their website. It appears that Dallas accepts only PayPal and checks for membership. Donna reported that she still has not received a credit card.

Zoom. Dawn discussed our proposal to stop using Zoom for hybrid meetings, as they are very difficult to handle, and only a few people are attending online. It was suggested that we could use only Zoom for meetings where the speaker is out-of-town. When the speaker is live, we would not offer the option of Zoom. A July meeting, when the church has Vacation Bible School, would be a good opportunity to use Zoom. The general consensus was that this is time for us to come back together. The issue will be decided next month.

Donna also pointed out that our July meeting this year will be at the Retreat Center. They only have 60 chairs, so officers are asked to bring some also.

Community Service. Bonnie gave the following numbers for items that we have donated this year:

- 151 cuddles
- 360 quilts
- 312 pillowcases
- 179 dog beds
- 25 crate liners
- Total contributions—1027 items

In addition to these items, the Samaritan Inn has requested that we provide them with twin-size quilts. We have enough batting on hand to take us through the next month, but we would likely require 3 more rolls. The cost of batting has gone up 30%, and each is about \$250. We do purchase wholesale through the Retreat Center. Carolyn moved and Tisha seconded that we increase the budget for batting by \$1000. Motion passed.

Bonnie also said that Community Service is considering offering a weekend workday, aimed particularly at people who are employed.

Education. Liz will work with Lorrie to come up with some ideas for providing educational experiences before our meetings.

Webmaster. Dawn needs to determine how to lay out the board page, and Jeanne will send her some suggestions. She also needs to determine how to get emails related to a person's board position to each officer.

Membership. Mary Alice said that one more person signed up online, giving us a current count of 342 members. She is generally suggesting that people now wait until August to join, knowing that they can attend two meetings without making a commitment. A date for a new member retreat has not been set. Jeanne wants officers to attend it.

Program. Tisha indicated that we have bookings through 2024, except for September, when we want a guild member to do a program. This year, for example, Tisha and Donna will present a program on free-standing lace. At the July meeting, which Tisha cannot attend, we need to encourage sign-ups for the October workshop, which is now 50% full.

Quilt Show. Carolyn said that Laurie will represent the Quilt Show committee at the July meeting. She mentioned these other points:

- The judging committee wants to use the credit card to buy ribbons.
- Vendors, sponsors, and ad sales are all working within their budgets.
- The advertising budget has been increased to help with attendance.
- We particularly need volunteers for Quilt Angels, Security (3 to 5 per shift), and Quilt Take-down.
- The judging seminar has been a frustration because of the website. It's difficult to tell who has signed up, and people are apparently having problems with it.
- PayPal is problematic, and we must get it to work for admissions.
- Confirmation on quilt registration was working for only 30% to 50% of the people.
- Special exhibits enrollment is again open online.
- The floor plans are just about ready to send to the fire marshal.

Coming Board Meetings. Board meetings are currently scheduled for July 24, August 28, and September 25. The latter one is for turning over to the new board. Donna said that we also need a mid-September board meeting to work on the budget. In addition, she reminded officers to work on their annual reports; examples of past ones can be found on Dropbox.

Emily's Place. The Rape Crisis Center is receiving quilt from a church group and no longer needs our donations. Emily's Place is a Plano organization providing care for women and their children fleeing domestic violence. Carolyn moved and Sue seconded that we add Emily's Place to our list of organizations supported by guild contributions. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Rentz, Secretary