

February 26, 2024 Quilt Guild of Plano Board Meeting

| Attendees (those present denoted with an X) | | | | | | | |
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| x | Raj Aggarwal | x | Chris Fredericks | x | Donna Morris | x | Linda Sullivan |
| x | Liz Beaty | x | Barbara Goetz | x | Kris O'Connor | x | Jeanne Vogel |
| x | Debbie Blair | x | Lorrie Gray | x | Val Schlake | | |
| x | Ginny Cherry | x | Laurie Lumston | x | Beth Swiatek | | |

Meeting Minutes *(please forgive any misspellings)*

- Called to order at __7:00pm__
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes - approved
- Approval of Financial Report - approved
- Other items:
 - Discussion of approving meeting minutes by email so they can be posted before the next board meeting. It doesn't take long to approve during the meeting and we need to ensure it doesn't violate bylaws if we change things.
 - We received an additional \$181.25 from TI for Raj Aggarwal volunteer hours
 - We need some help at the end of meetings to put the room back in order. Plan to ask for volunteers but they need someone to give direction.
 - We were planning to have a Bones table in April but that has a national speaker planned so May would be a better date.
 - Advertise in the newsletter and March meeting that guests will need to pay \$5 at the April meeting due to the costs of a national speaker.

Show Chair (Laurie Lumston)

- So far, 57 members have bought a packet of 25 tickets for \$20. Estimate total sales to be \$1317 to date which is outpacing last year.
- Online registration for the show opens Friday, March 1. Working with Tisha/Ashley/Deb to update the forms.
- Online ticket sales will open later, probably April or May, and coincide with poster distribution.
- We are going to add a QR code to the posters directing people to online purchase of tickets. This will alleviate some of the hassle of selling pre-sale tickets at remote shops.
- Registration for the Judging Seminar should also open this week. We are charging \$260 to cover the credit card charges. Online registration only and we need at least 6 participants but would like to get 12.
- Advertising on NACQJ website to begin soon.
- We are increasing the cost of appraisals from \$55 to \$60 this year to be inline with the Dallas Guild cost and will likely raise to \$65 next year.
- Our raffle quilt will only be displayed at our meeting in May. It will be in the Dallas Show in March.

Finance (Donna Morris)

- We are moving more funds from our money market account to a 7 month CD earning 4.85%

Programs (Linda Sullivan, Beth Swiatek)

- Online signup for workshops is working.
- April workshops are almost full
- Meeting soon to discuss workshops for next year

Education (Liz Beaty, Lorrie Gray)

- Discussion about doing a demo with the Accuquilt we were gifted. Valerie has inventoried and cleaned up the pieces but isn't ready to demo it right now. She estimates the original cost of what we were given is \$10,000 so we probably shouldn't just donate it. Discussed how members might be able to use it or reserve time. Currently we don't need it for making kits but in the future we might so a decision was made to keep it for now.
- March demo will be on sharpening seam rippers.
- The April demo will be Deanna Tucker on making a pillowcase.

Membership (Raj Aggarwal, Barbara Goetz)

- We plan to give "years of service" pins out in September for 5/10/15/20+ years of service.
- 120 previous members have not renewed. Jeanne contacted 17 of those and was able to get them to renew.
- 300 members are currently paid with 35% coming to the meetings.
- Zoom attendance is more difficult to track since people come and go.
- New member's retreat is April 20 at the retreat center. Board members are welcome. Barbara to send a signup link to the board.
- We need batiks and bright fabrics to make the 9 patches for members who have moved.

Community Service (Debbie Blair, Val Schlake)

- We are working to get some representatives from the organizations we support to speak at the September meeting about how our support can help them.
- Val would like to add an organization that is physically located closer to her near Rockwall. This would spread our outreach and hopefully give us more of a connection to the organization than just dropping off items.
- Most organizations want twin size quilts now so it would be nice to find a place that would appreciate the other sizes.

Guild Activities (Chris Fredericks)

- March starts the pot holder exchange activity with pot holders due in April.
- An email was sent to the Riley Blake challenge participants to see if anyone is willing to finish their quilt in time to be a special exhibit at the quilt show.
- People really enjoy the special activities such as quizzes that Chris has been providing during the meetings.

Media (Kris O'Connor)

- Media has been doing well with the new camera and other improvements.
- Kris noted that the newsletter is not being archived and gets overwritten each year. She wants to fix this if possible.
- Kris also noted that there could still be problems with people receiving email especially those being forwarded from the backend. Everyone is encouraged to login directly to the backend to check the email for their board position.
- Also, she has been trying to clean up unread email to ensure there is room for new stuff. As you go through your emails, archive them if they should be saved and delete the ones we don't need.
- Kris can provide information on how to login.

Meeting Adjourned

- 8:21pm