

February 24, 2025 Quilters Guild of Plano Board Meeting

Attendees (those present denoted with an X)							
x	Christi Ables		Lorrie Gray	x	Donna Petrick		Carol Truscott(non-voting)
	Debbie Blair		Anna Marie Larrabee	x	Penny Reeves	x	Jeanne Vogel
x	Debbie Burns	x	Ann Lau	x	Val Schlake	x	Carolyn Cosgriff (guest)
x	Ginny Cherry		Laurie Lumston	x	Beth Swiatek		
x	Chris Fredericks	x	Kris O'Connor		Linda Sullivan		

Meeting Minutes *(please forgive any misspellings)*

- Called to order at _7:00pm____
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes - approved as written.
- Approval of Financial Report - no report.
- Other items:
 - Newsletter articles due the 25th
 - Lone Star Award will be going to Dena Smith at the March meeting for her work taking photos for the guild
 - Retreat was delayed a day due to weather. Refunds will need to come from Tanglewood Resort for those people that missed a day.
 - Decide by May if you want to stay in your position another year or switch positions. May is when the nominating committee is formed and it would be good for potential new board members to shadow the existing ones.
 - Carolyn Cosgriff is listening in as a precursor to being nominated to the Board this year.

Show Chair (Laurie Lumston)

- Online entry forms will be available March 1. Forms will also be ready for Special Exhibits, Online ticket sales, Program Ads, and Appraisal requests.
- Online volunteer forms will launch on April 1. We're still looking for job descriptions for the positions.
- We have 40 vendors so far compared to 50 that we had last year.

Finance (Donna Petrick, Penny Reeves)

- Working on a financial report.
- Working to get a check request form online that is editable.

Programs (Linda Sullivan, Beth Swiatek)

- The February workshop went well.
- The April workshop doing redwork with Rosie was advertised at the Retreat and people were able to ask questions. We received several sign ups during Retreat.

Education (Debbie Burns, Lorrie Gray)

- Debbie will be presenting tips for organizing scraps in March.

Membership (Christi Ables, Ann Lau)

- 297 members minus two that have passed. We need to leave their addresses for 2 months after passing to allow for cards to be sent.
- 200 9 patches were received and we sent out 300 of them to members that have moved.
- We have 100s of red & white 9-patches donated from a quilter that passed.
- Julie Schaefer donated several quilt kits. We've had a lot of interest in the special raffles that include kits.
- New Member retreat is coming up. Ann has been spending hours manually sending emails and should get set up to use Mail Chimp going forward.
- The name tags we are purchasing will be given as a free gift to every member. We may give an extra raffle ticket to people for wearing it.
- Discussion on how to get volunteers for Hospitality. Ann isn't getting responses from the small groups but also likely has old information so we need to update it.
- A suggestion was made to have some type of "icebreaker" activity and make guests feel more welcome.

Community Service (Debbie Blair, Val Schlake)

- We've had 305 quilts and 300 dog beds this year.
- We need more longarmers to catch up on quilting.
- We are still collecting quilts for North Carolina and for California. The Waco guild donated 10-12 quilts.
- We received a large donation of fabric that could be used for kids quilts.
- 5 quilts were made at Retreat and are ready to longarm. Michelle Watts donated a pattern and the fabric.
- A lot of other community service donations were made at Retreat.

- Also at Retreat, a hotel guest donated \$100. This led to a discussion of adding a “Donate Now” button to the website as we have no way to handle donations that are not cash/check.

Guild Activities (Chris Fredericks, Anna Marie Larrabee)

- Chris showed the stained glass quilt she worked on during Retreat. This is the activity for April.
- Pam Walsh has a lot of Retreat information/forms/docs on a USB stick. We need to get that information uploaded.
- We need a Retreat 2026 chairperson. The 3rd and 4th weekends in February are available next year. The 3rd weekend conflicts with Quiltcon which makes the 4th weekend a better choice.
- The Moda Blockhead challenge is starting. It does 2 blocks per week.
- June will have a fat quarter challenge.

Media (Kris O’Connor)

- Discussion of the “Donate Now” idea. It could be set up with some categories to allow a donation to be used for Community Service, Quilts of Valor or other items.

Meeting Adjourned

- 8:09 pm