

October 23, 2023 Quilt Guild of Plano Board Meeting

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

Meeting Minutes *(please forgive any misspellings)*

- Called to order at 7:13pm CST_____
- Approval of Minutes - Moved and seconded to be approved. Motion passed
- Approval of Financial Report - Skipped
- Other items:
 - Chris inquired on the cost of having a text messaging service that would allow us to send out notifications to all members for announcements such as meeting changes. The cost to send 500 notifications monthly is approximately \$20/month. Kris will investigate further and check limitations with a possible start of January.
 - Reviewed critique about the monthly meeting and the pros/cons of being upstairs versus downstairs.
 - Keep the podium centered and don't put chairs too close.
 - People like the 10 minute break and the demonstrations
 - Upstairs is smaller but better lit and people liked feeling connected.
 - Doors would have to be manned to let people in
 - Not much room for Membership and the other tables
 - Inconvenience of hauling items upstairs
 - People at the tables may miss the meeting content
 - We may be able to better fit tables and chairs in the room to accommodate everything but space is tight.
 - Downstairs has more space but is darker.
 - New members can feel disconnected. Bring back reserved seats for new members and introduce them.
 - Possible to change the table/chair layout but it is usually set up however the Church wants it the next day.
 - The round tables take up a lot of space.
 - Doors are open.
 - Discussion on how to get member photos uploaded. Members can upload their own and a statement about uploading them or asking for help will be added to the New Member email.
 - Discussion on whether to continue having board/committee members stand at the front of the room waiting to speak versus having a list of who wants to speak and introducing them.
 - Question on whether the Annual Retreat was open to all. It is not at this time and there is already a waiting list.

- Discussion on tracking volunteer hours. The website used to have a volunteer hour tracking system. Need to investigate whether we can add one again or at minimum post a form that can be emailed.
- Board meetings will be the 4th Monday every month except December when it would be the 3rd Monday.
- Dena Smith is looking for help with taking photos and editing the newsletter.

Show Chair (Laurie Lumston)

- Carol will not be attending the board meetings
- Three committee positions were filled at the last meeting
- Four remain to be filled. Program Ad Sales, Setup/Take down area, Signage onsite and Special Exhibit items. Kris volunteered to do the Program Ad Sales
- Bookmarks and Raffle tickets will include a QR code to the website and be available at the December guild meeting
- Show meetings will start in January

Finance (Donna Morris)

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Programs (Linda Sullivan, Beth Swiatek)

- Workshop photos were sent in for the newsletter.
- Flyers are being printed to bring to the meetings.
- Discussion about having workshop volunteers handle lunch for everyone. Decision made to only handle lunch for the presenter and the volunteers.
- Website has the Programs listed for 2024. Workshops will be posted for sign-up on the website after in-person sign up has been done at the guild meeting.

Education (Liz Beaty, Lorrie Gray)

- Send any ideas for 2-3 minute demonstrations that can be done during guild meetings.
- Do a demo during the 10 minute break and before the meeting.

Membership (Raj Aggarwal, Barbara Goetz)

- Membership does not have an inventory list but they do have some bins of stuff.
- They do have two "New Member" seat holders but there should be five.

- "Interest" information from renewals and new members is forwarded to appropriate committees.

Community Service (Debbie Blair, Val Schlake)

- Over 100 quilts are out for finishing, we need to remind people to bring them back.
- We could use more people to deliver dog beds. We have plenty of beds.
- The Birthday Quilt activity should be renamed as no one understands it. November is the last month to turn them in.

Guild Activities (Chris Fredricks)

- December is the guild Holiday Party.
- Discussion about who should bring food and what type. A charcuterie board theme was brought up as an option. Chris/Barb/Val will work on a plan. Valerie can get plates etc. from the storage unit.

Meeting Adjourned

- 8:26pm CST