

Monthly Guild Meeting by Zoom

Thursday, September 3, 2020

Board Members Present: Dotti Harris (President); Debbie Russell (Vice President); Bobbie Mowery (Secretary); Jill Ellis & Zena Larosa (Members at Large). Absent: Peggy Anderson (Treasurer).

Committee Chairs Present: Karin Powell, Lori George, Tabatha Smith, Debby Parry-Evans, Dee White, Joan Calvery, Leanne Shipley, Debbie Mashak and Lyn Bolster. There were 36 members present for this meeting.

Dotti welcomed everyone to the 2nd Guild Zoom Meeting. She also noted that we will continue to have Zoom meetings the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. PST.

The Guild has 130 members; a quorum is 43 members. Since we did not have a quorum present, we did not approve the August 2020 minutes. Though Dotti did ask if anyone had any changes or additions to the minutes. None were noted.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Dotti presented the bank balances and some financial information to the Guild. These are also on the Guild website. Dotti noted the following:

a. The Maple Valley Community Center continues to be closed due to COVID-19. They have refunded our rental payment for the rest of 2020. When they reopen and we again meet in person we will have to observe several restrictions, e.g., sanitation stations, only one person in the bathroom at a time, maintaining six foot distance from one another, etc. We will need to figure out what to do about passing the microphone.

b. The Guild is about \$5,300 on the plus side of the budget to date.

Debbie noted that speakers are the same price or a little more than those we would have scheduled in person. However, with Zoom we are able to reach out to speakers we wouldn't ordinarily have been able to afford for an in-person presentation. Debbie has received lots of great comments regarding Karen Combs (our August presenter). For September 17th, Susan Pelland will present "A Faster & Easier Way to Applique". For October, Kathryn Groves, bobkats, topic will be "Paper Piecing: How to Eat an Elephant". For November, Sandra Johnson will speak about repurposing denim.

There was a discussion about including pictures with the Directory on our website. Joan Calvery said that was doable. Please send pictures with your name to Joan via email.

Newsletter – two new items are 1) what is everyone doing and 2) a for sale area. If you have anything for the newsletter, please send to Joan Calvery by the 18th of the month.

Dee White spoke about the Secret Pal program and encouraged people to sign up. This time it is all about connecting with other members, so instead of gifts we will exchange note cards, greeting cards, correspondence. The form is on our Guild website and can be completed and sent to her online.

Leanne Shipley, Membership Chair, gave two prizes for attendance: Diana Kodad and Ann Mokry.

Zena LaRosa mentioned the BOM. The only entry Zena received for the Heart Shamrock and the Tulip blocks was Bobbie Mowery. We did discuss whether or not to continue the BOM. There is still interest, but needs more advertising, e.g., Facebook, newsletter, etc.

That led to a discussion about our Facebook page. At the current time, it is open to everyone rather than just members only. The members seemed to be in agreement to leave our Facebook account open.

Joan Calvery said that she had been mailing newsletters to members who are not online and had been told to stop a while ago due to the cost of postage.

Dotti said it was time for nominations for three positions: Vice President, Treasurer, and Member at Large. The timeline is October – Nominations; November – Vote (ballots). If anyone has a nomination, please send to Dotti.

Lori George gave a Hugs report. The Guild has given 258 quilts and 170 bags since the beginning of the year.

Respectfully submitted by Bobbie Mowery, Secretary