

## January Board Minutes – not yet approved

### SFQG Board Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2020

**Location:** Ortega Branch Library, 3223 Ortega St., SF, CA

Present: Maren Larsen, Sumilu Cue, Gloria Miller, Valerie Lienkaemper, Adrienne Hickman, Anna Chan, Karen Reiter, Carolyn Startup, Jeanie Low, Dottie McHugh, Lynne Britt, John Maxwell

Meeting start time : 6:35 PM

MSP: November Minutes approved

#### **Vice-President's Report** - Sumilu Cue

Make and Take at December meeting was successful.

Barbara Strick offered to schedule Opportunity Guild visits from other guilds to visit us to show their quilts and sell raffle tickets.

#### **Treasurer's Report** - Gloria Miller

QuiltAway money in bank and more money coming in as we receive new reservations.

Any fundraising at QuiltAway needs board approval i.e. using our logo. There might be a silent auction or bag auction at the QuiltAway.

We donated \$300 (our usual donation) to the San Jose museum quilts and textiles. This makes us (SFQG) a member. The SFQG membership guest pass is in the library. Any member can use the pass to visit the museum.

Gloria introduced the topic "How new ideas affect other people." There was a helpful discussion along the lines of "think about how your new idea might affect other people and how beneficial it is to get feedback on new ideas."

#### **Programs Report** - Sumilu Cue

The feedback on our January guest speaker, Maria Schell (in spite of initial tech delays) was positive. We enjoyed learning about her "quilt journey" and how it relates to traditional, art and modern quilts.

#### Standing Committee Reports:

##### **Quilt Show** - Alex Byrne

Alex still needs to fill some key positions including vendor chair and take down chair. Anyone interested in fulfilling one of these positions should contact Alex.

We discussed the entrance fee and decided to keep it at \$10 before \$15 at the show but to try to push for greater attendance.

**Website** - Cathy Miranker There was discussion of need for additional people to help manage web site going forward

##### **Quilt Away** - Jeanne Matysiak

##### **Community Outreach** - Adrienne Hickman

In Jan 66 pillowcases were given to Families Rising. Jessica Church has been shadowing Adrienne to help with our community outreach. There have been 2 meetings of the monthly Community outreach sewing circle and the next will be held February 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 4 PM at Adrienne's, 665 Joost Ave.

##### **Friendship Blocks** - Kenan Shapiro

##### **Historian** - Jeanie Low

Encouraged the board to add their quiltmaker stories to the website under members log in section

**Hospitality** - Margaret Piazza

**Library** - Cher de la Mere

**Membership** - Anna Chan

We have 220 members, 14 affiliates and 15 new members. We do not have a multi-year membership option. Rolling membership has been tabled for now.

**NCQC** - Laraine Salmon

Sumilu went to the recent meeting. The main topic was how guilds can work together. We discussed working with other guilds for speakers and/or workshops.

**Newsletter** - Ginger Ashworth

We discussed if a membership application is needed in every newsletter.

**Opportunity Quilt** - Dottie McHugh

Since the opportunity quilt will be started at the QuiltAway in June it is estimated that it will not be complete and ready to take to shows until August. Reservations will be made to take the quilt to shows and to meetings of other guilds.

**Parliamentarian** - Valerie Lienkaemper

Rolling membership is tabled for the present.

**Post cards** - JoAnne Vai

**Sewing Circles** - Betty McNiel

## **New Business**

**Friday morning class** - Caroline Lieberman (see letter from Caroline)

Since 1985 Caroline Lieberman (a founding member of our guild who taught many of us to quilt) has been teaching a quilting class at the Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church (31<sup>st</sup> and Clement) under the City College of San Francisco OLAD (older adults) program. CCSF has cancelled this class (and many others). Caroline requests that the SFQG sponsor the class. The discussion was very positive. Benefits to us include: Caroline has offered to teach without a salary, half the current students are already members of SFQG, we can refer members to her class to learn quilting, and we can, perhaps, do community outreach projects with the class. Dottie offered to coordinate with Caroline and the church and work on a business plan. Gloria will check insurance. The church requests \$40. per week which is usually donated by the students who contribute weekly.

**Rolling membership enrollment** - (By laws change)

table this for now

**Committee to consider possible new meeting location**

Our relationship with our current landlord has deteriorated lately. We can no longer use the kitchen and are required to pay extra for the librarian to get access to the hall to cull books. We need a space big enough to accommodate our members, our speakers, our library with parking, no stairs, a kitchen etc. Adrienne, Dottie, Sumilu and Valerie will research this with the help of data/ideas from the last search and report back. Possible suggestions include the United Irish Cultural Center and St John's on Olympia Way.

**Unfilled positions**

- Opportunity quilt co-chair
- Sewcials
- Secret pal

**Unfinished Business**

Committee Job Descriptions

meeting end 8:35

Caroline Lieberman letter from January 16, 2020

Dear Quilt Board Members,

The Chancellors at City College decimated the Older Adult Learning Program right before Thanksgiving. They cut all but 6 classes out of the 78 offered in the OLAD section as well as hundreds of other classes. My two classes "Stitchery" which are basically Quilting were cut.

I am writing to ask you if the Friday class can come under the Guild Umbrella of the 501 C3.

21 of us in the Friday class are Guild members. Most organizations do not want a "bunch of ladies only" meeting in their facilities. We would like to be the Friday morning Guild class

and I would be the Volunteer teacher. Any Guild member could drop in and use the facility. We have 5 long table 6 round ones. 3 machines in the class. There are 67 chairs. The room we use is the Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church community room at 31<sup>st</sup> and Clement St. We have always met from 9 AM to 11:30 AM. Some of us stay and have lunch together after most of the classes. Parking can be a little of a challenge. At this point in history the parking lot for CVS and the old Fresh and Easy at Clement and 32<sup>nd</sup> St. usually has spaces in it. None of us who have used it on occasion have gotten tickets. There is good bus service.

Here is the back story: We have been at the church since 1985. At that time the class was started by the church members and City College OLAD program. The church women in the class asked us if we would make voluntary contribution to the church to help cover the cost of paper towels, TP, heating, and lighting. They put out a coffee can and we have been donating ever since. Each month we send the church the donations. The end of December we sent it in with an additional donation (my students are very generous) and told them we would be back on January 24. At this point I have heard nothing from the church. They lost their Secretary in early November and there is no regular Minister. I have had the keys since the beginning of the class. Since there is no church member in our class, I am not sure who to get in touch with. We always set up the tables and chairs and put everything away at the end of class. And make sure the room is clean. We have access to the kitchen and one of bathrooms has a deep sink which is great for when we silk screening. Several years ago when City College was going thru the Accreditation mess, the Church Minister said we could stay – they loved having us and we often made little lap quilts for their sick members.

Gloria Miller mentioned to me that you are thinking of having a morning meeting for members who can't come at night. My guess is you would be able to use the upstairs church for a speaker meeting or we could set the downstairs up if there

were less than 67. I do have 45 enrolled in the class and usually have between 36 to 28 people come.

I did ask the students who were not Guild members if they would be willing to join the Guild and most of them said "yes". It is fine with me that all regularly attending students should be Guild Members. I would still ask students to do the voluntary donation for the church. Guests that are visitors could pay some kind of fee for the day and that could go to the Guild.

Lastly, as the Founding President of the Guild, I would ask this as a favor to continue under the Guild's care. I am sad that I cannot come to Guild Meetings. I am the main caretaker for my husband from 4PM to 8 AM every day. I am also leary of driving at night. But I still love teaching and my students in my classes as they help me maintain my sanity. Also happy to report that my granddaughter Lisa Lieberman is my assistant teacher.

I do not want to do the 501 C3 papers again as I did it for the Guild when we started as well as the California Heritage Quilt Project. I am sure it is much more complicated now. It would be an honor for my career to come full circle starting and ending with the San Francisco Quilters Guild.

Please feel free to visit us. We are starting at 9 AM on Friday, January 24. I understand the Board Meeting is January 28.

Best regards, Caroline Lieberman