

SFQG Board Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2020

Location: Zoom meeting on line

Present: Maren Larsen, Sumilu Cue, Gloria Miller, Cathey Kennedy, Valery Lienkaemper, Anna Chan, Jessica Church, Judy Epstein-Williams, Adrienne Hickman, Jeanie Low, Dottie McHugh, Cathy Miranker, Carolyn Startup, JoAnn Vail

Meeting start time: 6:35 PM

MSP: June Minutes approved

Vice-President's Report - Sumilu Cue (report attached)

Programs Report - Sumilu Cue (report attached)

Treasurer's Report - Gloria Miller (report attached)

Parliamentarian's Report - Valerie Lienkaemper needs help from Cathy Miranker on how to conduct the membership vote for the officers and the budget on line this fall. Cathy suggests using a poll for each, with the officers being one slate.

Standing Committee Report

Nominations Committee - Valerie Lienkaemper is looking for more suggestions for candidates.

Quilt Show - Alex Byrne (report attached)

Website - Cathy Miranker (report attached)

QuiltAway - Jeanne Matysiak (no report) The board discussed the possibility of a mini QuiltAway next year pending what Walker Creek Ranch and the State will allow. The discussion will be revisited in January.

Community Outreach - Adrienne Hickman/Jessica Church (report attached) are considering an online Zoom Saturday Sewcial.

Friendship Blocks - Kenan Shapiro (no report)

Historian - Jeanie Low is working on Christine Wemmer's Quiltmaker story

Hospitality - Margaret Piazza (no report)

Library - Cher de la Mere (report attached)

Membership - Anna Chan (report attached)

Directory this year - cost to mail, smaller size? Since we would rather not mail them out we need to revisit this in another month or two. The directory is available on line in two ways: 1) PDF of the printed version and 2) the online directory which is edited as new information comes in and is up to date.

The board and Anna will deal with hardship cases on a case by case basis.

NCQC - Maren Larsen Their meetings are on Zoom are open to the public

Newsletter - Ginger Ashworth (Mailing cost currently \$24 but charge is \$20 and the cost of the newsletter itself has gone up) Currently we are mailing out about 70 requested newsletters. Maybe we can contact the people that receive by mail to see if they would be willing to switch to the emailed version.

Opportunity Quilt - Dottie McHugh (report attached)

Postcards - JoAnn Vail 6 Postcard kits were given to Cathy for the free table this weekend. Adrienne has offered to hand some kits out at the Community Outreach curb-side pickup.

Sewing Circles - Betty McNeil (no report)

Block of the Month/Lone Robin - Julia McLeod (no report)

Round Robin - Mary Spadaro (no report)

New Business

Zoom Account - (report attached) How many people can log on from their computer? Our Zoom account may be able to be offered to the sewing circles for on line meetings. A scheduling calendar will be needed.

Fundraising – Auction not feasible at this time. We will revisit the topic in the spring, Giving Tuesday – online donation platform topic explored.

Some kind of raffle was also suggested but no details yet.

Guests - Do we want to start charging drop-in guests at monthly guild Zoom meetings in January? Board opted to keep the door open without impediment as a good will gesture. Agree to keep it free for now.

Discounted membership for affiliates this year? Or regular members? Discussion – no change.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business

St. Mary's Quilt - Dottie (report attached) Maren offered to work on this project with Dottie as leads. Dottie is pulling together the fees involved in its construction. She has asked Laura Lee Fritz about the quilting.

Staying in Touch: There is concerned about members who are not connecting with the guild during Shelter-In-Place time. We will reach out to them in some way.

Mini Zoom Workshops: Maren offered to kick off the effort with a mini Zoom Workshop on string quilt technique on August 22nd 9:00 AM to noon.

Location/Date of next meeting: Zoom meeting on line / Tuesday, August 25th, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by Cathey Kennedy, Secretary to the Board

Attachments:

Vice-President's Report: November Auction – We have flirted with having the auction online, but after a couple of discussions w/board members and other interested parties, we have cancelled it for now. Will revisit it next spring or may fill in with something else. We have received some great suggestions. If you have one, don't hesitate to send it on over. Thanks!

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Craziest budget I have ever tried to put together due to all of the unknowns. So many unknowns! If we are back meeting in person in the new year, I expect to prepare a revised budget and ask that it be approved. Waiting on one more expense item from Cathy for Website.

Budget Timeline: Revisions at this board meeting and final approval at August board meeting so it can go in the September newsletter and approval at the September general meeting.

Programs Report:

August - Sew and Tell, Julia McLeod and the Lone Robin, poll the members

September - Sara Trail... Social Justice Sewing Academy

October - Jody Alexander... The Boro Aesthetic

2021 schedule, so far:

January - Sandra Johnson (tentative)... Wearables

February - Trudy Cleveland... Tips and Tricks for taking quilt photos w/the iPhone

April - Blair Stocker... Using up your scraps

August - Mel Beach... Journey through challenge quilts or a new presentation

Global Quilt Connection Online Speaker Presentations, Wednesday, August 5 @ 1 pm Pacific Time

Quilt Show Report: - It's proved impossible so far to get anyone from St Mary's to call me back about rescheduling. Have phoned and emailed. Will try going old school with....A LETTER!!!

St. Mary's Quilt Report: St. Mary's requested that we make a quilt that they can raffle off as part of their 50th anniversary. I am chairperson and am working with the Lincoln Park Quilters (Friday class). We decided to do squares of different San Francisco Landmarks as the class did in 1987 for the anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge. Carolyn's granddaughter, Lisa created a Google Doc for the signups. This Friday, Carolyn and Lisa are going to teach applique so people are not intimidated. Lisa taught a class on Zoom last week on different ways to do half square triangles - she did an excellent job. We will buy a unifying blue for sky and green for trees and plants fabrics to be used.

I am working on the budget as requested by Gloria. I just asked Laura Lee for an estimate for quilting and am figuring out how much fabric we will need for the blue and green fabric.

Website Report: The site will revert to regular membership pricing on August 1st

Community Outreach Report: Epiphany Project

We have 15 finished quilts made by Guild members.

We received a total of 1,108 Cross-blocks.

We have 11 Cross block tops waiting to be quilted (5 made by members and 6 assembled by members)

We have 4 out to be assembled and 1 waiting for pick up at the next Saturday drop off.

Member donations in July

43 quilts

7 preemies

4 tops

Outreach held three Curbside Pickup Saturdays in July. We quickly learned that 10 to noon was optimal. Everyone was masked, socially distanced and used our hand sanitizer. We will continue with the first and third Saturdays in August. Jessica and I spent any downtime sorting and packaging scraps for free table events.

We delivered 51 quilts to Laguna Honda on July 24 and hope to deliver another batch next week. ZSFGH will accept baby quilts which will be delivered as soon as they can be labeled. We are not sure whether CPMC is accepting preemies yet, but we have about 75 ready to go.

We are also planning our next project.

Library Report:

No activity to report which means that not one member has called or emailed to use the library even though I have lots of new magazines and even books to sell from the 200 titles withdrawn which I'm pricing all at \$3 except for a few rare/out of print titles from the collection. A few unique exhibit catalogues discovered while weeding collection will be sent to a research collection.

Membership Report:

Membership Update since June 21, 2020 We welcomed 3 new members to our guild. Janet Conley from Mill Valley, CA Ginger Wei from San Francisco, CA Gail Stern from Berkeley, CA Total Membership (full, junior, affiliates) 244

Newsletter subscriber 5 It's

Renew Season Again. Encouraging to renew membership online. The membership form will be printed on the back of the newsletters for August, September and October (renewal season). Other than that, it can be available through membership liaisons (Carolyn and Karen) at regular guild meeting and from Anna, membership chair. With no in person meeting, there may be some postage expense if member cannot receive it by email.

Update and Input in regard to printing the 2021 Membership Directory. We had 150 directory printed for 2020 for members. Due to the distribution interruption from the covid-19 pandemic, we still have 76 directories on hand. Normally, we may have 20-25 left over by the end of the summer months. How do we want to produce the 2021 membership's directory? Do we want members be able to pick one up at one (or a few) locations if we don't have in person

meeting? Do we want to send it, at postage and envelope expense? Do we want to make it half the size to reduce expense in mailing it? If so, we need to ask who would be interested in a printed directory in stead of referring to our on line membership directory.

Opportunity Quilt Report: I am going to stop reporting on the Opportunity quilt since there is nothing to report until we have new dates for QuiltAway and the Quilt Show. I have the bag with the report and frame and I can keep it until we need it.

Zoom Report:

- We have two host licenses. Only one person should log in as each host. One is linked to the sfggzoom@gmail.com email address which both Maren and I logged in with at the Tuesday meeting, In future only one of us should use it to log in. We can discuss who. The other host license is tied to Sumilu's account but I think she and I need to work together to resolve an issue with that.
- Sewing groups *could* use our zoom for their meetings. The best way to do this would be to NOT give them the log in details but to ask them to email me with the time and date of their meeting so it can be set up for them. They can then join and have their meeting without my needing to join too.
- I believe I made a mistake with my early research and the guild CAN in fact use breakout rooms without them costing us any extra. I need to test this with Sumilu and possibly a few others to be absolutely sure. For clarity, breakout rooms are when there is one big online meeting room such as we have used already for our sessions. But at some point the Host can split people up into smaller private rooms where, say 3-10 people can meet by themselves. The host can then bring people back to the main room later.
- Maren and I have had an email from a member suggesting this be done after the tuesday meeting finishes for anyone who wants to stay on and do a little extra socializing. People can chat and sew together. It could also be used for Saturday Sewcials.
- I am open to trying this after the next meeting. A Host would need to stay online for the extra hour to problem solve for people who accidentally leave a breakout room or want to join a different one. The Host would then end the extra time at 9pm PST. I should be fine to do this for the August meeting if the Board would like to.
- Breakout room functionality opens up the chance of inviting a teacher to do a workshop either one evening or at a weekend. I have seen breakout rooms work very effectively with Sherri Lee Wood and other teachers. I would be more comfortable with a professional teacher with online experience for the December meeting than trying to do the usual Make-N-Take format online with members since teaching online is very different to teaching in-person. Our evenings are an ideal time for Australian or Japanese resident teachers to teach since it is earlier in the day for them. This opens up additional teacher options.
- In my email to attendees from the meeting last week I did suggest non-members might want to make a donation to support the work of the Guild. Would love to know whether this generated anything.