



Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 8, 2020
Zoom meeting online

Attendance: President Barbara Ceresa, Treasurer Kathy Mollet, Sheri Doerr, Jean Marie McDonald, Sue Miller, Holly Miner, Joan Mosley, Anne Wilson, Jane Dunnington, Mary Ross, Kathy Biggi. Sophia Day, Ruth Bertaccini, Nancy Holtz, Susie Hardy.

A. **Call to order** at 3:06 pm by President Barbara Ceresa.

B. **Announcements:**

1. Sophia Day – Two local area quilt guilds have extended invitations to attend their Zoom meetings/speaker workshops scheduled for late October and late November. An email announcement will go out to the membership.
2. Sophia Day – In response to the passing of Bertie Brem there will be an email request for stories from the membership in preparation for a memorial in the newsletter.

C. **Minutes from September Board Meeting:** Anne Wilson asked for a wording change to the Program notes in Committee Reports. Holly Miner asked for a change to the Newsletter report to include “In Memoriam” names from Share and Care. Kathy Biggi moved to adopt the minutes with corrections. Holly Miner 2nd. Motion was approved.

D. **Treasurer’s Report – Kathy Mollet:** The current balance is \$64,877.87. October rent to the Nevada County Historical Society was resumed at a 50% reduction (\$200) and will remain at that rate for the balance of 2020. It was noted that the Society had not charged rent for the last six months. Anne Wilson moved to accept the report. Sue Miller 2nd. Motion was approved.

E. **Old Business – Barbara Ceresa:**

1. **Results of Vote on Executive Officers and One-Time Reduction of Membership Dues** - The results of the membership vote for the 2021 Executive Board from the October Zoom meeting were: President Barbara Ceresa, Vice President Lillian Glaeser, Treasurer Kathy Mollet, and Secretary Sheri Doerr. The membership also approved the one-time reduction of membership dues for renewing members in

2021 to 50% of the \$30.00 fee. There were 88 members responding: 86 online and two by mail.

2. **Articles Submitted for the Newsletter** - A review of what types of articles are allowed in the newsletter was discussed with an emphasis on how to acknowledge other quilt groups such as We Care, Quilts of Valor, and Project Linus that share the guild's commitment to charitable service in the greater community, but are not directly supported by guild actions or funds. It was suggested to make a permanent titled section of the newsletter to include the activities of these groups, list contact information, and possibly show photos.

Holly Miner encouraged member contributions of written stories for the newsletter. Community Service activities, Patchwork Star, and pictures/descriptions of past Opportunity Quilts are coming. Joan Mosley reached out to the new members and four responded with written introductions in the October newsletter. It was also suggested to do spotlights on current members, i.e. charter members and board members. There's much to learn about each other.

F. New Business:

1. **Clarification of By-Law Article 5, Section 3 (Finances) Item F** – Jean Marie McDonald asked for verification that monetary donations must go to the purpose designated. It was confirmed that this is the case. How those monies are reported on the balance sheet has changed with the use of the current QuickBooks accounting program.
2. **Website Updates** – Sophia Day reported that the team is making progress on the new guild website. January 1st is the target date for its debut to the membership. There are questions about how to roll it out including possible surveys to ask about "Members Only" access to certain pages. Page security has been established and the board will be given a preview. Holly Miner reported that quilt backgrounds have been added for each page as part of the re-design. These can be changed as desired and images from members will be welcomed. There are digital size requirements to ensure picture quality. A resource for pictures is the binder of the guild's opportunity quilts since 1985, compiled by Ardy Tobin. All agreed this is a rich part of the PTQG history that can be shared with membership in Zoom meetings as well.
3. **Fundraising Ideas** – Barbara Ceresa initiated discussion by sharing that there has been no further information about how the proposed Student Learning Hub in the Main Street building of the fairgrounds will affect the use of the building for other organizations. This is of concern to the guild because of the 2021 quilt show. In light of this uncertainty should other avenues for fundraising be considered? Kathy Biggi shared the successful experience of another guild in hosting a bazaar. Concerns for PTQG center on the location for such an event, and the target population being our community where the economics have been impacted by the pandemic. Treasurer Kathy Mollet shared that the financial health of the guild is good and that income is not of primary concern at this point, but perhaps activities should be considered more for the priority of keeping members engaged in the craft. Suggestions included promoting the greater need for community service quilts at this time, encourage quilt challenges from mini groups, and a possible sale of items from Treasure Table donations.

G. Committee Reports:

- 1. Mini Groups – Jane Dunnington:** Some groups are Zooming; some are waiting for socially distanced gathering.
- 2. Share & Care – Mary Ross:** Cards are going out to members who are recuperating.
- 3. Membership – Jean Marie McDonald:** Updated application forms are coming from Sophia Day to reflect the change in fees for 2021. The form can be printed as a page in the newsletter this month. Chair position for this committee still needs to be filled. Jean Marie will continue through the compilation of the 2021 roster.
- 4. Community Service – Nancy Holtz:** Quilts are being delivered to Hospitality House, Living Well Medical Clinic, and Golden Empire Convalescent. The workroom will be open at the Historical Society on October 15th, from 9 am till 1 pm. Masks are required.

H. **Comments:** Thank you for setting up the meeting once again. Until next visit...

I. **Meeting Adjourned** at 4:51 p.m. by Pres. Barbara Ceresa.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheri Doerr
Secretary