

MIAMI VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2024
SHARING STITCHES
492 SECOND STREET, XENIA, OH 45385

ATTENDEES:

Melody H.	Shari B.
Kim G.	Debbie B.
Patti H.	Mary Ann C.
Pat H.	Shelly (subbing for Nancy W.)

BUSINESS:

- Minutes
 - Shelly read the minutes.
 - Retreat – minutes suggested August as a possible date for second retreat on alternate years when there is no quilt show. Board though perhaps October over Columbus Day weekend would be a good option to consider. A different group of people should be recruited to run the retreat.
 - It was noted that name of January speaker was Mary Zesiger.
 - Kim G. made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mary Ann C. Motion carried.

QUILT SHOW:

- Shari had a question for the board regarding Debbie A.'s brown bird quilt, a guild member who passed away. A team of people helped to finish the quilt Debbie started. She wondered if it would be acceptable to display at quilt show. Board approved and if a ribbon should be awarded, it would be presented to her husband.
- Sign-ups for volunteers will probably begin at February retreat and be available at the March/April guild meetings.

SPONSORS:

- Shari had a question about whether sponsors could post on Facebook. Board agreed. It may encourage other people to sponsor. Cost of sponsorship is \$20.
- Need to be sure to clarify that the sponsor/shop is posting about event; that it is not a guild event.
- All postings need to be done by Lindsey; sponsors will not be able to make the posts themselves.

BUDGET:

- Kim reviewed budget.
- Noted that a new roster will be printed soon. It was discussed about waiting until after the Quilt Show since so many new members join at that time, but Board decided it would be better to do a separate insert for the newbies.

VICE PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS:

- Mary Ann distributed a contract that she wants to begin using for guest speakers who do not already have their own contract.
- Melody suggested that Mary Ann leave a blank instead of specifying Bethel for location, as that could fluctuate depending upon circumstances.
- Mary Ann has written into speaker contracts a 48-hour window for cancellation. It should allow enough time to schedule something else.
- Lori Triplett – Mary Ann is working on getting this rescheduled for 2025.
- She has scheduled for May a speaker about Fabric Wars, Carol Hartley, Heirloom Weavers.
- Calendar:
 - March – Deb Porter
 - April – Linda Hahn
 - May – On the Road Again Challenge and Fabric Wars
 - June – Liz Granberg (shared expense with other guilds)

- July – Quilt Show recap (moved from June to allow special speaker arrangement)
- August – Bonnie coordinating Skills Building demos.
- September – Basket Auction
- Cash prizes for challenges come out of the program line item on the budget. Kim will bring cash for February's challenge.
- Visitors' fees were discussed. If we have a national speaker where hotel/travel costs are involved, then visitors need to pay \$10 guest fee. If other guilds want to participate, then they too must pay \$10 each. It was noted that for the March workshops, the speaker isn't charging the guild, so visitors who sign up for the workshops do not need to pay extra; they just need to pay the \$10 extra for the lecture.
- Visitors do not need to pay \$10 for local speakers.
- It was noted that Linda Hahn is selling books to workshop attendees; these are being sent ahead of time. Board stated that if Linda brings extras for sale at guild meeting, the price needs to be the same as what is charged the workshop attendees.
- Shari stated that she will have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting to see if there is any interest in her doing a workshop.
- Pat H. said she would bring buttons to use for the voting for the February challenge.

QUILTS OF VALOR:

- Pat said sew-ins are rather slow but should pick up as weather improves.
- She will be doing 20 presentations before the end of March.
- She has four quilts in need of binding.
- Pat has prepared 120 blocks to be completed at the retreat; rail fence pattern.
- 373 QOV blocks were donated at the November meeting.

NEWSLETTER:

- It was noted that it is acceptable to include outside guild/quilting events in the newsletters.

COMMUNITY QUILTS:

- Carol could not attend meeting but Melody thought that Ronald McDonald's House has put in a request for 1,000 quilts; she needs to verify that information. Watch newsletter for details. It should be coming out in next day or two.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Debbie noted that President arranges for prizes for name tag drawings. Melody stated she already has prizes she could use for this; no money will be needed.
- There won't be a name tag drawing in February due to packed schedule.
- Debbie noted that she will be working the membership booth at the quilt show. It was decided to use bags instead of folders for the membership packets. Board suggested Debbie contact Mary Lou M. She would be a good resource and probably has the information from the last quilt show that could be edited as needed.
- Debbie thought she saw information posted about membership fee being only \$10, instead of \$15. Board agreed that the change should be made.
- Guild banner – Debbie needs an easel and needs to include pictures of workshops and other guild happenings on the banner. Board suggested asking guild members to send her pictures; also check Facebook and the website.
- Perhaps vendors would be interested in sending Debbie business cards to include in the membership packets.

PRESIDENT:

- There will be a 50/50 basket raffle at the February meeting. Funds to be recorded under the Door Prize line item in the budget for general guild use as need arises.
- Show and Tell was discussed. To save time it was decided to just have all Show and Tellers display their quilts at one time, as opposed to having each person speak about their pieces.
- Next meeting will be May 9 at 6 p.m.

Kim G. made at motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.; seconded by Patti H. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Beculheimer, Sub Recording Secretary