

Minutes of the September 11, 2020 Beachplum Quilters Guild Executive Board Meeting

President Dona S. welcome everyone to the Executive Board meeting.

She thanked Laurie S. for both allowing us to use her home for this meeting and handling the monthly Zoom meetings.

She thanked Debbie P. for giving her what she needs before she even knows she will need it.

An email has been sent asking for dues to be sent to Jackie P. by October 30th. We are charged a transaction fee for deposits and are limited to 50 checks a month.

Charity quilts-last month there was a question as to were to hand in finished charity quilts. Answer: Crafty Fabrics. Dona spoke to Pat T. who has connected to some of the groups we have given quilts to in the past. Right now, Harbor House is not accepting quilts. Quilts For Kids are accepting nap/comfort sizes quilts- no bed sized ones. Hope House is not collecting per se. Their collections have a different theme per month. This month is Back to School- backpacks, school supplies. September is Baby Shower month. A reminder that charity kits are available at Crafty Fabrics.

Dona asked Ellen H. if there was any change on meeting at the church? Unfortunately, social distancing is still a problem with the size of our group and there is no foreseeable change in the rules.

Dona thanked Laurie S. for attending Zoom meetings for Maqgnet. It's a tough time to schedule workshops and lectures for the guild, and unfortunately our October workshop has been canceled.

Regarding the 2021 Quilt Show - Neither Kathleen C. nor Carol C. were available to attend the board meeting. But, presently we are moving ahead with plans. Dona does not consider it a given that will happen- too many variables that we cannot control- Covid, vaccine, social distancing, volunteers to set up show, Workers for the show, general feel on people attending shows. What should be the final Go/No Go date? The group discussed that money has already been spent on printing and advertising, and some miscellaneous things. New costs for an April, 2021 show would start to be incurred in January 2021, if not sooner, with locations deposits, frame rentals, etc. We don't have "extra" money to lay out and then not have the show happen again. In consideration that we are talking about 3 months to start gearing up for a show that is still not definite, a call of votes to cancel the 2021 show was asked for., Sadly, and unanimously, the vote was to cancel the 2021 show.

Block of the Month- Dixie M. and Marcia G. have told Dona they have received good feedback for the new set of block patterns to start in November. Instructions are being tested, and material has been ordered. A discussion was held as to whether we should increase the cost of the Block of the Month Program so it's a little more self sufficient. Dona will discuss with Marcia and Dixie.

Membership is slightly lagging. How do we use technology to keep everyone involved, to keep the group together? Not everyone in the guild chooses to be or is able to be on a computer. We need to make sure we reach everyone. We can let people know we'll help them join a meeting and get them set up for that. It can be accessed on an Ipad or phone too so those are good options.

Laurie S. discussed the website. The host company, Network Solutions, charged us an additional \$69.99 fee for a SSL certificate, which is required to keep out website secure.

Without a Quilt show in 2021, and no plans for a Luncheon or Special Event, the board voted to suspend the bylaw requirements of these functions due to the unprecedented circumstances related to Covid.

A line by line review of the proposed budget was conducted. Treasurer Debbie P. will provide a final budget.

It was noted that there was some laxity on submitting expenses for reimbursement. A decision was made that expenses must be submitted within 30 days of when they occurred or they will not be reimbursed. This will take effect October 1, 2020, but we will grandfather in expenses incurred before that date that have yet to be submitted.

Debbie P. will investigate our insurance coverage needs since we are not meeting at this time.

Dona S. has at her house a large donation of material, books, threads, patterns. Perhaps we can "garage-sale" these to members as a fund-raiser? It is too much for the Country Store OR to store until the next Country Store.

We do need to start thinking about a raffle quilt. Perhaps some of this fabric can be used for that.

Dona S. adjourned the meeting at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna DeAngelis
Recording Secretary