

Summary Minutes of the Executive Board

Brooklyn Quilters Guild – June 13, 2020

Board Attendees: Margaret Marcy Emerson, Anna Fike, Andrew Hansen, Mary Hawley, Farrah Lafontant, Micki Segel, Michael Sengstack

Reading and Approval of May Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Our income this month came from the Sherri Lynn Wood workshop although we did not make a profit on this workshop. The workshop cost the Guild about \$500. The board considered whether to pay for this workshop out of the Leni Abel Fund. Sherri was paid by the Guild through PayPal, which charged her an additional \$50.00. She has asked for reimbursement of this fee, which Michael paid. The board voted to reimburse Michael for this cost.

Micki made a motion to accept the June financial report. Mary seconded the motion. The June budget was unanimously approved.

BUDGET

Anna created three budgets, due to uncertainty about the coming year. The board agreed that we will present all three proposed budgets to the membership, recommending that we vote on the budget that allows for no meetings and/or show in 2021.

Membership:

Mary reported that we currently have 195 members.

The board considered changing the cost of membership dues and decided to have them remain the same at \$60.00 per year. We agreed to ask those who can afford it to make donations to assist other members who cannot pay. We also agreed to let the membership know to contact Mary Hawley if their circumstances have changed and they are no longer able to pay full dues. The best way to pay annual dues is by sending a check to the Guild's post office box, where Mary will pick it up.

Programming:

Michael suggested proposing a swap such as a charm pack, fat quarters or ugly fabric. (Items that fit in the mailbox). He and Farrah are working on ideas to keep members engaged. The Block of the Month is going to be continued throughout the summer.

Michael also suggested setting up a way to give away quilting items on Facebook or through weekly emails. We will test this out to see how it goes.

We will be doing a normal show and tell for the June meeting as well as a show and tell of the Presidents' Challenge quilts.

Technology:

Michael made a motion to purchase the \$14.99 zoom Pro account. Farrah seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the board.

Farrah said that she would like to expand the technology committee. She will reach out to the membership to recruit new members.

Insurance:

Andrew has been trying to reach out to a contact given to him by Ruth Marchese who deals with obtaining insurance for a nonprofit organization and uses Lamb Insurance Services. Ruth thought their prices would be much lower than the quote we were given by Maloney & Maloney. Andrew has sent an email and requested a quote from Lamb. He has not received any responses.

New Business:

The board discussed ways to keep members connected to the Guild during the summer.

Margaret has a plan for "tea time" for our ABC gathering.

The board is generating Ideas for short zoom meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm

Respectfully submitted.

Micki Segel

Addendum

At the Guild meeting on June 20th, 2020 the membership voted to approve the Budget recommended by the board. Sixty-two members voted to approve; two members voted not to approve. The approval vote carried by 98%.