

Summary Minutes of the Executive Board

Brooklyn Quilters Guild – September 19, 2020

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

Absent: Farrah Lafontant

Others: Martha McDonald

Reading and Approval of August Minutes

Anna moved to approve the minutes; Mary seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Our income this month came from Bee ads and membership dues. Our bank accounts have been going up steadily.

Micki moved to approve the treasurer's report; the motion was seconded by Mary. The report was unanimously approved.

Membership:

Mary reported that 107 members have renewed their membership. We had 203 members last year. It is not unusual for people to not have renewed by this time. After September Mary will send an email to people who have not renewed. The *Bee* will not be sent to persons who have not renewed their membership after October.

We have received \$7,600 in membership dues with \$1,600 as donations. The donations will support approximately 26 persons.

Programming:

Michael reported that the October 10th Bowl workshop with Kirsten Fisher event, which can accommodate 30 members, is currently two thirds full. He will make an announcement about this event at the next Guild Meeting Michael has approached Susan Sato about conducting a Sashiko workshop in January.

There are also plans for a "swap table" – involving ways to share or donate quilting goods. We discussed using the Guild's Facebook page to announce such a swap. Forty-eight people currently use the members only section of Facebook. Eighty-eight people have been using the Block of the Month (BOM) Facebook page. Anyone can join the Block of the Month Facebook page. Martha suggested having a "tech" meeting as a tutorial for using Facebook and our website. She also proposed creating a simple video that could be sent in a *Bee* Blast. A story could also be written for the *Bee* about how to use our website and Facebook.

September Meeting:

The date of the September zoom meeting has been changed to September 26th. Marilyn Gipson will announce her idea for a Black History Challenge for February. Micki and Madi will talk about the Quilt Fence Show at Holy Name Church. The BOM winner will be chosen. Andrew and Margaret will work on the agenda. We will give instructions on how to change one's name on their photo on zoom, so we will know who is in attendance.

Sewing Bees:

Michael asked if there is a sign-up sheet to host the bees. Margaret reported that there are about 15 people who attend. A couple of people have volunteered to host.

Quilt Fence:

Holy Name of Jesus Church has agreed to allow us to display our quilts on October 24th, with October 31st as a rain date. Micki Segel and Madi Appel are coordinating this event. Margaret Marcy has agreed to design signage. Micki will reach out to all the quilters who have not yet responded, to see if they agree to have their quilts on display at this event. There is room for up to 48 quilts. We agreed that we would need a team of volunteers to clean the fence before hanging the quilts. Michael offered to sponsor the purchase of two dozen pairs of white gloves. Ideas for the show include having people volunteer for a two-hour work slot, asking people who need it to bring a folding chair, and having all volunteers wear black or white. Quilters are invited to make a 36 by 36-inch rainbow quilt for this event, if it is delivered to Micki by October 16th.

New Business:

We agreed that although the Block of the Month Facebook page is available to anyone, only members will be eligible to win the drawing. We need to monitor who posts their BOM and put a friendly, clear statement as to who can win on our Facebook page.

Guest policy. We received a request from a guest to come to our sewing bee; however, they did not attend. We decided that people may come as guests to our meetings, at no cost. We will generate a different link for every meeting. Mary will try to keep track of who attends our September meeting by using screen shots.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am. Michael moved to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Anna.

Respectfully submitted.

Micki Segel