

Summary Minutes of the Executive Board

Brooklyn Quilters Guild – August 14, 2020

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

Reading and Approval of July Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report:

Our income this month again came from membership dues. The board discussed how donations that were submitted with membership renewals should be recorded; most of them were designated to support dues for members. The board agreed to keep donations separate until they are applied to the payment of the dues for a member or for a related purpose.

Micki made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Mary. The report was unanimously approved.

Programming:

Farrah and Michael have met with Kirsten Fisher and Martha McDonald about an October workshop in fabric bowl making. The proposal was for a five-hour workshop on making a bowl with triangles or for two three-hour workshops to make a nine-patch bowl over two Saturdays. The dates offered were for October 3rd and 10th, with the 10th for the five-hour workshop. There would be a limit of 30 participants. The workshop would be free to members, but there would be a \$20.00 materials fee.

Kirsten has offered to consult with members on fabric selection and other questions prior to the workshop. The board decided to choose the five-hour workshop to take place on October 10th, starting at 11:00 am. Michael will work on drafting a plan for the workshop.

Mary brought up the idea of creating a "virtual craft table" where groups of members who live near each other could share and trade scraps. Michael and Farrah will discuss this idea further with Mary to come up with a plan.

Membership:

Mary reported that she has received 74 renewals so far, with an additional \$1,315 in donations mostly earmarked to support the membership of members who cannot pay. She plans to reach out to members who haven't renewed after our September meeting, the official "renew-by" date.

Church Space:

Margaret has received the restrictions and requirements for meetings at Sheperd's Hall from the Church. They are very restrictive and do not allow for any tables to be set up and used and a maximum of 60 people would be allowed in the space. Margaret said that we would probably not be meeting in person until January 2021 and expressed concern that about losing use of the space. The person who she spoke with assured her that we would not lose the space. The board agreed to continue to reevaluate the possibility of meeting in person. We all agreed that it is unlikely that we will hold in person meetings before January 2021.

September Meeting:

The board is planning a zoom meeting for September. Micki has contacted Gotham Quilts to be our September vendor, but they have not yet gotten back to her to finalize the details. Farrah agreed to reach out to them through Instagram to communicate what is needed. Carol Lieberman has enlisted Cotton Candy to vend in October and she hopes that Susan Sato can vend in November. Marcie Brenner has said that she cannot vend until we have in person meetings.

Our challenge quilts will be due by the September meeting. Farrah suggested an open air drop off for challenge quilts so members can safely connect with other members. We also discussed having break-out rooms at the September meeting for socializing. Andrew and Margaret will work on the agenda. It was shared that we have been having around 15 members joining our zoom sewing bees. These meetings have been very well received by the participants. Marie Towle is interested in hosting a sewing Bee. We agreed to have these bees replace the Marion-Heim Bees every other Sunday, with different hosts. We will create a sign- up for hosting and figure out how to share the Guild's zoom account. Mary volunteered to track attendance at our September meeting.

The Brooklyn Bee:

The **Bee** team has proposed changes to the **Bee** that correspond with the Guild's adaptation to virtual meetings due to COVID. We agreed to all suggested changes and decided to keep the retreat coordinator information since this is a resource for our members.

Quilt Fence Show:

Thirty-two members who created Presidents' Challenge quilts have agreed to include their quilts in a "Quilt Fence" show on the fence along Prospect Park. Two people replied "maybe.?" There are two people who want to make Rainbow quilts for this show. Micki and Madi will co-chair this show. Madi Appell has drafted a list of tasks that need to be completed for this show, if it happens. Micki has not yet heard from the park and the status of our application remains "under review." It was suggested that any written literature be evergreen (no date) for future use. The board approved the \$36.00 purchase of additional rings for hanging the quilts by Micki since there may not be enough turn-around time if we wait until the application is approved.

New Business:

Margaret reported that the new member kit is still in the works. Farrah suggested exploring funding through the Brooklyn Arts Council to create Guild postcards that could be used to promote our Guild. We also discussed the idea of continuing to record and stream our meetings once we reconvene in person.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am. Andrew made the motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Micki.

Respectfully submitted.

Micki Segel

Account Balances - 9-18-2020 - As of 9/18/2020

Account	9/18/2020 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Checking-1679	12,611.73
Checks awaiting deposit	0.00
Savings - Leni Abel Fund-9906	2,727.00
Savings - Reserve Fund Quilt Shows-3111	33,551.34
Scholarship Fund 5101	97.00
TOTAL Bank Accounts	48,987.07
Cash Accounts	
Cash	0.00
Petty Cash	248.25
TOTAL Cash Accounts	248.25
Credit Card Accounts	
Credit Card	0.00
TOTAL Credit Card Accounts	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	49,235.32

Monthly Income/Expense by Category 9-18-2020

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Category	8/13/2020- 9/18/2020
INCOME	
Bee Ads	1,266.90
Donations	100.00
Interest	0.33
Membership Dues	3,661.53
TOTAL INCOME	5,028.76
EXPENSES	
Fees & Charges	
Bank Fee	72.00
TOTAL Fees & Charges	72.00
Telephone	55.64
Website Security	24.75
TOTAL EXPENSES	152.39
OVERALL TOTAL	4,876.37