

**Brooklyn Quilters' Guild
Summary of Executive Board Meeting
February 11, 2022**

Present: Micki Segel, Margaret Marcy Emerson, Barbara Danzi, Michael Sengstack, Barbara Christ, Leona Shapiro, Serena Boyles, Alice Braziller

Others In Attendance: Susan Aronoff, Martha McDonald

Minutes: Barbara Christ moved to approve the minutes. Serena seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Margaret asked if the minutes can be sent to members earlier. Alice agreed to do so.

Financial Report:

Leona reached out to our accountant on Monday regarding our taxes.

Leona will send the total membership dues to Barbara Christ to check that their numbers are in sync.

We currently have \$2327.13 in our scholarship fund thanks to the generous support of our members. Barbara Christ made a motion that we use this money for workshop support as well as membership support. Michael seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved. We will ask members to vote on this proposal at our upcoming meeting.

Leona sent a check to Clara Nartey, our March meeting presenter, for \$600.00.

Program Report:

Only four members have signed up for the Sunday, February 27th Workshop with Lisa Shepherd. We will promote it more via Bee Blasts, Facebook, and talking it up at our upcoming meeting after the presentation of African American quilts. We will also have African fabric strips available at our meeting to encourage members to sign up. While Lisa is charging \$55 per person, participants will pay \$25.00; the balance of the fee will be paid from the programming budget.

We discussed why more members aren't signing up for workshops in general this year. Michael suggested we need better marketing. Some

board members think that members are experiencing Zoom fatigue. We hope to find out more about our members' needs from the survey members fill out.

The Leni Abel Workshop is still open. Sandra Lee's Denim Workshop is still a possibility. Alice mentioned that Anita Grossman Solomon's Workshops were always a big hit.

We will also send out a Bee Blast soliciting members who can teach a technique. We were reminded how popular Micki's Circle Workshop was.

Membership Report:

We currently have 182 members.

Barbara Christ asked for approval to pay for new membership and treasurer mailboxes so that the Guild rather than individual members are the owners. Network Solutions hosts the Guild's website account and charges 1.75 a month to host additional mailboxes. The Board approved expense and Barbara will follow up with Trudy Roach who can implement. Best practices for managing various Guild passwords was also discussed.

February Meeting:

Micki will pose informal questions about members' interests regarding workshops, lectures and trunk shows.

Susan and Leona will help Micki manage the logistics of the Round Robin. Robin Engelman is making labels to go in the packets. A reminder of the Round Robin should go in this week's Bee Blast.

We will have a slide show of Black History themed quilts.

Leona will give the financial report.

Joyce Crupi and/or Ellen Piccolo will talk up our April 2 Fence Show. Registration forms will be in future Bee Blasts and The Bee. Margaret has 20 pounds of Fabscrap fabrics to distribute to members to use in their reuse quilts.

Margaret will ask for 16 members to take Anna Foss basket blocks.

Martha McDonald will facilitate the Pumpkin Block of the Month drawing.

New Business:

We will have an exploratory Zoom meeting on Sunday, March 6 at 1 P.M. to discuss our next big quilt show in 2023. A zoom link will be sent out to all members in Bee Blasts and our Bee Newsletter. It is crucial that we get started on a Raffle Quilt for the show.

We will continue to wear masks at our Saturday meetings until further notice from the church.

We will continue our \$30.00 membership for new members under 30 years old.

Alice moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 A.M. Barbara Christ seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Braziller,
Secretary