

Sent to board Sept. 13, 2023

Brooklyn Quilters' Guild Board Meeting  
June 28, 2023, 6 pm via Zoom

Attendance: Martha McDonald, Katie Mahoney, Christine Augenbraun, Susan Aranoff, Poppy O'Neill, Serena Boyles, Kirsten Fisher, Annette Wallace, Nancy Russell

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 by the co-president, Martha McDonald

No agenda was presented, but the focus of this meeting was to discuss programming for the fall.

### **Fabric bowls workshop with Kirsten Fisher**

The workshop will comprise six hours of teaching for a cost of \$900 to the presenter. The money could come from the Lenni Abel fund or the Eileen Anderson fund. There will be no charge for participants. Purchase of Kirsten's book at a cost of \$20 is a requirement for participation. Materials include a minimum of two yards of interfacing which can be purchased from JoAnn's for \$6-\$7/yard and template plastic. The workshop will be limited to 15-20, with 15 preferred.

Alternative schedules were discussed:

1. Two Zoom meetings of three hours each to be held on a Saturday and subsequent Sunday
2. Two Saturdays after Guild meetings to be held in-person during October/November
3. An in-person meeting after a Guild meeting with a Zoom meeting on the Sunday next day

The third option was adopted. This eliminates having to find a place to hold an in-person meeting and eliminates participants from having to tote sewing machines and supplies to a common location. The first in-person session will follow the October Guild meeting with the second Zoom session on the next day (Sunday). It was also decided to cap the workshop at 15. If there is sufficient interest the workshop could be repeated in the spring. Sign-ups will be at the September meeting on a first-come, first served basis. The book and supply list will be available at sign-up. There will be a description of the workshop in the September *Bee*.

### **Pillowcase paloosa**

The September Guild meeting scheduled for September 23 will be followed by a pillowcase "paloosa" with a goal of 225 pillowcases to be completed. Annette will prepare 150 pillowcase kits. She also has dozens of cuffs. All fabric will be supplied and will be washed and ironed and precut. Someone in Long Island has bolts of fabric to donate; they just need to be picked up.

Christine and Annette will supply thread. Sewing machines, two-three ironing boards and irons will be needed. Pillowcases will be donated to Kids for Smiles. Christine suggested a demonstration at a Sunday bee to reach people who are not local. Annette will write something for the September *Bee*. There is already a guide to making the pillowcases on the website. Susan said she could update and “make it pretty.” Annette has a brochure which she will send to Susan.

A pizza lunch will be provided. The hope is that members will be inspired to make a few pillowcases each month.

### **Other issues**

- Bee blasts: Andrew will continue.
- Sunday bees: A host (or hosts) is needed. Mary Hawley, Margaret Marcy, and Andrew have hosted in the past. It doesn't seem fair to have one person hosting since it's a big commitment for every other Sunday.
- Activities during meetings: Should we have programming during meetings? It was noted that we have done so in the past: trunk shows, speakers, round robin, potholder exchange, show and tell themes. Christine will work with Poppy to design a survey to assess members' wants and ideas which will be sent in a bee blast. We need activities to attract and keep new members.
- Fence show: A fence show for the fall is planned but no date yet as it depends on a go-ahead from the church.
- Summer board meetings: We will keep in touch to decide whether another meeting during the summer will be needed.

Serena moved to close the meeting at 7:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Russell, Secretary