

Summary Minutes of the Executive Board

Brooklyn Quilters Guild – May 8, 2021

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

Absent: Farrah Lafontant

Others: Susan Aronoff, Leona Shapiro, Barbara Danzi, Barbara Christ, Serena Boyles

Reading and Approval of April Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report:

Anna reported that our income this past month came from membership dues. Expenses were for charity quilts and a website upgrade. Our phone expense has been reduced from a \$62 per month charge to a \$20 charge for Google Voice which is a one-time fee for importing the Guild's phone number from T-Mobile to Google Voice. The Guild has almost \$48,000 in its account. All our funds have grown.

Margaret asked for Board approval to make a \$250.00 donation to the church for hosting our Fence Quilt Show. Micki made a motion to approve a \$250 donation to the church. Anna seconded this motion. The motion was unanimously approved. This donation will be paid out of the Guild's Quilt Show Fund.

Micki moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Mary seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved.

Membership: A new person joined right after our last meeting bringing our membership count to 193.

Programming:

Michael reported that the Virtual Quilting Sampler event will take place on May 22nd and May 23rd. A zoom link will be sent out to members a week before the event. Michael suggested surveying our members as to which of the presenters they are most interested in for future workshops. Mary will provide Michael with a list of *new* members so he can send out an invitation to them asking that they introduce themselves and show their work at our June meeting.

Board Slate for Election of new Board members:

The list of new nominees to the Board will be presented at the May meeting by the nominating committee. The voting takes place at the June meeting. The Board has

agreed to split the Membership chair role into two, adding another member to the board. Two thirds of the membership need to approve this change to increase the board's size by one member. The proposed wording of this change will be sent to the entire membership in a separate *Bee Blast*. The proposal will be voted on at the May meeting and documented in the minutes. The new Board begins in September. Madi Appell, the chair of the nominating committee, will be asked to present the slate of board members to the membership at the May meeting. She will also ask for any nominations from the membership. Micki made a motion to have membership vote electronically over zoom at the June meeting (due to the pandemic) or by mail in advance of the meeting for those who cannot attend the meeting. The board approved this procedure just for this year, due to the unusual circumstances.

Anna seconded this motion which was unanimously approved. Those who vote by mail will not be anonymous since we need to verify that no one voted more than once. Meeting guests will be asked not to vote. A ballot will be published in the June newsletter for those who wish to vote by mail.

Earth Quilt Fence Summary:

Micki reported that there were approximately 1,100 attendees at our Earth Day Fence Show, which was a big success. People signed up to receive notification of future shows. Margaret and Andrew intend to send a warm greeting to those attendees. The Show committee held a debriefing and want to plan another Fence Show for the Fall. There was discussion about a theme for the show and it was agreed that something to do with emerging from the pandemic would be a good theme. Micki suggested "Come Together" which appealed to the Board. Micki agreed to write a Bee Blast announcement with guidelines and a due date, once we check with the Church for a Fall date. We agreed that October 23rd with an October 30th rain date would be good. Since the Guild cannot meet in person at the Church on the third Saturday in September, we decided to meet on the fourth Saturday, when the Fence Show quilts would be due. Mary offered to write an article for the *Bee* to encourage members to acknowledge the quilter (if not them) on their quilt labels.

Sunday Sewing Bees:

Our Sewing Bee for the 23rd of May overlaps with the Sampler Workshops. The board decided to cancel this Sewing Bee since most of the Bee attendees will attend the workshops. May 22nd is the memorial for Sheri Saltzberg, which may also overlap with the workshops. A decision was made to hold the Guild's end of the year picnic on Saturday, June 26th. Margaret will not be available this weekend. Andrew agreed to be in charge of the picnic. Margaret is looking into a Prospect Park permit. There was discussion of where in the park to hold the picnic. The well-house was suggested near the Lincoln Road entrance. We agreed to thank the outgoing Board members at the picnic.

Newsletter/Bee:

The *Bee* is difficult to send out by attachment in an email since the file is so large. Debbie Breckenridge suggested sending out the Block of the Month in a separate email as an attachment and/or send our members a link to the *Bee* on our website. It was agreed that it is preferable to send the *Bee* as an attachment since not all members access the website. Margaret will speak to Joy West to see if she can reduce the size of the BOM PDF and send out the email.

Church space:

Mary agreed to reach out to new member Sara Goggin to find out if she has advice **for** setting up hybrid meetings at the church in the fall (live and on zoom). Micki and Margaret will speak to the church about their face-to-face meeting requirements and rely on the pandemic guidelines from the State as well to determine how we meet. Andrew will speak to member Trudi Roach about technology issues as well. The board will decide at our next meeting whether to ask the church for a credit for the four months when we didn't meet at their facility. Anna moved to close the meeting at 11:39 a.m.; Mary seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted.

Micki Segel

Addendum to May 8 minutes:

The board agreed by email communication to temporarily change the schedule for board review and approval of the budget from April to June (or earlier if preferred) and to publish immediately after.

May 15th Membership meeting:

The slate of board nominees was presented by the Nomination Committee Chair to the membership, Madi Appell. Madi also asked the membership for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations put forth by membership. The slate of nominees is as follows:

Co-Presidents: Margaret Marcy, Micki Segel

Co-Vice Presidents: Michael Stengstack, Barbara Danzi

Secretary: Alice Braziller

Treasurer: Leona Shapiro

Co- Membership Chairs: Serena Boyles, Barbara Christ