

Summary Minutes of the Executive Board

Brooklyn Quilters Guild – February 13, 2021

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

Others: Martha McDonald, Susan Aronoff, Madi Appell

Reading and Approval of January Minutes

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

Nominating Committee Report:

Madi Appell represented the nominating committee which included herself, Sylvia Hernandez and Jenn Arzberger. She reported that the committee worked well as a team.

The following persons have agreed to run for the board in May for the 2021-2023 term. Co-President nominees are Margaret Marcy and Micki Segel; Co-Vice President nominees are Michael Sengstack and Barbara Danzi; Treasurer nominee is Leona Shapiro; Secretary nominee is Alice Braziller.

The Membership Chair nominee is Annette Wallace. Carolyn Alexander has offered to assist with membership but not as the chair of this committee. Margaret suggested having a Co-chair for the membership position. Mary agreed since she felt it would be important to have a second person who would coordinate volunteers for the membership table once in-person meetings resume.

Micki offered to send a link to the Guild Bylaws to the nominees and we all agreed that we would welcome the nominees' attendance at future board meetings. Margaret suggested compiling a list of all of the volunteer positions of the Guild. The board agreed that we think it best to continue with Zoom board meetings once we resume in-person meetings. Andrew thanked Madi and marveled at the speed of the work in identifying nominees. Madi suggested, going forward, that a time frame be developed for the nomination

process, along with a coherent process and job descriptions, Andrew agreed to forward the job descriptions that have been developed to Madi.

Treasurer's Report:

Anna reported that Speaker (workshop) expenses were the biggest expense items this month, explaining our net loss. \$2,572.50 was moved to the show fund from membership dues. A number of our membership payments were collected through PayPal and many people added the cost of the PayPal fee to their dues. The cost of the PayPal fees thus became negligible. Anna said she would like to put the Visa bill on auto pay. The board agreed to this request.

The Maria Shell workshop expense will come out of the Leni Abel fund. The Guild received a \$500.00 donation for the Leni Abel Fund. It was agreed that the \$125 donation from our last Quilt Fence Show will be used for expenses for our upcoming Quilt Fence Show.

A motion was made by Micki to change the name of the "scholarship fund" to the "member support fund" Michael seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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

Programming:

Show and Tell for February will include quilts by our members on the theme of African American History month. Michael reported that he is hoping to confirm a presentation by Carolyn Mazloomi for March by next week. The Marie Shell workshop will occur in April. Plans have not yet been made for May or June. Michael has explored presenting a free motion workshop, but it is unclear how this would work over Zoom. Farrah suggested engaging a lecture on a topic of interest. She said that Mary Fons now has a channel that she has been following. There was a brainstorming of ideas of programming for children, including virtual programming ideas and starting a Brooklyn Quilters YouTube channel. Susan and Farrah were both interested in working on a children's program. Margaret suggested that we submit our ideas in writing.

Membership:

Mary reported that two new persons and three returning persons joined the Guild since our last meeting. We currently have 185 members. One of our long-standing members, Sheri Saltzberg, passed away this week. Mary has comprised a list of members who have never joined a Zoom meeting. The board discussed ideas for engaging these members. Micki made a motion that new members joining after February be able to join at half price. Mary seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Farah suggested establishing this measure as a rule.

Earth Quilt Fence Show Update:

Micki has registered our event online as a Quilt Day event at <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/>. Alice Braziller will again coordinate the volunteers, Martha McDonald agreed to manage the publicity and Margaret agreed to create the signage. There was discussion about having live music at the show, including payment for the musicians. Pat Decker will be coordinating a swap at the Show. Given that the show is an Earth Day event we agreed that we must be sure to abide by earth friendly practices.

New Business:

Martha McDonald asked for permission to contact Marilyn Gipson who donated to the Guild to ask if she could publish this information in the Bee and encourage others to donate.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am.

Respectfully submitted.

Micki Segel

Account Balances - 2-10-2021 - As of 2/10/2021

Account	2/10/2021 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Checking-1679	8,134.72
Checks awaiting deposit	0.00
Savings - Leni Abel Fund-9906	2,727.22
Savings - Reserve Fund Quilt Shows-3111	36,065.20
Scholarship Fund 5101	97.00
TOTAL Bank Accounts	47,024.14
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	47,272.39

Monthly Income/Expense by Category 2-10-2021

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Category	1/9/2021- 2/10/2021
INCOME	
Donations	125.00
Interest	0.30
Membership Dues	274.00
TOTAL INCOME	399.30
EXPENSES	
Charitable Work	262.90
Comfort Quilts	156.00
TOTAL Charitable Work	418.90
Education	
Speakers	1,190.00
TOTAL Education	1,190.00
PayPal Fees	10.64
Telephone	60.59
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,680.13
OVERALL TOTAL	-1,280.83