

Brooklyn Quilters Guild Board Meeting February 10, 2024

Attendance: Martha McDonald, Katie Mahoney, Serena Boyles, Leona Shapiro, Christine Augenbraun, Susan Aronoff, Nancy Russell, Susannah Laskaris

The meeting was called to order at 9:39 am by Co-president Martha McDonald, who also facilitated.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 13, 2024, meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Leona has submitted the report in writing. Documents need to be sent for posting on the website. The report was approved.

2025 Quilt Show

Martha reported that the dates of April 25-26-27 have been secured with BK Loft for the show. The contract has not yet been received.

Spring Fence Show

Susannah reported on the show. Saturday, June 1, 2024, has been confirmed with the church for holding the show. The rain date is June 22. A planning meeting was held yesterday. Three new members have joined the planning team. Alice Braziller will assist with coordinating the volunteers. A theme will be decided by next Wednesday. The team will either decide the theme or will present two-three options for members to consider at the general membership meeting. [Consensus was that it would be preferable for the team to decide the theme.] Registration and quilt submission will take place at the April meeting since the May meeting will be Zoom only. However, quilts will continue to be accepted in May with drop-off locations to be arranged. Leona volunteered to be one of the locations. It was suggested that the Guild receive a percentage, perhaps 5-10%, of the purchase amount for any quilts sold. A document detailing the history and planning of fence shows should be made available to members. It was suggested

that this be accomplished by sharing it through Google Docs which members could access with the Guild password. A written record could be useful in applying for grants.

There will be a separate table to publicize the Guild. Donations will be taken and people encouraged to join. The location for this table is yet undecided. There will also be some tables set up in the church parking lot. These could include a table with quilt kits for people to take away, a “mending space” where simple repairs like sewing on a button would be demonstrated, a table showcasing the Guild’s charity quilt activities, a FabScrap table, a table of Girl Scouts working on a quilt, a table for donations (both food and money) to the food pantry. A giveaway table was thought to distract from the other tables and will be included only as a last resort. Volunteers are needed to man the tables. Margaret will keep in touch with the church about use of the parking lot.

At the last fence show, volunteer coverage was sometimes inadequate. At the upcoming show, anyone who enters two quilts will be asked to complete two volunteer shifts. Debbie Breckenridge will offer a mandatory white glove training of about ten minutes to be presented at the April meeting or May Zoom meeting or both. The church will be given a donation of \$200 (or possible a little more) for the fence show.

Themes under consideration include:

- Get in line
- The future
- What the hand does, the mind remembers
- Optical illusions
- Spark the magic. . .
- Folk tales/folk art/mythology
- If you could read my mind. . .

ABC Frenzy

Susannah also reported on the frenzy. A cochair is being sought to share the work. More structure is needed than in the past. Previous frenzies were chaotic with new members not knowing what to do and asking a lot of questions. Poppy volunteered to help and suggested the discussion continue in a separate planning meeting.

[Susannah left the meeting at this point, at 10:21.]

Programming

February

ABC Frenzy

Black History Month. Doris Douglas will give a short presentation (five-eight minutes) about the St. John's Quilters.

Round Robin Exchange

March

Women's History Month: Poppy will give a presentation on the history of the sewing machine or washing machine. Martha had written an article on the history of the sewing machine which she will share with Poppy.

Members Teaching Members: The workshops will take place after the meeting. One member has volunteered to demonstrate paper piecing. Others will be recruited to teach other skills. The survey responses will suggest which skills to include. Cutting techniques was one of the ones in demand. Those leading the sessions will be reimbursed for supplies. A question was raised whether members should be reimbursed for car service for transporting sewing machines. It was pointed out that most bring their machines in their own cars; the discussion was tabled.

Round Robin Exchange

[Martha reported that a check for \$400 was received from Ed Anderson for sale of another piece of equipment. We should send a letter thanking him for his donations. It should include a dollar amount that he can use for tax purposes.]

April

Round Robin Exchange

Nothing else is planned. It was suggested that the Lenni Abel Fund could be used to pay for a presentation. Leona pointed out that the money does not necessarily have to be used every year. Perhaps with advance planning the money could be saved for something special for next year, for example, engaging a renowned quilter to speak. A *Shibori* presentation is a possibility, but nothing is arranged yet. Richie is in contact with a potential presenter.

May

Zoom: The meeting will be Zoom only.

FabScrap Presentation: An honorarium was requested but no dollar amount was specified. It was approved to give an honorarium (\$100-\$150).

Trunk Show: Farrah LaFontant and her mother will present a trunk show.

Round Robin Exchange: The exchange will need to take place outside the meeting since it is Zoom only. Details need to be worked out

June

Round Robin: Participants will exchange the final products.

Wrap-Up: The traditional end-of-year potluck will take place.

A Members' Marketplace will be held.

Guest Fee

Nancy stated that she feels the guest fee is too high and should not have been increased to \$10. Leona reported that she checked the fee of several other guilds which all charge \$10. When guests checked in they were told that if they couldn't pay the \$10 they could pay less; no one requested to do so. However, Nancy heard complaints from some of the guests during the meeting about the increased fee. Leona stated that if a change were to be made it should be made in June and implemented in September. The discussion was tabled to next month.

Mia Shaw Research Project

Syliva Hernandez is in touch with her. Perhaps she could make a short presentation at the next meeting about the project.

Keaton Quilts

Keaton Quilts is a new shop at 150 West 28th Street in Manhattan. It has rental space for workshops with a capacity of six and plans to expand to a capacity of eight. The fee (with a guild discount) is \$9/person/hour or \$162 for a workshop for six quilters for three hours. There is a minimum charge of \$100. Two months' advance booking required. It seems to be a good resource for the Guild.

Bylaws

Changes suggested by Barb Christ and removal of the apostrophe in the organization name were approved. Martha will further review the bylaws to determine whether additional changes are needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Russell, Secretary

Account Balances - 3-8-2024 - As of 3/8/2024

Account	3/8/2024 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Checking-1679	8,441.08
Checks awaiting deposit	0.00
Member Support Fund 5101	2,484.89
Savings - Leni Abel Fund-9906	2,004.11
Savings - Reserve Fund Quilt Shows-3111	28,722.98
TOTAL Bank Accounts	41,653.06
Cash Accounts	
Cash	0.00
Petty Cash	240.73
TOTAL Cash Accounts	240.73
Credit Card Accounts	
Credit Card	0.00
TOTAL Credit Card Accounts	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	41,893.79

Monthly Income/Expense by Category 3-8-2024

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Category	2/6/2024- 3/8/2024
INCOME	
Bank Fee Reimbursement	15.00
Donations	400.00
Fundraiser for Shows	190.00
Guest Fees	89.31
Interest	0.26
Meeting Raffle - 50	58.00
Meeting Raffle - For Items	481.00
Membership Dues	180.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,413.57
EXPENSES	
Charitable Work	
ABC	363.54
Comfort Quilts	305.68
TOTAL Charitable Work	669.22
Hospitality	95.28
internet for meeting	116.41
Meeting Space Rental	1,100.00
Misc.	23.94
Professional Services	
Bee-Web Site-Newsletter	13.00
Meeting Setup	40.00
Storage Unit	4,212.00
TOTAL Professional Services	4,265.00
Website Category	265.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,534.85
OVERALL TOTAL	-5,121.28