

*Brooklyn Quilters Guild
Summary Minutes of Executive Committee
October 2021*

Present: Serena Boyles, Alice Braziller, Margaret Marcy Emerson, Susan Aronoff, Mary Hawley, Michael Sengstack, Micki Segel, Martha McDonald, Barbara Christ, Leona Shapiro

Absent: Barbara Danzi

Michael moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Leona seconded and the board unanimously approved the motion.

Financial Report

Leona presented the financial report. She noted that donations, totally \$690.00, were very generous this year.

Alice moved to approve the financial report. Serena seconded and the board unanimously approved the motion.

Program Report

A trunk show featuring the work of guild member Sylvia Hernandez is set for **October's** meeting. Father Larry is pleased that there will be no vendor.

A trunk show featuring the work of guild members from the Uncommon Threads Quilters group is set for **November**. Susan Sato will be the vendor. The program committee will contact Fabscrap about participating at a future date.

Father Larry hinted that a holiday party with food may be possible at **December's** meeting.

Future program possibilities

- Zac Foster, a local quilter, charges \$1,000 for an in person presentation, \$750 for a zoom presentation. Mary Hawley, who attended a recent talk of his, spoke highly of him. His focus on reusing and repurposing fabrics is in keeping with our new green initiative and upcoming April fence show. Michael graciously sent links with information about him to board members in the chat. The program committee will also research the number of people allowed to attend a zoom meeting. Father Larry is adamant that no more than 75 people attend our in person meetings, that we maintain a three foot

distance, and that there be little interaction and moving around among members.

- Jump Into Free Motion Quilting is a three hour zoom class taught by Christina Cameli. This is designed for beginners and covers all the basics
- of free motion quilting. Her fee is \$550. Michael took a class with her on Craftsy and found her very encouraging. More information is available on her website Christinacameli.com.
- Alice suggested we use the Members Teaching Members format for future programs.

Tech Report

Margaret was pleased how the first in person meeting went. Michael said that it was very helpful to have Trudi working with him and all in all, things went smoother than expected. At future meetings, we have to bring Show and Tell quilts closer to the camera. Many Zoom viewers expressed gratitude that they were able to attend virtually. Zoom participants should send their work to Michael beforehand. This will be announced in Bee Blasts. Richard Doran will do Trudi's job at the next meeting. Thank you to both Richard and Trudi.

October Meeting Agenda

Micki and Alice will organize an icebreaker. We will once again have the 50/50 raffle.

Parking in the space between the two parking lots is for unloading only. Susan suggested we designate this no parking space with traffic cones.

A discussion took place about how to facilitate a smoother entry at the door. One suggestion was that people RSVP and send in vaccination information beforehand. Michael said the problem with this is that people often RSVP but don't show up. We agreed that people will have proof of vaccination card or photo ready to show at the membership table. Volunteers at the membership table will take notes re who is vaccinated. Micki will make a sign for the door stating HAVE IT READY! This will be advertised in Bee Blasts and in our newsletters along with a notice that there is an attendance cap of 75 people.

Membership Report

We have six new members and 155 members are paid in full. Micki reminded us that there are always holdouts. Barbara Christ suggested that we tell members in future Bee Blasts that if they are not sure if they joined to contact her. Serena said that right now we have enough volunteers to man the guest table. We also must publicize that because of restrictions in the number of people allowed at our in person meetings, guests can attend only on Zoom.

Fence Show Update

We had 45 quilts on display. We had over 900 guests according to our clickers. The Grab N' Go table was a big success and many guests took advantage of the free fabric. Many guests also expressed an interest in learning how to quilt. We need to continue thinking about ways we can use the success of the fence shows to attract new members. We agreed to make a \$250 donation to the church. Micki will write a lovely thank you note. A grand thank you to Micki and Madi for doing a superb job organizing our three fence shows.

New Business

Volunteers have stepped up for the following jobs:

Poppy O'Neill and Sara Goggin- social media coordinators

Richard Doran- tech helper

Linda McNeally- assist the small raffle coordinator

Joyce Crupi and Ellen Piccolo- new chairs of the Fence Show

Debbie Safian -community quilts coordinator

Margaret will create a Google document with job descriptions.

The Guild agreed to start a relationship with Fabscrap to recycle fabrics and textiles that can't be reused. Susannah Laskaris has volunteered to collect these at our in-person meetings and deliver them to Fabscrap for recycling. There is a \$35 per bag fee for recycling that the Guild agreed to pay.

Alice moved to adjourn the meeting and Michael seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:31.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Braziller

Monthly Income/Expense by Category 10-12-2021

10/7/2021 through 11/12/2021

Category	10/7/2021- 11/12/2021
INCOME	
Donations	30.00
Interest	0.36
Meeting Raffle - 50	50.00
Meeting Raffle - For Items	101.00
Membership Dues	3,357.91
Vendors	60.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,599.27
EXPENSES	
Meeting Space Rental	1,350.00
Printing	
Other	30.27
TOTAL Printing	30.27
Professional Services	
Computer Software	35.00
Meeting Setup	60.00
TOTAL Professional Services	95.00
Quilt Show	
Printing	33.61
TOTAL Quilt Show	33.61
Telephone	4.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,513.83
OVERALL TOTAL	2,085.44