

Brooklyn Quilters Guild
Minutes of the Board Meeting, March 11, 2023

In attendance: Micki Segel, Michael Sengstack, Barbara Danzi, Margaret Marcy Emerson, Barbara Christ, Leona Shapiro plus Andrew Hansen, Martha McDonald and Susan Aronoff.

The minutes for the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report — Leona Shapiro noted that the Guild has plenty of money and she agreed to sign the contract for the shuttle bus and send the check for \$1,600 for the show, \$800/day.

A discussion of the shuttle bus followed with the board agreeing that that some sort of signage should be put near the Industry City parking lot, so our attendees would know where to get the bus to the show. It should be on the parking lot side of the street instead of the Industry City side. Maybe also have volunteers at the parking lot.

The parking/shuttle bus information should be publicized in the Bee and Bee Blast, on our website and in press releases. We will also have a sign near the entry of the show on 26th St. and on the bus.

Membership — Barb Christ noted that we have 199 members as of today, including a new member. There was a discussion about whether or not to charge the full \$60 to people who join later in the year and it was agreed not to amortized the membership fee.

There was also a discussion about offering Guild membership at the show. Should new members who sign up at the show get the rest of this year and the next year (2023-2024) for the normal fee of \$60? It was decided that it would make the finances too complicated so the issue was tabled.

Programming — Michael Sengstack reported on upcoming plans. Debbie Breckenridge will do a trunk show at the March 18 meeting and Diane Pryor Holland will do one at the April meeting.

Tara Faughman will do a color workshop lecture on zoom on Sunday, May 21, during the Sunday Bee. It is open to all, but there is a limit of 100 attendees, so it will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. The fee to the Guild is \$500 but it is free to members.

Then, on Sunday, May 28, Tara will do a zoom workshop on the Double Wedding Ring pattern. It is a Leni Abel workshop. The fee to the Guild is \$1,000. Members will be charged \$20 each and the Guild will subsidize the rest. It is limited to 20 people, so it will be offered through a drawing. Members can sign up starting at the March meeting and throughout the next week, until March 25. Information and a link to sign up will be made available in the Bee and the Bee Blast. If more people are interested in the workshop, it is possible that she could do a second one.

It was agreed that the Guild will use the member support fund for the Tara Faughnan lecture at \$500 (all members may participate). The Guild will use the Leni Abel fund to pay for her workshop at \$600, less the \$20 per person members will pay (unless they ask for funds from support).

The **June meeting** will feature the Members Boutique with members bringing things to sell. There will also be a pot luck lunch, with members bringing whatever they food they want to bring.

Michael also said he would put some programming slides together to present at the March meeting.

Also, **regarding the March meeting**, the Guild is not requiring proof of vaccination but members are encouraged to wear masks when not eating or drinking. In addition, Nancy Russell will be asked to provide hospitality at the rest of this year's meetings.

Also at the March meeting, Micki Segel will be **signing up volunteers** (it is the deadline to sign up), and after the meeting, Andrew Hansen will demonstrate how to make a hanging sleeve and the Hawaiian appliqué group will meet to quilt their work.

Show news — Chris Petersen and her husband have kindly agreed to pick up ladders and deliver them to the store room for use in setting up on Friday, April 28. They will also return them to their owners after the show.

There will be training for the card swipers at the show on zoom at some time after the April Guild meeting.

There was a discussion of the volunteer room at the show. It will definitely be closed off from the show and Leona will most likely need volunteers to help with the money. Ruth Marchese has already volunteered to help, but others are needed. There is concern about having too much cash on hand.

There was also a discussion about Annette Wallace's suggestion of a display of community quilts and pillowcases at the show. We usually have this at our shows, but it depends on the space available. Robin Engelman and Joyce Crupi will be going to the venue after the March 18 meeting to do a final measurement, etc. Others are welcome to go too. We currently have 147 show quilts registered, plus another 46 President's Challenge quilts. Once it is finalized, we could send the information for the show book.

Micki noted that 85 people have volunteered so far, some who are not showing quilts, but there are still quite a few who are showing quilts who have not volunteered. Volunteers will need to go to the volunteer room to check in for their shifts and get their lanyards and badges. It was decided that they would keep them overnight so they could use them both days.

Show Merchandise — Margaret has organized a beautiful selection of show merchandise which is now available on the member section of the website. At some point, it will be moved to the public space on our website and it should be publicized in our Bee, Bee Blast and in press announcements. Margaret will also put it on Instagram.

Nominating Committee — it was noted that a nominating committee needs to be selected by the March meeting. So far, two board members, Serena Williams and Margaret Marcy Emerson, have volunteered, but it is required to have three more members who are not on the Board. A number of names were discussed including Eleanor Lutz, Susan Aronoff and Debbie Breckenridge. The Board will reach out to them and the nominating committee will be announced at the March meeting.

Margaret also suggested that a list of Guild jobs and what they do would be helpful. This would include Board member jobs as well as others such as hospitality and show jobs.

In other news, Andrew said that we are not being charged sales tax for our mail chimp, Michael is archiving our old Bees, and Leona will do a financial report to members at the March and June meetings.

The meeting was adjourned.