

# **Brooklyn Quilters' Guild**

## **Summary of Executive Meeting**

### **January 9, 2022**

**Present:** Micki Segel, Margaret Marcy Emerson, Barbara Danzi, Michael Sengstack, Barbara Christ, Leona Shapiro, Serena Boyles, Alice Braziller

**Others In Attendance:** Susan Aronoff, Martha McDonald

Our meeting began earlier than usual, at 9:30 A.M. Board members agreed that meeting at this earlier time works well.

Serena moved to approve the **minutes of the December meeting**. Barbara Christ seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

#### **Financial Report:**

Leona reminded us that the financial report is supposed to be read at the December meeting. She will read the financial report at the next meeting she attends.

Leona asked if we pay the church when we cancel a meeting. The answer is yes.

Alice moved to approve this month's financial report. Michael seconded, and the board unanimously approved the motion.

#### **Program Report:**

Program committee is happy to report that the Free Motion Workshop is sold out. One reason we filled up is Barbara Danzi reached out to other guilds. Of the 20 registered attendees, 11 are from our guild. Collected workshop fees

will be sent next week to Leona who will pay Christina Cameli.

For February's program, we will be highlighting African American quilts made by our guild members to honor Black History Month. Doris Douglas and the St. John's Quilters in our group will try to put a slide show together. Micki will assist in collecting photos of the quilts.

And to honor Valentine's Day in February, members will also be encouraged to show their love themed quilts at Show and Tell.

Clara Nartey can do an in person trunk show of her portrait quilts for our March meeting. Her fee is \$500.00.

Lisa Shepherd, a quilter who offers classes and workshops that feature African fabrics, can do a workshop at our February 27th Sunday Bee. Her workshop, Making African String Quilts, is especially appealing. Her trunk show fee is \$425.00. She can also sell African fabric packs to workshop participants. Leona said she could drive to Lisa's store, Cultured Expressions Sewing Studio in Rahway, New Jersey, if people need their orders picked up.

Michael volunteered to send out a survey to members to assess their interest in workshops as turnout this year has been generally low.

Fabscraps is donating 20 pounds of fabric for members to use for our upcoming April fence show. Margaret will distribute.

April's Leni Abel workshop is still open. Perhaps Sandra Lee, who makes quilts using denim, could be a presenter. Martha McDonald will put photos of her denim quilts in the Bee to promote interest in her work.

Lois Strasberg is a possibility for a trunk show in May. Susan suggested that readers of The Bee might enjoy learn-

ing about Lois and her quilting in a Meet The Quilter interview.

### **Membership Report:**

We currently have 182 members.

We have two new members.

We have two guests attending the January meeting.

Our current membership email is permanently tied to Mary Hawley's personal gmail account and can't be transferred. Therefore we want to set up a new membership email account using our Brooklyn Quilters' domain or business account so that we are in full control of it. Margaret will explore options for a new email account.

### **Our January Meeting:**

Michael will be prepping slides for the January trunk shows of Kate Haller and Pat Decker. They will be highlighting their scrap quilts and discussing the process for making them.

Micki will prepare a slide show of Round Robin quilts to entice members to participate in our upcoming Round Robin exchange. Those who do participate must know that participating will be a monthly commitment.

Joyce Crupi will talk about our exciting April fence show.

### **New Business:**

Eleanor Lutz, a new member, volunteered to do the Block of the Month next year.

Claire de Laszlo, also a young new member, will be hosting our next Sunday sewing Bee. She is a stitcher and a mender, and given her skill, would be a good candidate to fa-

cilitate a future workshop. Susan will reach out to her regarding our guild's green initiatives as well.

The Board noted a general excitement about our new young members. We currently have seven members who have made use of our pay \$30 if you are under 30 membership plan. It was suggested that we spotlight the talents and contributions of these new young members at the June meeting.

At next month's Board meeting we need to talk about our next Big Show and make some decisions about our 30 under 30 membership plan.

Barbara Christ moved to adjourn the meeting. Michael seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Braziller