

Minutes of May Meeting
Brooklyn Quilters' Guild
Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 9:30 am

Present: Micki Segel, Margaret Marcy Emerson, Barbara Christ, Barbara Danzi, Leona Shapiro, Michael Stengstack,

Absent: Serena Boyles, Alice Braziller

Others In Attendance: Susan Aronoff, Andrew Hansen, Martha MacDonald

Minutes: Michael moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Leona seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

Financial Report: Leona shared a summary of the show finances which not yet complete. She recommends tighter control over spending for future shows. We need a system for approval of spending (above a certain amount) and to make sure that the tax-exempt certificate is used for purchases. She also recommends clear guidelines on tipping with decisions made in advance and approved. Receipts need to be forwarded to Leona in a timelier manner as well. There were purchases made that came as surprises such as the purchase of a second drum for the raffles. Consider renting, rather than purchasing unnecessary items. Leona also thinks that she needed to be more involved in the planning meetings to help evaluate spending. Leona doesn't know yet if we made or lost money from the selling of show merchandise as those transactions were complicated. The merchandise was marked up 7% to cover all charges from credit card and paypal usage.

Leona agrees to put together a list of what was spent on the show this year to use as a template for future shows. The board agrees that we will learn a lot from this experience that can be documented and shared for future shows.

Since 25% of membership dues goes into reserve for future shows, Leona expects that we may have as much money in our show account 2 years from now.

Leona will put together a proposed budget for our May meeting, to be approved by membership at our June meeting. We can share the budget via Zoom and print it for the June newsletter.

Leona is thanked for her work.

We forgot to approve the financial report at this meeting due to the lengthy discussion.

Program Report:

We have the Tara Faughnan color workshop at 1:00 pm on Sunday. Andrew will send the zoom link. We don't expect to have more than 100 people attend which is the limit for our zoom account. Tara Faughnan will send the link for her workshop on Sunday May 21st directly to the participants. All 20 slots have been filled. Michael will inform her that she will be paid by check since we do not have a Zelle account.

June Members Boutique – Micki will write up a description for the Bee specifying that members need to sign up in advance, bring no more than will fit on 1/3 to 1/2 a round table and take all unsold goods home with them.

We will hold the boutique after the business meeting and show and tell for 1/2 hour before the luncheon. Nancy Russell has agreed to organize the drinks, paper goods and utensils for the luncheon. Members will bring whatever they desire to share for the potluck.

Membership Report:

We currently have 221 members with 19 signing up at our show and an additional person joining soon after. Barb will edit the 2023-24 Membership Form so that the request for contributions states "Adding a gift to your membership dues helps supports guild activities for all members regardless of ability to pay. "

Form will also be revised as credit cards will now be accepted for in-person payment of dues. A \$2 fee will be applied. Andrew will process any credit cards at the June meeting so that Serena can decide about how to manage in future. The Form will continue to ask members to join a Volunteer Committee but no longer require a commitment for a specific month. The Chairs will continue receive volunteer contact information as entered on the form so that they will be able to coordinate assistance as needed. We agree to create an article for the Bee that reminds members that the Guild not only depends on volunteers for its success, but that volunteering helps us grow as a community. It will describe committees and include contact information for the committee chairs.

Susan Aronoff can make an editable PDF for the membership form if Michael is not able to do this. (Michael agreed)

May Meeting:

Micki will admit people to the meeting and read the chat. Michael will share his screen for show and tell. We will have a May flower theme for show and tell to encourage participation. Michael is working out a plan for breakout rooms at the end of the meeting with or without a host in each room. The breakout rooms are for the purpose of member interaction to talk about the quilt show and the guild. Barb D. will write a Bee Blast for the May show and tell.

Quilt Show:

Andrew has been pulling together feedback material. There has been a ton of positive feedback. It is agreed to have a show debriefing meeting later. It is suggested that we contact Luis to lock in the space at the same price. Martha wants to evaluate further before doing so.

Nominating Slate:

Presidents: Martha McDonald and Richie Doron

VPs: Poppy O'Neil and Chris Augenbraun

Membership: Katie Mahoney and Serena Boyles

Treasurer: Leona Shapiro

Secretary: Nancy Russell

We need to ask the membership at the May meeting for nominations from the floor.

Margaret reports that the nominating committee was a great team.

We agree to invite new board members to the June board meeting.

New Business:

Renting poles to New Jersey guild. We agree that we want to do this, but we need to come up with a price based on our storage costs, cost of pole rental etc. first. It is understood that we only want Eric to deliver the poles (check on this). Anyone renting would need to contact Eric regarding delivery. We tabled this discussion to our June meeting after we have more information.

Summer Picnic – We need to schedule at least three weeks in advance. We will aim for a June 24th date.

Motion to adjourn at 11:16 made by Barb Christ. Seconded by Leora.

Respectfully submitted,
Micki Segel