

**Minutes of June Meeting  
Brooklyn Quilters Guild  
Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Present:** current Board members - Micki Segel, Margaret Marcy Emerson, Barbara Christ, Michael Stengstack, Leona Shapiro; incoming – Martha McDonald, Poppy O’Neill, Nancy Russell, Katie Mahoney

**Absent:** Barbara Danzi, Serena Boyles, Alice Braziller, Richie Doron, Chris Augenbraun

**Others in Attendance:** Susan Aranoff

**Minutes:** Barb Christ moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Micki seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**Financial Report:** Leona Shapiro

The Quilt Show - Leona stated that the show cost the Guild \$6,000. That amount does not include the \$3,000 deposit that is to be returned. This will leave negative \$3,000, which means we are in wonderful shape because of the big reserve. There are no more outstanding show charges. Martha questioned whether we overspent. Leona pointed out that we had fewer vendors than at prior shows, and that the \$2,500 (\$2,529) collected in the “Ukrainian quilt” raffle went to UNICEF. The Silent Auction realized \$2,888.08 (after PayPal fees). Ruth’s Refuge was totally delighted to receive the check. The Guild raffle realized \$3,663.00.

Eileen Anderson Fund – Leona stated that we have \$809 in the checking account, and need to brainstorm about using it. Poppy will look into a use for Programming.

**Programming Report:** Michael Stengstack

June meeting – We will need a reminder about the potluck and the Show and Tell. Michael raised the issue of how to include the virtual attendees after the formal meeting. It was agreed that we would do break-out groups for them, and the walk-around with the video.

Workshops and Lectures - Michael reported that despite surveying members, the same people attend each workshop and questioned why (fee? time? content?). For lectures, we need to negotiate to record them so that members (up to 80) can watch them later. Micki raised the point that people would prefer in-person workshops, as opposed to Zoom. Michael asked about space that we could use. Margaret suggested renting a co-working space, and said that she would look into it. Michael also suggested Gotham Quilt’s space. In terms of programs, Martha suggested paying Kirsten Fisher do an all-day, in person program with her round bowls perhaps in October; this would require people to buy her new book that is coming out. There did not appear to much interest in Robyn Cuthbertson (from Melbourne) speaking or teaching in April 2024, as mentioned in an email from Ruth.

Martha stated that we should try to line up our plans, including workshops for the coming year. Traditionally, the Guild monthly meetings have been: September – members showing what they did over the summer; October – a speaker (member/trunk show); November – members teaching members and making gifts; December – party; January - ?; February – African American Heritage month and ABC Frenzy; March or April – speaker (Leni Abell).

It was agreed that the outgoing and incoming Programming Teams would meet and discuss: trunk shows; Round Robin; potholder exchange; and sit-and-sew.

Micki mentioned that the docent tour at the American Folk Art Museum scheduled for June 9 (canceled due to smoke) has been rescheduled for July 12th and that there are some slots open.

### **Membership Report:** Barbara Christ

Barbara reported that we currently have 225 members; 22 have joined since the show. Information on how to renew one's membership is in the Bee and the e-blasts. Dues payments now can be made by cash, check or charge. The new form has been uploaded to the website. Serena will print out the form and bring copies to the June meeting. We need to thank the newsletter angels. Barbara will be giving Katie the files and a zip drive, and they will have a Zoom meeting to go over the information.

### **June Meeting:**

In addition to New Members' Show and Tell, all members will be asked to participate.

Six members have signed up to sell at the members' boutique. It was agreed that the selling will be conducted before and after the meeting, but not during the meeting.

For the potluck luncheon, Susan Sato will bring the cutlery. Nancy has the beverages, cups and plates. Members will be told that there will not be "hospitality" (coffee/tea/snacks) during the meeting because of the potluck after the meeting. Next year, Nancy will continue being responsible for the hospitality at the meetings; she has enough volunteers to assist with it.

Margaret inquired about giving out "thank you certificates." After discussion, it was agreed that instead people will be asked to stand up as their names are called.

Voting for the new Board will be conducted by secret ballot (yes/no). Michael will coordinate for the Zoom participants.

The budget will be presented for approval by a show of hands.

Micki will send out the script for the June meeting in a format that can be edited.

### **Quilt Show:**

Martha thanked everyone and said we should pick a date and start planning for 2025.

Micki reported that there were 110 volunteers and everyone came. Katie said that one of her volunteers did not show on Sunday afternoon, and she did not know what to do about that; fortunately the morning volunteers stayed all day. Someone else said that Admissions also had no-shows.

In response to Margaret asking if anyone sold quilts, Micki reported that Carol Sullivan and Debbie Breckenridge did.

### **Old Business:**

Transitioning to new board members – Martha invited everyone for a potluck in her yard on a weeknight in early August.

The September meeting - will be on the 23rd, which is the fourth Saturday (not the third) because of conflict with the church's schedule. A question was raised about the date of the May meeting and whether it falls on the same day as the Brooklyn Half Marathon again. No conflict because the race will be on April 28, 2024, not in May.

The Guild summer picnic - will be on Sunday, July 9 in Prospect Park.

Archives – Regarding the website, Margaret said that nothing has been done yet. She is moving Show and Tell because it is too slow, making a separate page for old newsletters with searchable pdfs (if anyone has old ones – some are missing pages), and will toss any paper copies that have been scanned.

### **Pole Rental:**

Brownstone Quilters has inquired about renting our poles for their show. The discussion of pricing was tabled because Leona had needed to leave.

### **New Business:**

Guild Quilts – Andrew has them and wants to know where they should go. Katie will email Andrew and ask him to bring them to the June meeting so they can be displayed. Margaret will bring her quilt rack, and Katie will ask Mary Hawley to bring hers.

Fab Scrap – Margaret reported that the fee increase is not much.

Board Insurance – The lawyer needs the Board insurance renewal documents signed.

Micki suggested that the Guild establish a new committee – Communications – and ask Andrew Hansen to head it up.

Louise O'Connor, the church secretary, wants the Guild calendar and Board contact information.

Fence Show - Martha asked about doing another fence show. Margaret said she had spoken with Susannah Laskaris, and that we might do one in the Fall using the GO GREEN quilts (and any additional new ones that are submitted). Micki said that they need to lock in a date with Louise (the church secretary).

New Member Orientation – Margaret offered to host new member orientation. At the June meeting, “buddies” will be solicited.

Block of the Month – Linda McNeely needs a partner. Someone who can use a computer.

Masks/Vaccination Margaret suggested that new Board vote on whether to continue requiring them or make masks optional as of September. The church dropped its requirements.

Motion to Adjourn at 10:48 a.m. made by Katie Mahoney and seconded by Barbara Christ.

[Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Mahoney