

Summary Minutes of the Executive Board

Brooklyn Quilters Guild – November 11, 2020

Board Attendees: Margaret Marcy Emerson, Anna Fike, Andrew Hansen, Mary Hawley, Micki Segel

Absent: Michael Sengstack, Farrah Lafontant

Others: Martha McDonald

Reading and Approval of October Minutes

Mary moved to approve the minutes; Anna seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The payment of membership dues has been active this month. There were a few Quilt Show expenses. The Guild bank account has been growing. Fifteen dollars out of every \$60 membership payment continues to go towards show expenses.

Mary moved to approve the treasurer's report, the motion was seconded by Micki. The report was unanimously approved.

Membership:

Mary reported that we now have 167 active members. Eleven are returning members and six are new members. Thirty-five old members have not yet renewed. Mary agreed to send a list of old members who have not yet renewed to the board and we will reach out to these people. Nine gift memberships have been given out. We have a list of members who have participated in our monthly meetings. Margaret plans to reach out to some who have not joined us to understand any difficulties.

Quilt Fence Show:

Micki reported that we have begun talking about planning a Quilt Fence Show for the spring, given the success of our October Show. We discussed attempting to team up with the Brooklyn Botanic Garden for a Fence Show, but it was decided that this could be problematic, given the bureaucracy and the fact that the Garden charges admission. The Board agreed to plan a Spring Show and a planning group will work on a theme for this show to be presented

to our members at the next Guild meeting. The Board also approved giving a \$250 donation to the Holy Name Church for allowing us to show our quilts on their fence. We will approach the secretary of the church to inquire about having another show in the spring. Andrew offered to write thank you notes to the key organizers of the show. We also agreed to post Facebook comments about our show in the next Bee. We discussed possible themes for the spring show.

Programming:

We reviewed the email that Michael sent to the board with workshop proposals. We agreed to have Michael go ahead and arrange for the Barn Quilt lecture in December and the free motion quilting workshop. We discussed asking our members for feedback regarding their interest in the birth flower appliqué workshop before we go ahead with this plan. Micki offered to present a workshop on how to appliqué circles onto squares, which would be offered as a Sunday Bee workshop. Kirsten Fisher has agreed to allow Micki to use her camera set-up for virtual teaching. Margaret will promote this workshop to our members.

New Business:

The Comfort Quilt Committee has stated that they have a glut of quilts that need quilting and that their quilter will no longer accept forty dollars per quilt. They asked for permission to raise the amount that they offer for quilting comfort quilts. Anna stated that there is no need to ask for board permission. There is a budget line for comfort quilts of \$1,600 and \$1,400 for ABC quilts. They can spend their budget however they see fit and would approach the board if they want to increase their budget. Anna agreed to let them know their budgeted amount.

Respectfully submitted.

Micki Segel