

Summary Minutes of Executive Meeting

Brooklyn Quilters Guild- Saturday, August 14, 2021

The meeting was a mix of outgoing board members and continuing and new board members.

Outgoing Board Attendees: Anna Fike, Andrew Hansen, Mary Hawley, Farrah Lafontant

New and Returning Board Attendees: Margaret Marcy Emerson, Micki Segel, Michael Sengstack, Barbara Danzi, Barbara Christ, Leona Shapiro, Alice Braziller, Serena Boyles

Others: Martha McDonald, Susan Aronoff

Update on Technology:

Margaret and Andrew were very positive about our meeting space at the church after their recent visit. The place looked sparkling clean with new lighting, working ventilation and air-conditioning. Margaret reported that the new speakers and microphone were in excellent working order. We will need a tripod, camera and possibly a hot spot connection (about \$40 a month). Tables and chairs will be arranged to help focus attention and lessen the background chatter and noise. Margaret and Andrew are generally hopeful that we will be able to accommodate our members attending via zoom. Margaret said, "I now know what we need to do." A big thank you to Trudi Roach and her husband Tom for sharing their technology expertise with us.

Return to Meeting in person (COVID protocols, physical space and seating):

In the interests of everyone's safety and health, we will be following all CDC guidelines. We discussed starting our in person meetings with the utmost caution. In this spirit, Anna Fike moved to require that all attendees wear masks

and show proof of vaccination. Mary approved the motion and Alice seconded the approval. The motion was approved unanimously.

We discussed ways to monitor proof of vaccinations. One suggestion was to have two person teams stationed outside entryway to look at hard copy vaccination cards or photos of cards on cell phones. Another suggestion was for members to send in photos of cards beforehand. Past and current board members will look over our membership list to suggest good candidates for checkers. Another suggestion was to have a checker be a member from outside our guild. Andrew will talk to his husband Corey, a bar owner, about possible candidates for managing the door. We also decided that no drinks or food be allowed to limit mask removal. We will be making sure that news of these protocols be announced in several Bee Blasts prior to the meeting.

Alice volunteered to call unvaccinated members we know of to make sure they understand that the meeting will be available to them via zoom. These protocols will be reevaluated regularly.

Michael volunteered to send out a survey to gauge how many members plan on attending our first in person meeting in order to accurately set up the chairs.

Board Members ideas/visions/ plans re: 2021-22:

Micki stressed how important and successful community building was during COVID and how we need to build on our successes. In that spirit, our thriving Zoom Sewing Bees, our many charity quilts and showcasing the work of our talented members will continue. Margaret talked about taking the guild in an eco friendly direction and a budding committee (Susan Aronoff, Susannah Laskaris and Margaret) has already met. Farrah talked about honoring long term members (a shout out to Leona, a founding member and now our treasurer) and Micki suggested a way to do this at the first meeting. Barbara Christ talked about the need to expand our membership, especially to younger members.

Membership Report:

We currently have 196 members, same as last count.

Martha McDonald volunteered to monitor our membership mailbox weekly. Alice will be her back up. Members' dues and registration will be delivered to Leona who will forward paperwork to Barbara Christ, our new membership co-chairwoman.

To attract younger members, Barbara Christ made a motion to offer a \$30 membership (half the price) to new members under thirty. Micki seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Programming:

Michael and Barbara presented a very welcome calendar of programs for the new year that included some standard scheduling events like our yearly members teaching members tutorials (November), our holiday and year end parties, our ABC Frenzy (Feb) as well as new ideas for workshops. We want to make sure that our successful zoom workshops continue as part of our overall programming. Micki, with assistance from Alice, will facilitate ice breakers to encourage members to mingle.

Fence Show:

Dates introduced:

Saturday Oct. 9 for show

Saturday Nov. 6 for rain date

Registration and photo deadline is Sept. 18

In person delivery of quilt by Sept. 25, our first meeting.

Martha McDonald will continue to do promotions.

Alice Braziller will continue to organize volunteers.

Pat Decker will be asked to manage the successful Free Table.

New Business:

The April meeting will be held the 4th Saturday, not the 3rd because of Easter.

We need to start thinking about our big show in 2023.

Micki suggested we recruit volunteers for several positions: a charity quilt coordinator, a Sunday Sewing Bee coordinator and more Sunday Sewing Bee hosts, and a workshop coordinator.

Anna moved to adjourn meeting at 12:24. Seconded by Micki and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Braziller