

MT Hood Quilt Guild Board Minutes

February 4, 2020

Newly elected President Wendy Sternberg opened the meeting at 6:58 and asked everyone to go around the table and introduce themselves and mention their positions as we had Wendy, new Membership Chair Debbie O'Donnell and guest Kristi Villani all there for the first time.

After introductions, Ann Marie mentioned that she would not be at the Guild meeting next week and would re-confirm that Nancy Pettit would take minutes.

Laura reminded everyone of the scheduled Budget Meeting on February 16th and that the location would need to be moved as the Community Room at her complex was not available. Wendy said that if no one minded the drive, she could have it at her house. She will be sending out an email to confirm, time, date and address and asked members to RSVP.

Delleen was re-confirming that it was okay for her to continue to use her personal email rather than the guild email due to all the history that was there. She was not up to moving it all to a new email. It was stated that she could continue to use her personal email, but that she may want to start moving some of the history so that it can stay with the Guild if the time ever comes that she decides to leave that position. Delleen also asks what she needs to do to support the upcoming events.

Lori asked that we again do the Block of the Month before Show & Share and that she would need to have the video screen and the fabric walls available at the next meeting. She will also get the March block designed and on a flash drive so that it can be displayed at next week's meeting. Lori said that she would be demonstrating the Jelly Rolls technique at the workshop in March and then leave attendees some time to practice. Anyone who chooses can sign up for the Jelly Roll race scheduled at 1:00 p.m.

Sue continued conversation on the Stash Shuffle. She will be creating an event on Facebook as well as other guilds advertising pages and get advertising postcards out to guilds and surrounding shops. The Gresham Outlook, Library and Museum were also suggested as places to put up notices. And she will ask other guilds to advertise. Sue went on to explain we will have 14 tables for stash sales, one would be used for Guild sales and all but three of the other have been spoken for. There is still time at the next two monthly meetings so she is confident in selling them all which is profit for the Guild.

Donna, acting as Retreat co-chair now, was happy to announce that Debbie Stoffer was able to procure a donation from Oregon Electric Group for \$250 for the purchase of extension cords and surge protectors for the retreat. Donna is also putting together quick-to-sew projects that can be done up at the retreat. The Lovey Bunnies take just a few minutes and will be provided to the NIC units for area hospitals.

Donna also said that she responded to a post on Facebook from a lady wanting to donate fabrics. Donna explained who we were as a Guild and when Donna went to the lady's house, her car was completely filled. The donation included a lot of precut 4" blocks, panels, Christmas fabric, etc. Donna had help sorting through the stuff and making some packages for sale at the Stash Sale. Other stuff will be for retreat gifts and some for charity quilts. Donna sent her a MHQG donation statement and the lady would like pictures of completed projects. Delleen also stated that her last donation had a lot of books to that will be sold at the stash sale.

Debbie O'Donnell mentioned that she recently went to *Road to California Quilt Show* in southern California. They have a challenge that you can sign up to receive. Staci will sign us up. Comments were made that this is something that we may consider prior to our next quilt show. Also should we have other guilds register at our quilt show for this challenge? We need to think of a benefit for signing up. We have had two people agree to co-chair the membership committee, Shirley Workman and Barbara Hundahl. Comments were then made that if we have three people at the membership table we may be able to launch our greeter program for new members or visitors. Sue mentioned that our unofficial social hour is 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Linda had a conversation with Tomme regarding our guild and Columbia Gorge Guild co-sponsoring a speaker and/or teacher in May 2021. Tomme gave Linda a list of potential candidates. Linda mentioned one candidate was asking for \$825 a day plus travel, lodging and meals. Many Board members were a bit taken back at the possible cost. But, Kristi gave an example of a recent class. She said that if a person was good enough to draw in a good number of class attendees, the guild could easily recoup the cost plus make a profit. Lori suggested that maybe we could build the class around existing show dates, such as Sisters, Puyallup, or one of the large metro area quilt shows. It was mentioned that Columbia Gorge Guild only meets quarterly and that is why they picked a specific date for next year. Linda said that she would like Tomme to work out the details and bring a proposal to us. Debbie O'Donnell said she will research the list of potential candidates along with local talent. It was also mentioned that a place to hold the class is sometimes hard to find.

Lori said it was done in the past but maybe we need to get input from membership on their interests in classes and teachers. Delleen said she would put together a draft form for this purpose.

Staci thanked everyone for their work in helping get the Guild position emails up and running. And it was stated that currently the MHQGBoard@gmail.com address goes to the personal emails of Board members which Staci is working on changing. Long term committee members should have their personal emails attached to the Board email also.

Kristi brought up that she has a list of local fabric designers and maybe getting a teacher for this proposed class who has a line of fabric or other pop-up ideas, may help reduce the cost of a class or at least help the guild recoup the costs.

Delleen said that Becky Caputo would like to speak at the next meeting about collecting donations for making snuffle mats and flannel quilts for animals with her 5th grade class.

Wendy announced that she received the gift box from Quiltfolk. There were three puzzles, a dozen \$10 gift certificates and lots of calendars. Wendy said that she will be pulling lots of door prize tickets to give away the calendars since we are already into February. Lori and Ann Marie will be traveling and will ask for donations for door prizes.

Laura was told she was in charge of coffee and cookies at the Stash Shuffle. Trillium has donated a bag of coffee for the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Marie Rears