

Mt Hood Quilt Guild Board Minutes

For JUNE

May 26, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING (with short addenda from June 8, 2020)

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with a discussion on what we would have for the General meeting other than Board members talking since it will be another virtual meeting. Becky Caputo did a short video on her sewing space and how it is set up. Some thought members might enjoy seeing how others set up their sewing spaces. Tomme's art quilt video was also suggested. Wendy will contact her to ask if we could use it for the meeting.

Barbara B will talk about her position as Retreat Coordinator and will also talk about the possibility of virtual retreat and how it will work.

Debbie O'Donnell will talk about membership renewal and how it will differ this year due to our no-contact meetings.

Linda GS will talk about small groups and how they are continuing to meet on Zoom.

Susan AS will explain how Open Sew has been cancelled until further notice since Parkview Retirement Community Center has had active COVID cases and is no longer allowing outside parties. Maybe we could continue meet to on *Google Meet*, but parties would need to have a Google account and supportive browser.

Debbie and Delleen talked about the survey results. There is a list of items that people are interested in seeing/learning. It was suggested that maybe we could get members to make videos on tips. It was suggested that a list be put together for the newsletters, but Staci said the June Newsletter was pretty much done already.

Wendy asked the question about whether we look for speakers for our virtual meetings. It was mentioned that some will give a \$25 discount out of a \$400 fee. Tomme had told her that there are some presenters give a half price discount. Wendy said she wants to keep costs down until we see how dues come in. It was suggested that guild members could give presentations. There were about ten people with ideas. Delleen sent a thank you to those who sent in ideas on the survey. Once school is out, Delleen said should could help put together other's presentations. She said pre-recorded presentations would be best rather than live at the time of the meeting recording.

The following dates were set for the next meetings: Monday, June 8th at 4:00 p.m. to record the General June meeting and the next Board meeting as Monday, June 29th at 4:00.m.

Laura started a discussion on how the new year membership renewals will go. Members would be allowed to pay on PayPal or to mail checks. She wanted to stress to the general population on how safe, secure and easy PayPal is to use. Laura expected to get the Paypay information this week. Staci has done a fillable renewal form that will be set up for PayPal. The birthday date will not be a required box on the form as some members do not want to fill out that part. Staci gave the costs of each transaction and said the Guild could upgrade to a higher level which would decrease our individual costs, but at \$100 more, it would most likely not be worth it. Someone asked whether the renewal form was

printable and if the address to mail checks was on the form. It was also suggested that the renewal form be put in the newsletter. Debbie would then be emailing all non-responder current members in August, just as a follow up. It was then suggested that we encourage members to renew by mail to save on transaction fees. Barbara asked that the membership form be available on the web page so non-members who want to join have access.

Delleen started a discussion on members who voice interested in volunteer for a Board position. Dottie Miller mentioned that she would be retiring soon and was interested in an officer position. Ann Marie knows her and will contact her for possibly the VP position.

Staci mentioned that her husband suggested that some of his organizations waive the membership fee to members who step up. It was mentioned as being a good idea, but Susan said it would mean a change or at least an amendment to the by-laws.

Delleen also said that there were two members who would be interested in an officer position but just not this year. Stephanie's name was brought up and Barbara said she would invite her.

Barbara talked about how well Tomme's virtual retreat went a few weeks ago and that she the same could be done this fall. Costs and more information will be available in July.

Delleen said the counts from the survey were as follows: 4,852 masks, 257 surgical caps and 415 ear savers. She then went on to describe some possible upcoming talks for presentations that were brought up in the survey: boutique stuff-what sells, etc., favorite notions, quilts and how they are displayed in your homes, Marie doing her leather thing, Arden showing a binding presentation, Dottie exhibiting rug wool hooking, Smitty having a presentation again, Susie doing small quilts, more guild challenges, etc. Debbie suggested we pick a few and ask them to present at future meetings and Delleen can help put the presentation together in Word and pictures.

Laura received the sweetest thank you note from a lady whose husband received a passage quilt at Mt Hood Medical Center before he died in April. It was suggested that it be read at the next general meeting. Barbara also asked Laura to be ready to write refund checks for the canceled fall retreat. Laura would need to order checks prior to that.

A virtual retreat would be open to up to 60 people. Tomme had 56 at her retreat. Barbara would have to purchase Zoom just for the retreat unless Staci hosts the whole thing. Barbara also needs 600 4 ½" squares of any fabric for the October retreat. Delleen thought that wouldn't be a problem.

Wendy will send out the agenda prior to Monday, June 8. It was also suggested that everyone make sure their Zoom software was updated to V 5.0 otherwise it may not work.

Addenda June 8, 2020

The subject of the ad in the Gresham Outlook activities section. It still lists us as having a physical meeting. It needs to be changed to state that we are now having virtual meetings. Donna originally di it so she may have to change it. Laura will get it changed.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Marie Rears