

Minutes of the June 19, 2020 Beachplum Quilters Guild Meeting

A virtual meeting of the Beachplum Quilters Guild was held on June 19, 2020. The Zoom Meeting was hosted by Laurie S. President Dona S. called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM and there were 28 people in attendance. To minimize background distractions Laurie S. put the attendees on mute, if you wanted to speak you should indicate by raising your hand and make sure you unmute yourself so you could be heard by all.

For the first order of business Dona S. announced a new date was picked for the Guild Quilt Show, April 17 & 18, 2021. It's not near Easter and selecting a date now allows time for the work to make the show to success to be done. Judges can be booked and vendors scheduled. Everything is subject to the Covid-19 conditions.

Ellen H. spoke about our present meeting space, the Presbyterian Church of Toms River. The church was going to start outside services this weekend and they were limiting to 50 people. Next week they'll start inside services. At this time no outside groups are allowed in the church, so we do not know when we will resume meetings at the church.

Dona S. asked that you please do not send in your dues until September. This way we can try to reduce the postage cost of send checks one or two at a time between Jackie P. and Debbie P. if we are still not meeting in person. Your membership card is good through September 30, 2020. At the present time the dues will be the same as last year.

The Treasurer's report for March through June, 2020 was read by Debbie P. The ending Balance was \$7,353.43. Right now our accounts are low. Going into the show we usually have more money in the account. A question about the dates of our fiscal year was confirmed to be October 1 through September 30.

We are still incurring some costs and one of the things is programs. Dona S. continued that Laurie S. is working on programs for 2020-2021. Laurie S. then spoke on the schedule so far. The October 2020 program with Jody Beck could be done as a virtual presentation. Her workshop is going to be panel and border "Bold and Beautiful Wall Quilt" It's a small project, in the morning everyone will work on a package purchased from Jody and then in the afternoon you would work on your own items. A March 2021 workshop with Debbie Kalenty, "Hunter Star", is planned to just be the workshop, there would be no presentation. Right now Laurie is waiting confirmation on the availability of Green Island Community Association Club House for two Sit N' Sews and the two workshop dates. She is also looking into if we might have out meetings at the Clubhouse if we are not going to be able to go back to the church. Diane C. asked if lectures are virtual would cost less to the guild and Laurie answered yes because we would not be paying the travel cost, the hotel, food etc., normal expenses associated when a guest speaker visits.

Dona S. stated that our September Meeting is going to be big too with the big show and tell and business old and new. It was suggested the September Meeting just be a covered dish to save money for the guild but presently due to concerns on Covid-19 we probably will not have a meal at the meeting.

Kathleen C. spoke about the revised quilt show—everything stays the same! If you've registered a quilt that is the quilt that is going to be in the 2021 show. If the quilt was to be a 2020 gift for graduation etc. and the quilt is no longer available for display, the registration money can be refunded. There will be no new quilts accepted, anything you are making now will go into the 2022 show. The challenge will be the same. The country store will still collect, however they will stop at one point and start collecting the items for the 2022 show. Jackie P. would still like to collect fabric because we don't have as much as usual, a lot of fat quarters were donated for facemasks. Laurie S. asked if we can bring fabric now and Kathleen C. said it can go into the storage facility. Jackie P. asked it be left whole, she will measure and mark it so that we keep with the same sizing criteria that she's already been using. Barbara Esposito has lots of books and magazines, they will go to the storage facility. Dona S. is concerned about will we have enough quilts for the show if many were given away as gifts. Erma H. said we had registration at close to 100 so she doesn't think that will have to much of a problem. We will need to try to get that information if quilts we'll not be available for the show. Debbie P. asked about the deposits that were put on the Elks club and the drapes for the 2020 show, will that money carry over for the new show in 2021. Kathleen C. said that money will carry over because the businesses were closed, we did not forfeit the money.

Marcia G. spoke about charity quilts, so far she has quilted 34 charity quilts this year she still has five more to do. She'd

thanked Richard L. for donating two huge rolls of batting, it helped quite a bit with getting charity quilts completed a less cost. She questioned was there any place people can go for backing material for charity quilts. Jackie P. said she has large pieces that could be used for backing.

Marcia spoke on the Block of the Month. We are behind for March, April, May and June, but says we don't need a meeting for the Block of the Month to be done. If we get the information out for the membership—the March blocks are due for July, the April blocks are due for August, the May blocks are due for September and the June blocks are due for October—we can then online select the winners. Then a new set of BOM would be created for the balance of next year. Everything would be due so that the blocks could be picked on our same traditional meeting date of the third Friday of the month. The blocks are small enough that they can be mailed or maybe they can be dropped off at Crafty Fabrics. Marcia will confirm that Crafty Fabrics will accept the BOM blocks. If you need more fabrics to finish this year's BOM there is still some available.

Kathleen C. knows that we pay Crafty Fabrics a yearly fee for storage even though we have the storage facility now, it's temporary for the show and do we still have usable space at Crafty Fabric? She has a huge quilt frame at her house and she cannot keep it in her house. Kathleen will put the quilt frame in the storage unit this weekend. Ellen H. asked if perhaps Allaire Village could use the frame-Dona will check it out.

There was a question if fabric would be a problem in the storage facility because of the weather, it will be hot this weekend. Kathleen will check out the conditions but right now that there hasn't been any issue with that.

Dona stated that Joyce W. has been keeping up with the non-Internet members, speaking with them and keeping in touch with them.

Dona asked about the newsletter and asked for committee chairs to submit reports. Perhaps members could submit pictures, what you did in quarantine. One picture and the members face should be in the photo. If too many pictures get submitted it could be logistical nightmare trying to keep track of everybody. It was suggested perhaps we can put pictures on our website but that is not easily doable for Laurie S. Alternate avenues to get pictures of quarantine quilts out were discussed and options are being looked at. It was resolved but we will have a newsletter to get the minutes out of this meeting any further information can always go out in a email and perhaps we'll get a PDF booklet together to show the quarantine quilts.

Kathleen Cox asked will we making a quilt to Raffle for the 2022 show. Dona S. questioned whether we should have one or not. Jackie P. said there's really no place to sell tickets and the members end up buying the tickets. Marcia G. asked how many people were at the previous shows maybe we make a less extravagant quilt and we only sell tickets there. Ann B. said that the Treasurer's Report for the last two shows will show the number of tickets sold. Kathleen Cox said she saw a simpler quilt in a show in March in Florida had no appliqué and the guild actually ran out of tickets to sell for that quilt. Dona said a simpler quilt might be just the way go.

Donna D. asked about new board members and Dona S. said we still have no nominating committee and have to get one in place. Until we assemble a committee and get nominations the present board will stay in place.

Ginger C. asked if we will have more meetings and Dona thinks the answer is yes—we now have Block of the Month to take care of and it was nice to see everybody again. A July Zoom meeting for the third Friday of the month, July 17, 2020 at 6:30 PM was scheduled. Information will be sent to everyone.

A virtual meeting for Quilt Show Committees was scheduled for Tuesday, July 7 at 6:30. That will be a Zoom meeting Laurie S. will send out invitations for that.

The general feeling of the 28 attendees is it was nice to see everyone again and that everyone is missing the guild meetings.

President Dona S. said if you have any questions please email her and adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.