

Minutes of the September 18, 2020 Beachplum Quilters Guild Meeting

President Dona S. welcomed everyone to the September Zoom meeting. She referred to missing our normal September Welcome Back dinner but was still glad we could all meet.

She thanked everyone who sent her information on the guild assets stored at their home. She is making a file for her daughter in case of her demise. Dona noted she realized yesterday that currently she is the only one in the state of NJ that can access the storage at Life Storage. Kathleen C. can also, but Kathleen is currently located in FL.

Dona discussed the Executive Board meeting that was held on Friday, September 11, 2020:

- There is no foreseeable date for meeting at the church. No outside groups are allowed at this time. All other venues that we are aware of have the same problems- fear of liability, social distancing rules, extra cleaning.
- A decision was made for the 2021 Show – We will not be having a 2021 quilt show. It comes down to uncertainty and money. The uncertainty of what the situation with Covid and it appears that masks and social distancing will be us for quite some time. There is not enough space to social distance at the Elks club. There is also a question of how many volunteers would we have to run the show. And the final reason is that there is not enough money in the treasury to have a show that may not produce enough funds to have a 2022 show.
- The budget for 2020-2021 was reviewed. Expenses include BOM, Charity Quilts (mostly batting), Insurance, MAQGnet Dues, Membership Directory (which will be distributed after in-person meetings resume), Fees -NJ Corp Annual registration and NJ Non Profit registration, PO box rental, Programs, Storage rental fees (Crafty fabrics & Life Storage unit), Postage, and Website fees. The expenses are about \$4000 for the year. Estimated income is about \$1000. Currently the bank balance is \$6010.00
- Also In light of all the uncertainty with Covid, a suspension of some of the By-Laws was determined necessary-specifically in connection with Quilt show and Luncheon/Special Event stipulations.

After discussing the challenges facing the Guild in the coming year, Dona had some good news!. The Guild has received a large donation of books, material, patterns and thread. In the interest of generating income, she will be holding a guild-members only garage sale at her house. That's even more incentive to send in your dues! It will be first come, first served and no, you may not arrive at the crack of dawn. More details and the date is to come, and Dona will need volunteers to help set things up and with the general running of things.

• **Treasurer's Report** (Debbie P) -The ending balance in our account was \$6,812.69. Kathleen C. asked what were the Guild's monthly expenses? Other than the Life Storage rental, there are technically no re-occurring monthly expenses-the guild has income (Dues, etc.) and expenses (Insurance, Fees [as mentioned above in budget discussion]). Debbie provides her monthly report as a status update.

Dues – As explained in the email sent out it is now time to send in your dues to Jackie P. This will be our only source of expected revenue until the next show. As of now only 19 members have paid their dues.

• **Charity Quilts** (Dona S.) A reminder that finished charity quilts can be taken to Crafty Fabrics or call Dona S. to arrange a drop off time. Dona has spoken with Pat T. and Barbara E. Pat connected to some of the groups we have given to in the past. Right now Harbor House is not accepting quilts. Quilts For Kids are accepting nap/comfort sizes quilts- no bed sized ones. Hope House is not collecting per se. Their collections have a different theme per month. Charity kits are available at Crafty Fabrics.

• **Block of the Month-** (Dixie M. and Marcia G.) There were 18 "Log Cabin Star" blocks with a Red, White, and Blue theme submitted. Marcia said they were all beautiful, and Terry P. was the lucky winner.

• **Quilt Show** (Kathleen C.) Presently the plan is to keep all committees and chair people in place for the 2022 show, but that will have to be reassessed as we gear up for the show. She will no longer be able to be the chairperson of the show, and presently Dona S. is acting co-chair as Carol C. recuperates from Knee-replacement. Quilts presently registered will stay so, and the three that were withdrawn due to unavailability the owners will let their registration fees "ride" to cover the entry of replacement quilts.

Connie S. asked if more quilts will be allowed to enter the 2022 show, and that is one of the things that will have to be reassessed, mostly due to space limitations.

Marcia G. suggested we all invite a Zoom buddy (who perhaps cannot access on a computer) to join us in our homes for the guild meetings, as long as you are comfortable with that. This way more members can join in. Dona S. also is letting everyone know we can help you get the meeting running on your computer if you're not

a “techie”--let her know!! The help can be on the phone or in-house, again dependent on your comfort level with in-person contact.

- **Show and Tell**

- Sherre M. “Harmony” by GE Designs Shades of Turquoise, Green, Yellow on a cream background
- Terry P. found another UFO, a winter wall hanging she’s not even sure she likes anymore!
- Emilie L. had “4 Labs” in a wall hanging to represent her Aunt & Uncle’s dogs.
- Marcia G. finished “Elvira” by GE Designs. Oranges, corals, reds and quilted with pandemic words and phrases.
- Marlene S. “Teacher’s Pet” a Table Runner with Bali Breeze blue tones.
- Ann B. “Jolly Bar Sampler”, a Pat Sloan Sew along using 1/2 layer cakes with one pattern block per row. This sew-along was fun, there was a 15-minute video in the morning and each week a new row was started. Ann also quilts along with the “Sew Sisters Chat Room”
- Ginger C. showed us a Kleenex box cover that is fat quarter friendly. She also had a Jelly Roll quilt in a rainbow of colors that will be gifted to a recent Nursing School Masters Degree Graduate.
- Dina N. had a request she couldn’t refuse-”Unicorn / Rainbow / Mermaid” face masks as requested by her three granddaughters. She made the finished masks one step better by attaching Dollar Store eyeglass chains to them, so even if the girls take them off, they won’t fall away and be lost. The eyeglass chains can simply be unclipped to wash the masks.
- Debby P. finished the “Construction Quilt” for her Nephew’s son, 4-Patch blocks with constructions vehicles appliqued in the center, and a charity quilt too.
- Connie S. has a Stash-buster blue and white disappearing 9-Patch in the works.
- Laurie S. had a Christmas Quilt made from a jelly roll and triangles, created in a class led by Maria Sendzik at Crafty Fabrics.

Laurie asked about local longarm quilters. Diane at Crafty Fabrics has 18 quilts backed up and is not taking any more at this time.

Emilie L. responded she has happily worked with Guild Member Sherre M., who has a long arm service, “Sea Glass Quilting”.

It was suggested that Mouse Creek Quilting in Howell also provides Long-Arm Services.

- **Programs** (Laurie S) Our October meeting is scheduled to be a Zoom Trunk Show with Jody Beck, but the Saturday workshop was canceled. Barbara E. had sent two prospective lecturers that Laurie has to check out.

Laurie is concerned about spending money for Zoom lectures and having the technology fail, as it did for her earlier in the evening. She suggested the possibility that someone else be the Meeting host. Dina N. frequently sets up Zoom meetings for her work associates and will discuss with Laurie some options.

Laurie also pointed out she is the only one working on the web site and she is doing programs too. Perhaps there are volunteers so we can disseminate some of her responsibilities?

Dona S. asked for any further comments, being none, she declared the meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna DeAngelis
Recording Secretary