

Wyoming State Quilt Guild
Face-to-Face Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2019

Call to Order - President Deb Zelenak called the meeting to order at 10:20 am in Casper WY.

Roll Call - Present were Deb Zelenak, Jennifer Golden, April Pendleton, Belle Temple, Karen Sansoucie (phoned in), Virginia Ohr, Michelle Quick, Julie Haptonstall, Josy Daniel, Deb Kipp, Linda Herget, Francis Tormey, Terry Dunn, Elaine Donnelly and Kandi Davis (guest).

Deb asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Nothing was added.

Minutes - The minutes from the conference call on September 15 and the Annual Meeting minutes from July 14, 2019 have been sent to all board members for review. Jennifer moved to accept the conference call minutes from September 15, 2019 as presented. Linda seconded. Minutes accepted. The Annual Meeting minutes will be approved by the membership at the QW Annual Meeting in Rock Springs on June 28, 2020.

Treasure Report - Belle mentioned that she is adding \$326 to the 36-month CD which was listed as \$17,000 for a new amount of \$17,326. The line item Education/Quilt Judging was discussed at the September 15 meeting; the decision was made to remove it from the Treasurer Report. Belle made a motion to eliminate the Education/Quilt Judging line item from the report. Jennifer seconded. Motion passed. 2020 Beginning Quilt Class line item has been added for \$1,000, this line item had been accidentally left out of the September statement. Jennifer made a motion to accept the corrected Treasurer Report. April seconded. Treasure Report was accepted, as corrected. Deb reported for Nena that QW2020 is looking into the possibility of offering a beginning class at their QW. Belle and Kandi will work together to change banks. Virginia needs to be added as a secondary signature on the checking account. Kandi made a motion to add Virginia Ohr as a secondary signature to the WSQG bank accounts. Jennifer seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence - Thank you notes from Sweetwater, Sublette, and Washakie County Libraries were received and forwarded to the Historians.

Committee Reports:

QW 2020 - Nena was unable to attend the meeting but will have her report in the next Patchwords.

QW 2021 - Michelle reported that the Opportunity Quilt is at the long-arm quilter. The logo has been created. National teachers are under contract. The location has been determined.

QW 2022 - Kandi reported the location for QW has been decided. They are working on their National teachers.

Membership - Tauna sent in her report: currently we have 475 members; Central 103, NE 130, NW 46, SE 117, SW 46, out-of-state 33. LaVonne Schroeder has filled out the Change-of-Region form on-line; moving from out-of-state to NW. Deb's daughter, Ann Shaw is in the Air Force, presently living in Oklahoma. Her permanent address is Lander. Ann has requested to change her region to Central and has filled out the form. They will be notified that their regional request changes have been accepted.

Librarian - Terry Dunn has been appointed as our new Librarian. She had a suggestion for a children's book called "The Arabic Quilt, An Immigrant Story" by Aya Khalil. It is about a family that immigrates to America and the young girl is worried about being accepted at school. As the story moves along, the children end up making a paper quilt. The book is very well written. She'll continue to look for other children's books. Michelle suggested the book "Fly me to the Moon; an Art Quilt Journey" for the adult book. The Fly Me to the Moon quilt exhibit was in Houston last year. Both Linda MacDonald and Jeanne Knudsen have quilts in this book too, with Linda's "Lunar Rover" on the front dedication page.

Properties - Elaine is still looking for the Properties black book. It has been passed on to someone, but who has it is still a mystery. Virginia will send out an email to everyone to see if someone has the Properties black binder. She also has notecards available. They were sold at QW for \$5. The box she received had a collection of papers (invoices, etc.). She also has the small pins we received which are too small to use. Nena has the quilt show flags that were purchased in July at QW2019. Deb suggested that she start a new notebook with the properties that she has. All board members should contact her with any properties they have in their possession.

Historians - They were unable to attend the meeting but ask that we continue to send them articles and pictures.

Patchwords, Webmistress - Virginia has the forms available on-line and can be submitted electronically. All on-line forms have an option for those who choose not to submit electronically and mail them. She appreciates our input. We don't have many events scheduled on our calendar at this time.

President - Deb will cover her items later in the meeting.

Past President - Jennifer didn't have anything new to report at this time.

Vice President - April didn't have anything new to report at this time.

Director-at-Large - The tee shirt information will be covered in old business.

Regional Directors Reports

Central - Julie's report is ready for Patchwords.

Southeast - Linda and Frances are working on their Patchwords report.

Southwest - Nena sent word that she will have her report in the next Patchwords.

Northwest - Virginia will receive Michelle's report tomorrow. She mentioned that she had three guests at her fall retreat from Kentucky; grandmother, mother and daughter. Every year, they travel to a different state to attend a retreat. They found us on Facebook. Kanye West is making an impact in Cody. He is creating a fashion empire and is looking for workers that can sew on industrial sewing machines to put together duffel bags and sports things.

Northeast - Josy and Deb will have their report to Virginia tomorrow. They are hoping to plan a Regional Event in their area. The eastern portion of their area, isn't involved in QW compared to Gillette/Buffalo/Sheridan area. They are going to concentrate on getting them more involved with QW.

Old Business

Brochures - We have received 2500 updated brochures for distribution. The Regional Directors will share them with the quilt stores in their areas. All board members should have a handful.

WSQG Tee Shirts for Members - Virginia and Belle contacted WY Dept of Revenue about sales tax requirements for the sale of our tee shirts. We meet the exempt criteria for not charging sales tax on the tee shirts. Of the 100 responses to the survey, 60 responded yes, 37 responded no. The two colors that will be offered are turquoise and fuchsia. The choice of sleeve length is three quarters or short sleeve. The recommended cost of the tee shirts to members will be \$25 three quarters sleeve; \$18 short sleeve. The cost breakdown to purchase 24 tees is as follow: \$19 three quarter sleeve and \$12 short sleeve option; mailing envelope 13 cents; postage \$5.15; credit card fee 73 cents. The company that Kim is working with offers tees in sizes ranging from extra small to 4XXX. The order deadline is March 1, 2020; the information will be in the next edition of Patchwords. Kim will be responsible to mail all the tee shirts. The Regional Directors won't have to mail or deliver them to anyone in their areas. If this

program is popular, we will look at offering tee shirts program purchase twice a year with different color options. The shirts are 100% cotton and will have the WSQG logo embroidered on them. Michelle made a motion to offer the tee shirts to our members. April seconded. Motion passed.

Governor Arts Award - The paperwork has been submitted for this award. They will vote on the winner in November; notify the winner in December; winner will attend a dinner in Cheyenne on February 21. The group congratulated Deb on a job well done.

Regional boundaries - Everyone seems happy with the current boundaries. Nothing new to add or change at this time. The Change of Region request is available on line.

Online Membership Renewal and Payment - This is a work-in-progress. The forms are available on-line and can be submitted electronically. All on-line forms have an option for those who choose not to submit electronically and mail them. For internet security reasons, we need to consider the purchase of a plug-in to safely process payments on-line and forward necessary information to our Membership Director and Treasurer. The free version will handle our information but there is no security. Bots can pick up the email address within the form and those receiving copies will also receive lots of spam as a result. The paid version has security and other features that are useful that the free version does not have. The plug-in is not just for PayPal but for any form (i.e. region request change) we submit electronically; so the charge for the plug-in isn't just a result of processing fees for dues or tee shirt payment. The credit card information is entered but goes directly to PayPal, not to anyone else. The membership form information will go directly to the Membership Director and Treasurer (no credit card info, only address, phone number, etc. for our membership directory). The plug-in will be used for all the forms on the site (Membership, Change of Region, Advertising Request for Patchwords, Contact Us, Quilt Camp, Regional Happening, Sanctioned Event, quilt stand request, recommendation for books for County libraries, Golden Thimble nomination, Petition to change Region and Teacher Listing Request). Virginia hasn't updated the expense reimbursement forms to an on-line version because original receipts should be submitted with form to the Treasurer. The fee is \$100/year for us to use the plug-in to process our forms on-line. Linda made a motion to pay the \$100 for a secure plug-in fee to use PayPal and credit cards and to process our on-line forms. Jennifer seconded. Motion passed.

Regional Event Request - Michelle submitted a NW Regional Event form for \$500 for two events in Cody in 2020. She offers a retreat twice a year to all members of QW. April moved to approve the NW 2020 Regional Event. Julie seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Survey Results - Deb received 101 responses. The results were emailed to board members last night for our review. We discussed the various topics in general: why don't you belong to QW; more regional events; attending QW on the college campuses; RD visits to local quilt guilds; sharing our quilts on-line on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; how can we recruit younger members; recognize or spotlight quilters that have received national recognition; start a modern quilt guild; and mentor new quilters. These are just some the highlights from the survey. Deb asked us to take our time and read the information and we will continue this discussion at our next meeting.

WSQG Mystery Quilt - We had a 55.5% positive feedback to offer a mystery quilt thru QW. It was suggested Barb Graham, a mystery writer that offered mystery quilt clues in her books be contacted as a source for a pattern. The Moorcroft quilt guild made quilts from one of her books and were pleased with their quilts. Deb said she would take on the Mystery Quilt project. Jennifer offered her help.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05.

Karen Sansoucie, Secretary