

**Wyoming State Quilt Guild
Zoom Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2020**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President April Pendleton at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: Those in attendance were: April Pendleton, Deb Zelenak, Jennifer Golden, Kandi Davis, Stephanie Logan, Virginia Ohr, Tauna Leathers, Michelle Quick, Nena James, Julie Haptonstall, Deb Kipp, Josy Daniel, Linda Herget and Kim Hicks.

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed, corrections made, and approved as corrected.

Treasurers' Report: The treasurers' report was approved and the CD that had come due had been re-invested as had been discussed at the previous meeting.

Correspondence: Thank you note had been received from the Fremont County Library thanking the WSQG for the books we had provided them. The NE Wyoming Quilt Show sent a thank you to the guild for our assistance in that event.

President's Report: April said that COVID-19 has been affecting everything. The Senior Center in Lander was closed, so no Lander retreat. Her work is also affected.

President Elect's Report: Jennifer reported that there has been some quilting in small groups in her area and that everything seems to be cancelled.

Past-President's Report: Deb had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Membership: Tauna reported that the WSQG is now up to 522 members. The breakdown between regions is as follows: Central – 108, Northeast – 151, Northwest – 44, Southeast – 52, Southwest – 0, and 42 were from out-of-state. She also wanted all members to be encouraged to get their membership renewals in early for 2021.

QW20-21: Michelle said she had good news/bad news. The college says if we are still being required to social distance then no more than 15 people may be allowed in any classroom, and it may be more like 8-10 people would be allowed per room. The local and regional teachers have been picked and if a lot of people attend QW20-21, more classes will be needed. Social distancing will be easy for the trunk shows and meals.

QW22: No report.

QW23: Deb reported that this committee had met via zoom on November 6, 2020 and that the theme had been picked and major committees were covered. They are working on getting national teachers, but due to the cancellations in the teachers' 2020 schedules, many were moving their commitments from this year to 2021, and the following years are a bit up in the air.

Libraries: No report

Patchwords/Webmistress: Virginia said that advertising for next year is getting ready and that she had renewed her software for \$99.

Quilt Camp: Kim reported that no one has mentioned Quilt Camp thus far because no one knows what will happen due to COVID.

Historian: No report

Properties: No report

Archives: No report

Regional Directors

Northeast Region: Nena reported that Buffalo Gals had quite a few quilts in the NE Quilt show. They will be in a parade on December 5 and on display at their luncheon. She said that she and Josie had the first fall 307 Retreat. Attendees showed UFO's, worked on their own projects, and had some make-and-takes. Their Mystery Project was to make a placemat from each person's favorite block or a pattern they had in their heads (no looking online or in books!). The completed placemats were given to Meals on Wheels and to shut-ins.

Southwest Region: Quilting on the Green did occur this year but was very different. There were no classes, no trunk show and no dessert event. There was a quilt show and 5 vendors had been scheduled. She didn't have any figures yet on attendees. It was a nice quilt show and people were disappointed that 2 vendors backed out and that the 3 left were quilt stores.

Northwest Region: Kathy Hammond (Thermopolis) won the Ricky Timms Contest. The Fall retreat was cancelled. Nena and Michelle took QW20-21 quilts to be displayed, and they took Barb's quilts to Gillette and had a blast'; they sold lots of raffle tickets on the QW20-21 quilts. The Senior Center is closed and won't reopen until January. There are no other events or meetings planned.

Southeast Region: Linda reported that their fall retreat was held with 20 ladies in attendance. They had a great time, with lots of talking and sharing of good ideas. Frances wrote up the article for Patchwords and highlighted one quilter at the retreat.

Central Region: Julie said that clubs are busy individually. Pam Burrows and Calico Kats were making Christmas stockings for Senior Care Facilities and that 1000 stockings were needed. That is quite an undertaking.

Bylaw Committee: Jennifer requested that questions and concerns that needed to be looked into regarding a bylaw should, please, be submitted to them for review.

Insurance: This topic was tabled until next meeting.

New Business

It was suggested by Linda, from the discussions at their regional retreat, that there should be a guild-wide charitable project. Perhaps a challenge that would benefit one charitable group each year. Then the guild would make a substantial donation to the chosen charity. By choosing different charities each year it will raise awareness of that charity. But if everyone could try to participate it might be another way for us all to do another project together. This project/challenge would not have anything to do with

any other activity that is currently an ongoing event (like QW); it would be a separate project for people to be involved, whether in groups or singly, to make a difference.

A suggestion was added that if we decided to do this the president-elect can choose or set up a committee to choose a rotation between kids, seniors, groups or other type of charity. It should be kept going. The challenge would for each person to do a quilt or project. This would not be a reimbursable activity.

There was a concern that it might draw participation from the friendship blocks and challenge quilts at Quilt Wyoming, and that monies would be taken from QW for a donation. It is preferred that money go to more regional retreats for better instructors rather than having increasing costs for elsewhere, even as an unintended consequence of having another project.

It was questioned why we needed another project, whether we sponsor it or not, it would be associated with our guild. Deb mentioned that the survey results showed that the state guild should do more; that we do not do anything for others. Other state quilt guilds give monetary donations and quilts to organizations that work within the state to gain some recognition for the guild beyond the state's boundaries.

This could be good marketing for the WSQG. The guild won't be giving money to a local quilt guild, but that along with quilts, the charity gets the money. Perhaps this is something to think about. There are many charities within the state that we could promote one of them for a year to draw more notice to it and our guild. It may be best to not give monies unless there is something specific the charity really needs the funds for. Rather than that we should just do quilts or something along that line.

Discussion continued and then it was decided it should be presented to the local guilds and see if there was interest. This will be tabled until next meeting.

The next topic was increasing Regional Director's yearly expense allowance so that purchase of extension cords, irons, ironing boards and the like could be made for their retreats. Kandi reminded that in the past the expense allowance was just used for travel and supplies like paper and postage. On polling, it was found that only 1 of 5 districts have used their monies for the year to date. This purchase of equipment would come under the Properties umbrella, and perhaps that allowance could be increased; however, that creates a hassle getting such equipment distributed from one location to another for their activities.

It was moved and seconded that the Regional Director's allowance remain at \$200 per year, and if they had a need for more reimbursement up to \$100 additional, they could submit a request to the board for said reimbursement.

It was mentioned that regional director reports used to be emailed to the board so that everyone had them to read before the meeting. The directors should email their Patchwords reports to the board prior to the current upcoming meeting.

The new budget will be discussed at the January 2021 meeting, to be held January 10, 2021 at 7 pm.

Deb was thanked for the zoom meetings she initiates for us.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.