

Minutes for the Wyoming State Quilt Guild
March, 2021
via Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: President April Pendelton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present were Josy Daniel, Kandi Davis, Terry Dunn, Jennifer Golden, Julie Haptonstall, Linda Herget, Nena James, Deb Kipp, Tauna Leathers, Stephanie Logan, Virginia Ohr, April Pendleton, Michelle Quick, and Deb Zelenak .

April noted the addition of the FCCLA to the agenda of this evening's meeting.

Minutes: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report: Moved and seconded for acceptance with no questions. The guild has a continuing commitment to the Wyoming State Fair to fund two awards at \$200 each. There are 4 awards in quilting and 8 in the wool and needlework class.

It was noted that Michelle was going to let Kandi know after her retreat if they would need the money for their retreat. Josy said she was in the same boat.

Michelle Quick and Linda Herget have each used up their Regional Properties monies.

Correspondence: No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports

President's Report: April said that she had had COVID and had been very ill but was now recovering. She did go to the Line Shack retreat.

President-Elect's Report: Jennifer thanked Linda, Nena and Virginia for working with her on the bylaws.

Past-President's Report: Deb reminded the Board that the Golden Thimble Award nomination ad was placed into the Patchwords. She also asked Regional Directors to write up a submission for this award. The Kalico Kat and Torrington area guild were just some of the possible nominees.

Membership Report: Membership chair, Tauna, reported that the Guild currently has 466 members. She has ordered more membership cards. She is receiving new memberships and that after clearing and updating the roles we had lost 100 members.

Quilt Wyoming 20-21: Michelle thanked Virginia for her incredible help and the brochures would be printed soon. She is still awaiting NWCC to let her know if we can have an increased number per classroom. At this point we can only have 8 per classroom. If we are not allowed at least 12 per class, we will lose money. Deb asked if a video teacher going between two classrooms (like is being done in some school classes) is necessary. We may have to have 5 classrooms for open

sew. Also, there will be a choice for participants at QW20-21 between ordering a t-shirt and an apron.

QW2022: Kandi said they had just had another meeting and are 15 months from production in Powell.

QW2023: Julie reported that the committee has nailed down the theme and are working on national teachers.

Librarian's Report: Terry is asking for suggestions for books to add to libraries. She said it is best to stick with non-fiction as fiction books run into problems when they are in a series. She said she is only talking about adult books, but she will order the children's book that has already been chosen.

Patchwords/Website Report: Virginia reported that Patchwords is almost ready to go to printer. She lost 2 advertisers but is receiving more so that was not a big deal.

Historian's Report: There was no report.

Quilt Camp Report: There was no report.

Properties' Report: There was no report other than what was mentioned in the Treasurer's Report.

Regional directors' Reports

Northeast Region – Tauna had sent out her report earlier.

Southeast Region - Linda said she and Frances had finished their report the week prior to the meeting. The only thing not added to the report was that the community college has a "Makers' Space" that she is now in charge of. Sewing and quilting will be included in the classes offered.

Northwest Region – Michelle sent out her report. She thinks things are starting to open up and she gets to have her retreat. There will be 55 participants allowed.

Southwest Region – Nena reported she also feels things are starting to open up in her area. A nice quilt exhibit at the library was really great. The curator became so involved in this project and had made her first quilt that she may become a member of the Guild. The local newspaper covered them very well.

Central Region – Julie had sent out her report. She noted that Lickety Stitch is starting to have classes. She also announced that Deb Z won 2nd place in the Lander Audobon art exhibit.

Old Business

By-Laws – Everyone should have received a copy of the Standing Rules and By-Laws. They will be submitted to Patchwords so that all members will have the opportunity to review them. There was mostly a cleaning-up of the language and repetitiousness.

Discussion was held on the issue of BOD members voting by proxy. The By-Laws provided that members of BOD could vote by proxy, but no more than 2 times in a 2-year term. This discussion also addressed By-Laws Section 4.8 Quorum. How many people are a quorum? Who votes for them by proxy? If there was something contentious being voted on you wouldn't have someone vote your proxy if they are no on your side. What number represents a quorum? The majority of the voting board must be present for there to be a quorum for voting.

The committee proposed a change to term limits of Regional Directors as it is not always possible to find someone to take on the Regional Directorship. Deb felt that we should have term limits. April also feels that the term limits should remain. Linda said that there is a proviso in the By-Laws that if someone needed to be removed the board could do so and that this could be a remedy for this situation. The members of each region will vote on its own Regional Director. It currently stands that there is a limit of 2 consecutive terms. A Roll Call Vote was held on this and the majority voted to keep the 2-year term limit in the By-Laws.

Deb raised a question about why we have a "sanctioned event" if it is not getting money from WSQG. It is in the Standing Rules, Section. It was explained that we have either sponsored or non-sponsored events. Sponsored means that they receive money and Sanctioned is just that the activity has the stamp-of-approval from the WSQG.

The By-Laws were accepted as corrected at this meeting.

Insurance – Linda had no information about insurance for the board but assured that she will submit information to us prior to the next meeting.

Guild-Wide Charitable Project - Removed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Quilt Camp – There have been no requests received for approval. January 15 was the deadline for submissions. It is a general fun money that is used for these events. Now that COVID numbers are going down, the Buffalo guild is planning a quilt camp and were wondering if they could still submit for funds. As long as there are funds available, they can still apply.

FCCLA - Linda reported on this upcoming event. This group from the University of Wyoming first contacted Virginia. Linda visited with the head of the statewide group. They wanted some partnering and judges for some of their categories. She asked if they could have a booth at the convention at Little America in Cheyenne. They would like demonstrations on quilting. Tauna will be there on March 26 and 26 and Linda will attend on the 24th. They would like a couple quilts hanging and perhaps a raffle quilt as well as some brochures about the Guild. They also asked for a donation to FCCLA. Linda asked if we could provide prizes to 1st place winners, but what FCCLA was really asking for was money. Giving money doesn't fit in our By-Laws, but perhaps we could give prizes instead. It was decided that Linda and Tauna could help with judging, do demos and hand out brochures.

Scholarship – Deb Kipp and Josy Daniel have been trying to find a way to get younger people involved in the quilt guild. Margaret Branson’s quilting equipment will be sold at the Gillette retreat and the monies from that will be given as a scholarship in her name to Quilt Wyoming. They’d like to get other Regional Directors to select younger quilters to attend a Quilt Wyoming together, room together, eat together, just a shot to get some younger quilters going every year. They might go home and tell their friends what a great time they had and create some interest in others in their area. April said we should keep thinking of this idea, but that there are some needed parameters for it. It was decided to table this topic for this year and delve deeper to see how we can make this happen in the future. She then reminded us all of the challenges for QW 20-21.

Michelle noted that she is just about out of membership brochures. April will bring some to the retreat for her.

April noted that she needs some ideas as to when the July meeting will be held. It was decided we will have our July BOD meeting at Quilt Wyoming on Wednesday at 2 pm.

The next meeting will be on May 2nd at 7 pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Logan, Secretary