

Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County
Board Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2015
Eskaton Village, Grass Valley (49er Room)

Members Present: Kate Grant, Anne Wilson, Ruth Bertaccini, Karen Mitchell, Betty Maddox, Kathleen Stanley, Karle deProse, Ardy Tobin, Diane Klose, Donna Switzer

- A. Call to order:** President Kate Grant called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Correspondence and announcements:**
- We received a thank you card from last month's speaker, Kevin Kosbab. He added that it was a pleasure getting to know us.
 - We received an announcement from Sharon Cioffi from Truckee Meadows Quilters. They have cancelled their 2015 Quilt Show.
- C. Minutes-Donna Switzer:** Corrections were suggested for the April 9, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes. We did not have a quorum to proceed with approval. Donna will make the corrections and approval of the minutes will be re-visited at the June Board Meeting.
- D. Treasurer's report-Karen Mitchell:** Karen provided copies of the Treasurer's Report for 4/1/2015 through 4/30/2015 to everyone attendance. Karen asked if her report could be forwarded for publication in the Newsletter. Karle suggested that it is OK since we are just accepting the report, not voting. Kate said that Karen should hold the report since we don't have a quorum to vote for acceptance. The Quilt Show account loan: Should be coming back soon. Karen explained that Tri-County Bank is not open on the weekend, so the Quilt Show deposited their money into the Guild Account. Anne asked how much money the Opportunity Quilt generated. Karen had Cathy Stone's reported figures: \$4,839.00 gross and \$3,989.00 net. The cost was \$850.00.
- E. Old business**
1. Open Board Positions-Kate Grant
 - Kate plans to put the information in the Newsletter again. The Meeters and Greeters (Hospitality) position is OK at this time.
 - Historian-The need to fill this position will be included in the Newsletter again as well.
 - Christmas Party (SDA)-Kate will bring this up at our next General Meeting in June. At this point the meeting is expected to be held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church.
 2. Quilt Show Exploratory Committee (Reminder)-Kate Grant:
 - Anne, Mary, Ruth, Joan and Marjorie are on the Committee. Barbara Ceresa will also be on the committee. Anne will send a reminder to the committee regarding the June 3rd meeting date.

F. New business

1. Guild Denim Shirts-Diane Klose:

- Diane is also a member of the Auburn Quilt Guild, and told us that they offer t-shirts with the Guild's logo on them to their members. Karle said that our Guild used to offer shirts periodically. Diane had two samples of denim shirts, (one light blue and one dark blue) that we could order with our PTQG Guild logo. We would also have the option of having our names embroidered on them if we so desire. The vendor that made the samples, and that we would use (if approved) is Dawn Austin. Anne said that we have a Guild member, Karen Havle who offers this kind of service. There was some discussion about this fact, and we decided to go with Dawn this time. The shirts are offered by order, and the purchase will include sales tax for an approximate total of \$21.63 per shirt. Diane explained that we could order the shirts one month, and get them the following month. Ordering information will be included in the Newsletter, and will also be announced at our next General Meeting in June.

2. Share and Care items in the Newsletter-Marjorie McConnell via Kate Grant:

- These items used to be published in the Newsletter, but not now. Kate suggested that we need to contact Carol Gates, our Share and Care Chairperson, to get input as to whether people would want it published about their health or other status; good news or not so good news as it were.

3. Dues Re-structuring-Kate Grant:

- Kate announced that the Executive Board discussed raising the membership dues to \$35.00 per year. The dues would include the Opportunity Quilt tickets. 130 members purchased Opportunity Quilt tickets last time, and 70 did not. Karle said that we could lose 70 members if we increase the dues. Betty suggested that we put the discussion on hold since we don't have a quorum. Discussion continued about the most appropriate General Meeting date to bring the dues re-structuring issue up for general discussion by the membership. Kate said that a vote would not be appropriate at the Christmas meeting, and that it is preferred to have such a meeting when we don't have a speaker. Betty put forward that it doesn't matter whether we have a speaker or not. Guild business should be the most important issue. Kate surveyed 10 other guilds within a 50 mile radius of our guild, and 8 of the 10 had dues higher than ours. Kate said that dues re-structuring is something that we should start thinking about. Karen reported that 29 Lifetime members don't pay dues. However, 25 did buy Opportunity Quilt tickets. 6 Lifetime members paid dues as a donation. Lifetime members are committed to the Guild. Ardy suggested that an explanation go out in the Newsletter. Karle said that we should have a quorum of the Board members before anything goes into the Newsletter. Ardy was asked not to put anything on the website. Anne suggested that the membership applications go out early. Karle reminded us that members shouldn't join early. Karen responded that a lot of members paid their dues in September. Betty reminded us that a dues increase maybe too much for some members with limited incomes. Anne said that we do have scholarships available if need be. Kathleen suggested that a Blast should be sent out to Board members on this subject. Kate said that she will email Board members and Karen added that they should be encouraged to attend the Board meetings.

4. Quilt Show 2015-Anne Wilson:

- Many people reported that they enjoyed the show. There were no problems during the show. The gate was down by over 10%. Some reasons are that there are more shows everywhere; Francis at Ben Franklin told Anne that there is less quilting going on, and Ardy added to that that there is nothing new in the quilting world grabbing people's attention. Overall, the comments were excellent. The only negative remark was that the Country Store should be mentioned on the website, but wasn't. Betty mentioned that last year the Country Store opened at 9:00 a.m. but this year not until 10:00 a.m. Betty said that she missed the posters that were put up in previous years in the community. Betty asked if there might be professional speakers next time. We were told that Marjorie, next year's Quilt Show chairperson is working on it. Anne said that she received thank you letters saying that ours was the "Best Quilt Show"; "Thank you/Bravo"; "Terrific Show"; etc. Kathleen said that the bus drivers said that they heard nothing but good comments. Anne said that we had fewer volunteers, but that it went well. Meeting next week should be wrap up meeting.

5. Draft Horse Classic-Ruth Bertaccini:

- Ruth had questions/remarks about the Opportunity Quilt as the Draft Horse Classic. In the past, people have mentioned that they'd love to buy a quilt with a Western theme. Ruth asked if we could sell quilts like that. Karle said that, yes, we can. The purchase price would be considered a donation, and there could be no tax write off. This came up Anne said, because they asked us to display quilts because room became available. Kate said that we would need to talk with people at the fairgrounds. Ruth said that that people go gaga over Southwestern design/themes. Kate suggested that maybe get someone to chair the project. The Draft Horse Classic is held in mid-September.

G. Committee reports

1. Emailed reports

- **Sue Miller-Newsletter:** Please remind the Board to have their Newsletter articles in by Sunday.
- **Joan Mosley-Scholarship:** She sent her Scholarship Committee report to Kate.
- **Marjorie McConnell-Community Service:** At the Quilt Show, magazine sales at the Community Service booth netted \$64.00; at the Country Store \$127.00. Interest was ongoing for the pillowcase demonstration, but little interest in other demos.
 - Working to prepare for upcoming events to engage members to help with quilting. At least 100 quilt sandwiches/tops need to be finished. Space is available at all events.
 - May 21st-*Cathy Stone: Tips and Techniques for Machine Quilting.* Limited to 20 people. Come with sewing machine and be prepared to start at 10:00 a.m. Quilt sandwiches provided.
 - July 25th-*Quiltapalooza* : ongoing from noon to 9:00 p.m. at Sugar Pine Quilt Shop classroom. Bring your machine; sign up for the hours you want to participate. Indicate if you want to participate in the potluck or pizza for \$5.00.
 - September 17th-*Ina Gibson: Envelope Quilting.*
 - November 19th-*Lorna Straka: Easy Binding.*

- Beginning in June: all kits checked out will need to be returned completed. I have four people who will do binding.

2. Reports by Committee Chairs

- **Vice President-Diane Klose:** Why doesn't the Board do the Christmas Party? The consensus was NO. The Nominating Committee needs one more general member. Ruth asked what the meeting date was.
- **Home Workshop-Betty Maddox:** Home Workshop is doing fine. Classes are filling up. Ina will continue her Triad Crystal class. On June 4th, Carol Hribal will have her "Let's Do the Twist" class. Ten to twelve people have signed up so far.
- **Treasurer-Karen Mitchell:** There was a question about where the General Meeting in June will be held. Karen said that the Grass Valley Charter School doesn't have room for us. They will be decorating for graduation. Karen said that we have been charged in the past and that we weren't even there. Karle mentioned that we have a contract with the District, not with the school. Anne asked if we will have the school or SDA for Christmas. Kate talked with Peggy specifically about the June meeting.
- **Show and Tell-Ruth Bertaccini/Sew Happy:** There will be a Show and Tell during the June General Meeting at SDA.
- **Web Liaison-Ardy Tobin:** Everything is fine.
- **Opportunity Quilt 2016 Marketing-Kathleen Stanley:** She has signed up with other Guilds for the next year and ½. She has set-up some in 2017 as well. Most Guilds are full for 2016. Ruth asked if the quilt will be entered into the Nevada County Fair. Kathleen asked who set-up the schedule last time; Lettie? Kathleen asked where the quilt is. Kate will check with Marjorie.
- **Finance, Budget/Audit-Karle deProsse:** The Tax Return has been filed. The Attorney General Report will be filed tomorrow. Need to start the 2016 Budget Meeting. Karle, Kate, Diane, Anne and Karen will be on the Budget Committee. Karle will email possible dates.

H. Adjourn: President Kate Grant adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Switzer, Secretary