



# Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County, Inc.

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 14, 2024**

A meeting of the Board of Pine Tree Quilt Guild was called by Jeanne Pincha-Tulley on March 14, 2024, via Zoom.

The following Executive Directors were present: Jeanne Pincha-Tulley, Annica Hagadorn, Cindy Loper and Beth Stagner. Kathy Mollet was absent.

Also, the following Board Members were present: Holly Miner, Lillian Glaeser, Susie Hardy, Sophia Day, Judy Hamilton, Joan Mosley, Nancy Holtz, Kathy Biggi, Karle deProse, Kris Cook, Vaughn Rodriguez, Sue Miller and Anne Wilson.

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley called the meeting to order at 3 p.m., announced that a quorum was present, and that the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with its business. Jeanne Pincha-Tulley acted as Chairman of the meeting and Beth Stagner acted as the Secretary.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after a motion duly made by Holly Miner, seconded by Annica Hagadorn, and unanimously carried, the minutes of February 8, 2024 board meeting were approved and will be signed by the Secretary.**

### **BOARD REPORTS:**

1. Announcements – Jeanne Pincha-Tulley:
  - a) The Quilt Show Celebration and the Membership mixer will be in June at St. Canice.
  - b) The Tell & Sell/Guild Challenge Winner Announcements will be in May also at St. Canice.
  - c) Currently our Ryan's Case for Smile Pillowcase drive has 293 pillowcases.
  - d) Any deletions or additions to agenda? None.
2. Treasurer's Report - by Jeanne for Kathy Mollet: You should have received the Expense Report with the Agenda. Our expenses are this month are higher than normal because of the fee for the Quilt Show at the Nevada County fairgrounds. We received interest in the amount of \$157.93 on the CD. Our current cash position is \$72,214.04.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after board discussion regarding the PTQG February 2024 Budget v. February Expense Report, a motion was duly made by Kathy Biggi and seconded by Joan Mosley and unanimously carried, the Board approved the report as written.**

### **OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION:**

1. Sophia Day: Carol Gates donated a several quilt kits last fall to Community Service. A couple kits had potential to be used for future Opportunity Quilts. I picked out three for potential Opportunity quilts. Of those three, Holly

and I met, and we have two we think will work. One is a complete kit with backing, the other doesn't have backing or batting. The third kit, we are not sure it can be completed, and it may be able to put in in the Country Store for sale. The mini group, the Divas, is going to make a proposal for making the next Opportunity Quilt and they already have a pattern that Holly has reviewed as a viable Opportunity Quilt. Holly: If the board is okay with the donated quilt kits, they could also be an option. We can have a mini group make them, but it may have to be a 2025 quilt as the Divas are still in the planning phase. Nancy: Where are the kits? Sophia: I have all three now and would love to hand them over once a decision has been made. Kathy: Why don't we donate to the Country Store? Sophia: One is a complete, beautiful kit and I would love to see it done, the second is a maybe. Karle: I think it's too soon to donate to Country Store. Jeanne: Can we motion on what we want to do. Holly: If we can get a commitment before June, that would be great.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after board discussion, a motion was duly made by Annica Hagadorn and seconded by Susie Hardy and unanimously carried, that the Board will offer one of the kits to the mini group, Diva's to make it as an Opportunity Quilt, and if they pass, it can be passed to another group. The disposition of the second and third kits, whether to offer to a mini group or donate to the Country Store will be decided at a later by Sophia and Holly.**

2. Vaughn Rodriguez: I propose we streamline the announcements for the Quilt Show. I believe its best if one person makes the initial announcements and if any committee head has an announcement we pass the microphone to them for their announcement. Annica: I am for that with the caveat of how many committee heads would want to speak? Vaughn: We have 16 heads, but not all will need to speak, and it will vary at different meetings. Most of the announcements will be between January and April each year and the number of announcements will by committee will vary during this timeline. Annica: I am all for trying new things. Vaughn: It probably won't take more than 10-12 minutes. Annica: I think we need to watch the time and there needs to be a conversation with you prior to each meeting about how many people are going to speak so we can gauge the time. Vaughn: I think we will know from our monthly meeting what announcements will be needed at the general meeting each month. Joan: For the next meeting, it is of the utmost importance, because its right before the show, and it's a more urgent situation. Lillian: We need volunteers for the show. Sophia: More long term, in general, there are only 4-5 critical committees that would need to speak. Kathy: I don't think there should be a time limit during those months, and we leave it to the Quilt Show chairman on how much time will be needed at each meeting. Vaughn: I think that works. In the fall, its mostly just announcements about date, etc. Judy: Yes, such as Silent Auction, Baskets, and Country Store. Annica: So, let's see how it works at this next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION:

1. Holly Miner: I would like to suggest that PTQG become a regular member with Grouper. Annica Seconded. Kathy: Do we have to renew yearly? Holly: The way I understand it is as long as you maintain your Medicare plan then you are in. Annica: Holly, how does the \$750 work? Holly: We must fulfill their requirements with in 90 days, and we get the funds after 60 days. They are going to provide promotion products, such as a retractable banner for our meetings and free advertising for the Guild. Reimbursement for the guild membership dues is up to the person whether they want to apply for reimbursement. Everything we need will be supplied to us. Sue Miller: Does it cost us anything? Holly: No, the intention of Grouper is aimed at over 65. Based on seniors can have depression so it helps give them a community. It's not available to regular Medicare, it must be an advantage or supplement plan. Vaughn: Is this a private company and are they collecting personal information? Holly: Yes, and it works with Medicare. No special information. Annica: It also has local group information for anyone that views the website.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after board discussion, a motion was duly made by Holly Miner and seconded by Kathy Biggi and unanimously carried, that the board allow Holly to sign up the Guild up on Grouper and after it fulfils its requirements, the Guild will receive a \$750 donation. Further, Grouper is also a benefit to its senior Members at no cost to either the Guild or its Members.**

2. Kathy Biggi: I believe that the Community Service policy is too restrictive, and I would like to amend the wording. There have been too many instances where we could have given out quilts but couldn't. Also, if we read the current policy language, we need to keep a certain number of quilts and only a certain number can go out of the county, so like for the River Fire in Colfax, Community Service was prohibited from helping in Colfax (Placer County). Holly: Is it a Policy or By Law? Kathy: It's a

Policy. Nancy: If I had followed the Policy, I would be in trouble. Kathy and I have discussed this. We didn't give any quilts to Paradise, etc. Kris: Do we have a really good surplus of quilts? If there was a situation outside of our area, I would not want to get to where we don't have any quilts left. Kathy: We had lots of quilts but didn't offer them. I have no doubt that we would have received enough to give out. Sophia: To Kris' point, since we have in there "with board approval," I would assume Nancy would bring it to the board and we would then have the discussion. I think the way its worded, there is a safeguard built in. Holly: We are removing the restrictive language, but changing it to language that is more controlled, so it should work. Kris: The rules have been put in place over the last 40 years because of experiences. I am in favor of it, but I just want to make sure we have enough for our community. Annica: I think we should also put in the words for Nevada County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after board discussion regarding the restrictive language in the Community Service Policies, a motion was duly made by Kathy Biggi and seconded by Holly Miner and unanimously carried, the Board approved the new Policy definition to read: "Community Service quilts shall be distributed at the discretion of the Community Service chair with board approval while ensuring the needs of Nevada County."**

3. Judy Hamilton: We have been trying to showcase each new member. When we asked new members for some information about themselves, only one new member gave any substantial information. So, Ruthie and I came up with some questions we could pose so we get more information from them. See handout "Getting to Know You." Do you like the questions or do you think it's too much. Holly: I think they are good questions. Susie: I also think they are good.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a board discussion regarding a questionnaire to new members, a motion was duly made by Judy Hamilton and seconded by Vaughn Rodriguez and unanimously carried, the Board approved the use of the questionnaire (see attached) "Getting to Know You" in the newsletter.**

4. Nancy Holtz: This conversation happened a few weeks ago at Community Service. We were chatting about Foothill Quilt Guild changing its Quilt Show to every other year, so I thought maybe we should have a committee to investigate whether that might be an option for our Guild. Holly: Since it's just a committee to investigate, why not? The committee is just going to bring information to the board. Vaughn: My knowledgeable input regarding this issue is that the fairgrounds is becoming more and more business-like; they will not reserve an "every other year" date. So, just keep that in mind before starting a committee investigation. Joan: I don't want to sound negative, but over the years, we have had this committee looking into this same question over the years. Because of what Vaughn shared, I don't think we will have a very good chance of getting a reasonable fairgrounds date. My point is that it has been investigated, and I don't think anything has changed. Annica: I don't see a downside to a committee looking into it and maybe coming up with other options/ideas for the off years. It may come up with some new and creative ideas. Sophia: I struggle with this issue because I love the quilt show and part of our charter is to show our love of quilting. Susie: I really like the idea of a quilt show every year. You get to know your fellow members by working together on committees. Karle: Since I wear the financial hat, I want to point out that the Foothill Guild is implementing other activities to raise money, but they are struggling. Also, we always have a lot of quilts to show each year. Vaughn: Bear in mind, this is volunteer work, and you want to take time off from the show, that is okay too. Sue Miller: I have been debating this because I love it and it gives the opportunity to come together, but it doesn't hurt to investigate. Lillian: Just remember that there also won't be an Opportunity Quilt, so we also need to think about that. Jeanne: What consideration and who needs to be part of this committee? Kris: Would Nancy be willing to head the committee and put it out to request volunteers? Nancy: Yes, I would be willing to head it up after the Quilt Show. Kris: Just make sure that the wording is such so no one thinks we are actually changing the Quilt Show.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a board discussion regarding whether a committee be formed to investigate other options regarding the Guild's annual Quilt Show, a motion was duly made by Nancy Holt and seconded by Annica Hagadorn, with the vote being 8 in favor and 8 against forming a committee, with Jeanne as the tie breaker, it was carried forward in favor of the Board forming a committee.**

5. Kathy Biggi: Passing on her Agenda item. Things came up that I need to investigate further. This topic will be tabled until the next meeting.

6. Vaughn Rodriguez: My suggestion is that if we have a lot of things to cover at our general meetings, then maybe we do not do Show and Tell at that meeting. Annica: I reviewed Bylaws and Policies, and there isn't anything in there about what needs to happen at a meeting. This goes back to what we were talking about earlier about what is important at that meeting and the timing. I think that the only thing that we need to make sure is that if we have a speaker, they get their full hour. Vaughn: What is the timeline for a meeting? Two hours? Jeanne: This is part of the next agenda item. Sophia: I think it's highly reasonable to say that if we have a speaker, to mention to those with Show and Tell, they be brief. Karle: When we last did a survey, one of the top results was that Show and Tell was what members really liked so we should keep it. Cindy: I feel like the last meeting, Mel Beach felt rushed. Should we consider letting the speaker go first so we are more mindful of their time? Holly: Cindy, yes, that has been looked at by the Board because what would happen is that e.g. there would be 80 people at the start then by the end when speaker came on there were 30 people left. Vaughn: My suggestion was not every meeting, but when necessary.

The Board decided to move this discussion into the motion proposal regarding forming a committee to look at the General Meeting structure.

7. Jeanne Pincha-Tulley: I would like to create a committee to look at how our general meetings flow. Per the last Guild membership survey, the number one interest is attending meetings, and the number one concern is the meetings are too long. Rather than me making suggestions, we could have a committee investigate its timing, timeline, interests, etc. I am not looking to set the tone, just having a committee to make suggestions. Annica: I think that committees don't hurt anything, and I think our meetings have varied. I think we need to have some internal flexibility and the players need to come together to decide for each General meeting what happens, how many show and tell, etc. Joan: I agree with what Annica is saying about flexibility. I would be happy to be on a committee. I think it involves knowing your goal for your meeting and for example, our April meeting's priority is the Quilt Show but we also have a speaker. Also, maybe limit the Patchwork Star and control the Show and Tell items. Jeanne: It is more managing the membership's expectation. Joan: We also need to recognize what is important to the membership. Holly: Have we identified that announcements are the most problematic? I know they are important so maybe we could print the announcements and hand them out at the meeting? How about a daytime meeting? Kathy: All this info is great, and we are discussing this as a committee. So, let's do it in a committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a board discussion regarding whether a committee to investigate the flow/timelines at our general meetings would be prudent, a motion was duly made by Jeanne Pincha-Tulley and seconded by Holly Miner, and unanimously carried, in favor of the Board creating a committee to investigate the structure of how we implement our general meetings.**

8. Sue Miller: I heard that someone was down in the dumps because they were struggling with some recent medical issues. So, I decided to send her some flowers from the Guild. In discussions later, someone was upset we spent the money. I would like to propose that the Share and Care person should be able to send flowers or a plant to show her quilt sisters we care. Kathy: The Bylaws state that the Share and Care chairperson is responsible for get well cards. This would be a Bylaw change not a Policy change. Anne: I agree also, it's a nice thing to do. However, the problem is we have so many older members with serious issues and sometimes get over 50 requests a month for cards. Sue Miller: It can be a low-cost flower arrangement or plant, but for someone that is very involved in the Guild, I think a different pattern should follow. I think things that were done in the past were in the past and the Share and Care person should be able to do it. Sophia: My first thought is that whatever we do, we need to be consistent – we need to do it all or none. Sue: I withdraw the motion. Anne and Sue Miller: Both reiterated that we should reach out to any Guild members that may need support.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sherri Doerr – Scholarship Report: On March 18, 2024, the committee will be going over the 10 application we received for scholarships. On April 26, 2024, the high school has their scholarship award assembly.

Sophia Day – Blast: I wanted to send out this week's information until after this meeting, so if you have anything to add, please let me know.

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Kris Cook: My committee is the yearly Guild Challenge, and this year, like last year, it was cancelled due to weather. It is giving Margaret and I pause to whether we need to make changes. I don't have anything to give you now, but we are considering whether we should change the reveal month; just putting it out there. If we decide to change the month, there will be plenty of time for the Board to discuss. For our next Challenge, we have picked a theme, we will present it at the next meeting, and announce it at our June general meeting. Also, I have 6 quilt frames if you need them.

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley: Holly, you brought up that we need to update our Policies and Bylaws. Annica and I have a lot to do through June, so I would like to table this matter until September. Kathy: I just want to inform you that the Vice President has the authority to review. I have volunteered, with Anne, to review and clean them up. Annica doesn't have to be part of the committee just provide "oversight". Jeanne: As you and I have previously discussed several times, Annica wants to be heavily involved. The timing, however, is not the right until this fall. Kathy: Who do you think you are to make that decision? Annica: It's the VP's job to review them every two years, and last year was the year. It didn't happen. Yes, it needs to be done, but the Bylaws state I oversee the review. It will be me and a mix of longer term/newer members I plan to help review them. I get that it is important to be done, but it will be done later in this year. Anne: Kathy and I are interested in cleaning them up grammatically etc. Jeanne: That can still be done in September. Kathy: I would like to call a special meeting to clean up the Bylaws. Annica: Since the Bylaws currently state how to handle the review, a special meeting is not appropriate. Jeanne: We have missed 2 cycles of Bylaw reviews; so waiting a few months, in a year that such a review is not required under the Bylaws, is acceptable. Anyone that wants to submit changes/updates/corrections to the Policies and Bylaws, please mark them up and submit them to the committee. When the Committee is formed and meets in the fall, they can use the submitted change suggestions to help with the review.

Holly Miner: As you know, I was given approval to purchase the events portion of the website. I wanted to let you know that I spent about 4 days learning/updating. It's great that I now have tech support, so maps show up and I have reoccurring events. So, thank you, I am very grateful for this update.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Jeanne at 5:37 p.m.

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Beth Stagner, Co-Secretary