



Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County, Inc.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – December 12, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Pine Tree Quilt Guild was called by Jeanne Pincha-Tulley on December 12, 2024 and the meeting was held on Zoom.

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

The following Board Members were present: Lillian Glaeser, Nancy Holtz, Holly Miner, Joan Mosley, Kathy Biggi, Ruth Bertaccini, Sophia Day, Anne Wilson, Karle deProsse, Judy Hamilton, Vaughn Rodriguez, and Susanne Haislet.

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley called the meeting to order at 3:03 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 Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after a motion duly made by Kathy Biggi, seconded by Karle deProsse and unanimously carried, the minutes of the November 14, 2024 board meeting were approved and will be signed by the Secretary.

BOARD REPORTS:

1. Announcements - Jeanne Pincha-Tulley: None
2. Treasurer's Report - Kathy Mollet: None required this month.

OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION:

1. Featured Quilter for 2026 by Sophia Day: We received four nominations; one was myself, but I declined and the other three were Sally Monestier (who had the most nominations), Janet Palmer and Judy Vaughn. Kathy B: Keep in mind that Judy Vaughn was one of our nominees last year. Karle: Just an FYI, I believe the Bylaws state a nominee must be involved in the Guild, which is Sally and Judy. Judy: I feel like Janet has recently become more active in the guild; however, Sally and Judy continually enter quilts and win ribbons. Jeanne: How do you want to vote? By Hand? Holly: What about a special exhibit for 2026 rather than a specific Featured Quilter? Joan: What type of special exhibit? Karle: Maybe blue-ribbon winners? Kathy B.: Maybe previous featured quilters or Hall of Fame? Joan: I suggest we still have a Featured Quilter for 2027, but do a special exhibit for 2026? Kathy: What is Vaughn's opinion? Vaughn: At our first planning meeting, we discussed the theme for this year, but we also discussed the theme for the 2026 Anniversary Quilt Show, so I

think it would be appropriate to discuss a special exhibit for this year. Ruth: I nominated Sally, and I have been asking her for several years and she wasn't ready, so I know she wouldn't mind waiting another year. Sophia: Just remember that someone mans that spot, so how would we work that out? Jeanne: We have time, so we can figure it out later or Vaughn and Rachel as Quilt Show Chairs can form a committee for the special exhibit and decide how it works. Jeanne: So, do we want to vote for the 2027 Featured Quilter? The Board attendees voted, and the majority vote was for Sally Monestier – she will be the 2027 Featured Quilter.

2. Quilt Show Budget by Vaughn Rodriguez: After a lot of thought and discussion, we finished the budget at our last meeting. It is a bit higher than last year. Some of the things used previously needed to be replaced. Some of the things that need to be purchased this year can also be used for next year's anniversary show, e.g. signage. Also, we encouraged those that paid for items to turn in their receipts, so we have an accurate cost. Then rather than just absorbing the costs, they can either donate back or not ask for reimbursement. Do we need a motion for approval? Karle: No, board approval is not required since it's included in the General Budget.

3. Potential Guild Retreat Information by Sophia Day: We had 50 plus members say they were interested in a local retreat, so we sent out another survey to those individuals with more specific questions. We researched both day only and overnight retreats focusing overnights for about 20 people. Our recommendations are as follows: 1) Overnight retreat at Mercy Center in Auburn; and 2) day retreat at Elks Hall in Nevada City. There are lots of venues that may possibly work; however, the Elks is alarmed so we can leave our belongings there overnight. Also, the recommendation was does the Guild want to subsidize some of the cost of the retreat. Holly: Is Mercy overnight only? Sophia: Yes mostly; however, they said as long as we filled up the minimum, there is the possibility to attend day only. Lillian: Will they take you more than one night? Sophia: Yes, and the survey majority was between 3 and 4 nights. Sophia: Also, if we want to start slow, we could start with a couple of day retreats. Joan: Any dates involved? Sophia: No, we didn't discuss, but one event location had weekend restrictions during their prime season (summer). Holly: I am not in favor the Guild subsidizing overnights, I think it would be better spent on a new location for our general meetings. Anne: When I saw the numbers, I thought it may eliminate some members that can't afford it and agree with Holly. Kathy M. I agree with you Holly, but I think we can do both, especially if it is a day only retreat. Sophia: Also, I think we may get some different members than Jamboree since it's an open sew and not as structured. Kathy B.: Will we have a committee? Jeanne: What if we do a 3-day retreat at Elks, with Guild paying for room and maybe lunch? Sophia: Its good if we have a balance of member and guild financial participation. Holly: The Elks Lodge is definitely economical and will depend on how many people attend. Kathy M: I would like to do a signup/survey and see what that number is, then we can get an idea of what rooms we need. Even if we took two rooms at \$350 per day, per room. Kathy B: It looks like we are trying to say we want to do a retreat at the Elks and just look into how it works, costs, etc. Jeanne: So, we are in favor of looking into the Elks Lodge, how to logistically support, and length.

NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION:

1. Financial Policy Change by Karle deProse: I would like to make a change to the policy for fiscal statement to be published in March rather than February.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after a board discussion, a motion was duly made by Karle deProse, seconded by Anne Wilson, and unanimously passed, it was determined that the Guild Policies shall be changed to reflect that the fiscal statement be published in March rather than February.

Holly: Would you consider it be posted on the Website rather than the newsletter? Karle: Yes, that is fine, it's just a quick deadline to have it ready in February rather than March. Is there anything in that report that cannot be publicly shown? Karle: No.

2. Insurance by Kathy Mollet: Back in October, we had notification of our insurance renewal, and it was about double from previous quotes. So about 25 emails later, we got another quote from a different carrier but similar to years past for ~\$500. There was a lapse in coverage over a few days, but all the certificates have been reissued. If you need an updated certificate, please let me know.

3. Quilt Donation request by Kathy Mollet: I would like to request a quilt donation from Community Service to auction at the Gold Country Community Services - Wine, Chocolate and Cheese event. Kathy B: In the past, other organizations have asked for quilts, and we have gone round about it. It's my opinion that it should be a donation from an individual rather than come from the Guild. Holly: Sophia could do a blast, asking members. Nancy: We could also ask mini groups to see if they are interested in donating. Jeanne: I agree we should not be pulling from Community Service.

4. Storage of Books by Nancy Holtz: We are trying to make room for the longarm, so what do I do with all the books we have stored? Karle: Donate to the treasure table, library, etc. Vaughn: Maybe baskets or auction wants them? Judy: When I did auction, they didn't sell. Lillian: When we put them out at Country Store for free, they went really well. Karle: Maybe bring to a Guild meeting and see if they go. Jeanne: Nancy, you just received a lot of suggestions.

5. General Meeting Start Time in Printed Materials by Holly Miner: I had already changed - when, where and what time we meet - on the website. At Country Christmas, the flyer said a 6:30 start time. Jeanne: We decided that at the March meeting, we would circle back to see if we want to continue it at 6 p.m. Holly: In place of the time, we could put a QR code that leads them to the website, that way if it changes, it doesn't matter. Holly: So, what do we want to do with the printed material? Jeanne: I really like leaving it off, since a couple of our meetings do start at 6. Judy: I do give out those flyers out to new members and its 3-4 a month, but I can cross it out for the time being. Holly: So, the next printed piece will have a QR code to the website.

6. My Happy Place Photos for Quilt Show by Kathy Biggi: I need photos of your Happy Place; and they must be printed for display for the January meeting. Holly: How about I help you digitally? Kathy B: Yes, but I don't want all the same size for my collage board. Kathy M: Do you want the quilter in the photo? Kathy B: Yes! Also, we are trying to get photos for all the past Hall of Honor recipients, and I have 13 so far. I know that some of the old scrapbooks have some, but if you are a hall of honor recipient, then send me your photo. Anne: What size for Hall of Honor? Kathy B: Holly would get them; but 5 x 7 up to 8 x 10 is optimal.

7. Meeting Ride Share by Kathy Biggi: The day after the party, I ran into a couple people that needed a ride. It would be great if we could organize drivers for those that may not drive at night. Ruth: I offered to organize that last year, but no one called me. Sophia: A few of us have discussed putting up a google document on the secure drive, that has drivers and those that need a driver. That way people can organize rides for themselves. Kathy B: Yes, exactly. It needs to be easy. Jeanne: I think that is the best way to put up a form and let everyone manage it themselves. Sophia, please put the link in the Blast to the form.

8. General Meeting Parking Issues by Susanne Haislet: Several people have mentioned parking issues in front of the school. Lillian: How about we tell members "do not park in front of school unless you are loading and unloading." There is a lot of parking along the street, it's just a bit of a walk. Holly: There is handicapped parking on the side of the building and there is an entrance, so can we open the door for those using the handicapped parking. Now that people have permission to come at 5:30 p.m., it will overlap with those who need to load and unload. Lillian: The VP of the school said that door is always locked, but in November, we were able to open the door from the inside for any disabled attendees that need to utilize the access. Karle: Can we use our sandwich boards to reserve the spots for the committees that need it? Jeanne: If we can write an article for the newsletter and in the Blast to explain why we are going to reserve spots for unloading. Holly: Sometimes we lose spaces to the custodial staff. Kathy B: This could tie into the carpooling of members. Joan: All this discussion makes it important to find an alternative location to meet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Quilt Show update by Vaughn Rodriguez: I have the contract in hand, and it's the same as last year but Beth and I will be reviewing it. Kathy M.: I sent in the \$500 deposit and the insurance information.

2. Opportunity Quilt by Holly Miner: Jeanne attached a document from me that shows the income year to date from the Opportunity Quilt. So there is your answer about Country Christmas ticket sales. We had a lower goal this year and it is looking like we are not going to do as well with this year's quilt. We have made the goal for this year, but the Opportunity Quilts are just not bringing in the funds as in the past and other guilds also have concurred. Also, it's a lot of driving with milage and gas for an average of ~\$70 in sales. Member sales are starting to come in and so we will have that as well. Kathy B: Are you saying this, so we review doing an Opportunity Quilt? Holly: No, just for information only. Joan: Maybe we need to review the marketing of the quilt. Kathy B: Maybe we put it in February to discuss.

3. Website Updates by Holly Miner: Theresa Finn is willing to be the test person for a signup sheet for workshops. It will show the participants, but not their personal information. It will work for anything we use for a simple signup sheet. Also, I am going to add it under our "Members Only" section for confidentiality reasons. I will not work on these items until after the holidays.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Jeanne at 4:38 p.m.


Beth Stagner, Secretary