



Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County, Inc.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 13, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Pine Tree Quilt Guild was called by Jeanne Pincha-Tulley on February 13, 2025 and the meeting was held on Zoom.

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

The following Board Members were present: Holly Miner, Sophia Day, Lillian Glaeser, Sheri Doerr, Vaughn Rodriguez, Joan Mosely, Kathy Biggi, Kris Cook, Judy Hamilton, Anne Wilson, Sue Miller and Nancy Holtz.

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley called the meeting to order at 3:10 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 Mollet, seconded by Kathy Biggi, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the December 12, 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: Not required this month; however, Karle deProse will send year end financials to the board next month. She is a bit backlogged, and she was unable to attend today, so she wanted me to let you all know the status. Holly: I am going to take the link to the monthly financials down since we are now doing it only quarterly.

OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION:

1. Featured Quilter Display for 2026 by Sophia Day: At the last Board meeting, we decided on having a Past Featured Quilters/Best of Show Special 2026 Quilt Show display for our Anniversary Show. We discussed doing past Featured Quilters and/or Best of Show winners or have each displaying a couple of their quilts? Jeanne Pincha-Tulley, Deirdre Campbell and Judy Vaughn have volunteered to coordinate this display. Sue Miller: How would this display affect setup? Jeanne: It wouldn't really, we would still have the four rows that we give to the Featured Quilter. Kathy B: Just remember we have the extra space in the café area now too.

2. Retreat Committee Update – Change of Leadership by Jeanne Pincha-Tulley: Lorna Straka backed down as chair, but Jan Warholic and Frances O'Brien have stepped up and are the new co-chairs. They haven't met yet, but plan to meet soon.

3. Relocation of General Meetings by Joan Mosely: Hearing everyone's concern about money, it maybe the discussion is a moot point? Kathy M: Not necessarily.

- *General Meeting*: I checked in with Jody at the Elks Lodge, and they would make a room available on the first Tuesday of each month. The cost is \$120 per month as long as the Guild has an Elks member. They would set up the room with round tables that hold six to eight people, and we would also have access to the kitchen. I told her we would probably start in June. We also toured the Methodist Church with Margaret Boothby. Our meetings could be held in Wesley Hall, it's big enough, but its \$200 a month and has limited parking.

- *Quilting 101 and Home Workshop*: At the same time, we were looking for another location for Quilting 101 and Home Workshop, so we can enlarge the classes. They would rent Wesley Hall and an adjoining room and the cost would be \$100 a meeting, which is the same as we are paying now. The downside of this is that the last week of each of month is unavailable, so our last Thursday of the month class would be an issue.

Lillian: At the school, we don't have to open or close the building, it's inexpensive, and I don't think the chairs are any softer. Joan: We would have the keys for the Church and the Elks Lodge; and they do the set up and take down. Holly: I am not in favor of a location where the parking is not good (such as United Methodist Church). There are benefits to using the school, but June is always uncertain, and we can't use it in July and August. The lunch tables are terrible, there is no WIFI, but the stage is good. Joan: The church would be great for smaller groups, but I agree, it wouldn't be the best location for our general meeting. Sophia: I think we scheduled St. Canice for June (Lillian said not yet), but maybe we can schedule the Elks for one meeting? Also, I don't think the school is going to fill our spot. Joan: Also, the retreat is planned for the Elks Lodge. I do think Sophia's idea of a trial run is a great idea. Jeanne: If we wait until June for a trial meeting, we miss our school deadline for rebooking the school which is in April. Kathy M: Actually, the Elks Lodge chairs are cushier. Kathy B: Aren't we going to have cushions from the quilt show so we could use them? Jeanne: Just remember the number one complaint from our membership poll was the location, the uncomfortable chairs, being able to hear and parking. Holly: I say take the school off the list (for general meetings). Sophia: I think we should try the Elks for 6 months – June through December (having the July picnic at the Elks Lodge and not having a meeting in August). Holly: I would like to see us make a commitment for a longer period of time, so it remains stable within the scheduling. Kathy B: Also, we don't have an August meeting because of the school's schedule, but we could if we move to the Elks Lodge. Judy: Also, having the July picnic indoors maybe nice since it's often very hot. Jeanne: Are we at a point that we want to commit to the Elks Lodge?

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after a board discussion, a motion was duly made by Kathy Mollet, seconded by Holly Miner, and unanimously passed, it was agreed to enter into a contract with the Elks Lodge for a 6-month trial, June through December 2025, excluding August.

Joan: I will call her tomorrow and set up a contract for the 6 months. Kathy B: How does this affect the budget? Do we need to change the budget? Kathy M: No, since it's a board vote, we have a variance, unless we go over the total budget. Holly: I know we changed the time, so do we have to arrange that? Jeanne, what is the feedback on the 6 p.m. start time? Jeanne: So far, it's been well received. Holly: I like the changed time, so I think we should change it to 6 p.m. permanently. Jeanne: Let's let Joan talk to the Elks Lodge first to get their timing. Kathy M: Just to clarify, there is no financial change for the Quilt 101/Home Workshop move to the church. Joan: Correct, just a location change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after a board discussion, a motion was duly made by Joan Mosley, seconded by Sue Miller, and unanimously passed, it was agreed that if the timing and dates work out for Quilting 101 and Home Workshop, the Guild will change to the Methodist Church.

NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION:

1. Organize Quilt Collection and Point of Contact in SoCal for Distribution by Carrie McDowall:

Jeanne: Carrie does not have any details yet, but her church quilt group wanted to donate quilts. Kathy B: Having a bit of experience, I have been in contact with people in SoCal and they do not need quilts. Also, we need to send them to an organization, then they would have to hand them out and the area is very spread out. Holly: I was reading that SoCal Quilt Council via Road to CA said there are plenty of quilts down their now. I think Kathy B. is correct, they don't need quilts now. Sophia: I think that we can pass Kathy B's info on to them and let them contact them but them know what we heard. Kris: I was at Road to CA, and they were taking quilts and supplies, but were also taking money. So that is a thought. Kathy B: Other options were sending quilting material or find a business or organization in SoCal and let them know we have quilts. Jeanne: I will get back to Carrie and give her this input.

2. Opportunity Quilt Marketing Chair Reorganization by Holly Miner:

Jeanne and I are asking two to four people to help us figure out the best solution for Opportunity Marketing Chair since I am ending my tenure. Kathy B: Maybe offer it to the general membership help you. Holly: This is a discussion of how the chair position will work going forward. I wanted it to come from the board, since you all understand the process. Kathy M, Vaughn and Anne Wilson offered to help Jeanne and Holly. Holly: Going forward, I just don't think it is a one-person job.

3. May Mixer General Meeting - Request for Budget Increase by Annica Hagadorn:

The reason we are requesting the increase in funds is because the Holiday party was a lot of work, so we would really like it to be catered. Anne: I don't understand why we are making it a big event rather than just coffee and cake like it used to be. Jeanne: Anne, we have a separate line item for the May Mixer and the Holiday Party, which are \$1,000 for each party. Anne: Why are we not doing what we did before with potluck so we can spend the funds on Food Banks and the SoCal disasters, etc. Judy: I loved not having to bring anything to the Holiday party. Ruth: I do not feel like we should be spending the extra \$800. Kathy B: I agree, I think it is better spent on other things. Anne: We are already over the budget this year. Kathy M: I agree to a certain extent, but we have a lot of funds in reserve, we just need to spend the money smartly. Lillian: I just want to say that if we set a precedent for this year, any future chairs may not want to follow that. Annica: I hear where everyone is coming from. I just want to remind everyone that we are not a 501(c)3 (non-profit charity), we are a 501(c)7 (non-profit social club) which means any funds raised by the Guild are supposed to be used for the benefit and pleasure of the members (even though we choose to provide a scholarship(s) and donate to others). Also, I think it's great we have two events during the year that that is special for members only. Kathy B: I totally agree that doing something for the members is great, I am just not sure that providing food is the best way to spend money. Maybe give an item instead? Annica: Thank you again for everyone's opinion. If it doesn't pass today, I will go to the general membership for a vote and how that gets voted is what we will do. Anne: Just a reminder, that the reason we have the Jamboree is to thank everyone for working the Quilt Show. Also, our dues are lower than most other guilds. Lillian: If the board votes no on an agenda item, can you take that over the board's decision to the general membership? I think once we vote, the general membership doesn't overrule that decision. Sophia: I don't think that \$800 in food is best spent but maybe ask the membership that if we had extra money what would they want to see.

WHEREAS, a request to increase the May Mixer budget by \$800 was brought to the board by Annica Hagadorn.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after a lengthy board discussion, a motion to increase the May Mixer budget by \$800 for a total budget of \$1,800 was duly made by Annica Hagadorn and seconded by Lillian Glaeser. The board voted as follows: 3 voted in favor of the increase, 12 members voted against the increase and 1 member abstained; therefore, this Resolution did not pass.

4. Move Funds from Checking to CD/Savings by Kathy Mollet: I would like to move some of our additional funds (up to \$15,000) and add them to a new CD/Savings account(s). Our current CD in the amount of \$42,000 matures in March, and if we consider the \$11,000 over budget, and the extra expenses we previously discussed into account, it still leaves us with a cash surplus after expenses of about \$16,000. Also, this will give us an extra \$300/\$400 in interest this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after a board discussion, a motion was duly made by Kathy Mollet, seconded by Anne Wilson, and unanimously passed, it was agreed that Kathy Mollet is authorized to transfer \$15,000 to our CD/Savings account(s).

5. Quilt Guild Automated Payment System by Kathy Mollet: Our committees have a lot of different hands touching Guild funds, so I would like to automate our system. For example, if we had membership renewals online at 100%, it would cost the Guild about \$175 a year. The same for payments on entering Judged quilts, etc. So, I am just asking for permission to research the options. Sophia: I can't tell you how many people repaid me via Venmo after I wrote checks for them to renew membership, so I say yes. Holly: I looked into a plug-in for our website, and I did find one that would work for membership, workshops, etc. It's \$49 per year with a 14-day trial period. Sophia: With the quilt entries, we can put a link to the payment section of the registration. Sue: Will we pass that expense on to the person using it? Kathy: I am just doing the research for now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Quilt Show Committee Report by Vaughn Rodriguez: No news to report, but everything is going well.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Jeanne at 4:20 p.m.


Beth Stagner, Secretary