



Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County, Inc.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 13, 2025

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

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

The following Board Members were present: Joan Mosley, Lillian Glaeser, Sophia Day, Kathy Biggi, Kris Cook, Karla Rogers, Sue Marshall, Judy Hamilton, Lauri Kempenaar, Nancy Holtz, Holly Miner, Ruth Bertaccini, Vaughn Rodriguez, Anne Wilson, Karle deProsse and Sherri Doerr.

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley called the meeting to order at 3:00 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, Lillian Glaeser seconded, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the February 13 2025 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.

OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION:

1. Retreat Committee Update Budget - Jeanne Pincha-Tulley: First, I want to apologize to everyone for not notifying the board prior to our General meeting regarding the vote approving funding for a Retreat. It was not nefarious. I am very service oriented, so I like to do what the membership wants to do. When I contacted the Elks Lodge to contract for the general meetings for the rest of 2025, I was informed that we have to pay to reserve dates. When I inquired about the three-day retreat, they mentioned the dates for 2025 were filling up. After the survey, it was the memberships number one request. We fell behind schedule because the three previous leaders dropped out because they felt they were being harassed. So yes, I should have sent an email to the Board and the Membership informing them about the prospective budget request, so again, I apologize. I had a lot going on that week, so I wasn't able to get it out. The \$3,000 budget approval will not cover the cost of the Elks Lodge for three days. I have heard that some of the emails regarding the lack of communication before the membership vote

are causing board members to want to quit, so it would be great if we can have some grace in the future. Kathy B: My main concern with this issue is that the Board never voted to have a retreat. So, we have the \$3,000 now, and I am for the retreat, but I don't see it in any past minutes. Ruth: I am going back to my original question about what type of non-profit are we and how are we allowed to spend our money? Can that be clarified now? Jeanne: Not now, Kathy and Karle are planning to get together in May to work it out. Kathy can't attend the meeting today and she should be included in this discussion. Ruth: Don't we need to get that clarified? Karle: We are a membership social welfare organization 501c4 and if you read our mission statement that will give you an idea of what we are about. We are not a 501c3 which is for charity. If we were a social club (501c7), we would just be internal only without the ability to have outside membership. Ruth: So, do we have a limit on what we can spend on membership activities? Karle: We just need to think about the greater good of the community and we need to keep educating people about quilting. We do not have too much money, so we are not going to get taxed on it, and we have no restrictions on the money we do have in the bank. Annica: We are going to wait for Kathy's interpretation, and she is going to chat with an expert, then confer with Karle. There are some limitations on some of the spending. We are not a 501c7 (social club) which does have limitations. So, I would just ask that we give Kathy some time to get back to us for a clearer picture of what our limitations will be for our organization. Joan: What was the vote at our Guild meeting? Jeanne: It was overwhelming in favor. Joan: So, is there an issue with anyone regarding us having a retreat? No, then what I am understanding is the financial aspect of it. Can we just vote now with the board on having the retreat? What we are down to is the payment of the retreat. Correct? Whether the Guild pays, whether members pay or a combination thereof? Didn't you say we already saved the dates? Jeanne: No, we haven't yet. Annica: No, that is not true, the Elks contact person has reserved the dates as a courtesy to me, but they are not locked in yet. Karle: Can we as a board vote for the retreat approval and dates then come back for the financial discussion? Holly: I am a little confused now – we brought a financial amount to the membership, and yes, it was done a bit backwards, but we have accepted it. But the facility is going to cost more than that for the three days? Annica: Yes. Kathy B: How can we vote until we have all the details? Jeanne: We can vote to have a Retreat; we can agree on the dates. Annica: We can also vote to have a starting budget. The \$3,000 won't cover it but let the committee decide on how it gets divided. Lillian: We never discussed in any board meetings about the Guild paying for a Retreat. Karle: We already voted on the \$3,000, but we just haven't decided on how it will get spent. We need to move forward. Sophia: I agree with Karle; I think it would be beneficial to take a board vote to let it be on the record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after a board discussion, a motion was duly made by Karle deProsse, seconded by Holly Miner, and passed with one abstention, it was agreed that the board approve a three-day Retreat this year with the dates proposed and the Committee Chair will come back to the Board with the Retreat details for the \$3,000 budget.

2. General Meetings Start Time - Jeanne Pincha-Tulley: We said we would review in March 2025 whether we want to continue with the 6 p.m. start time. The new earlier time has been overwhelmingly popular other than the tight setup at the school. Joan: It sure is nice to get home a bit earlier. Vaughn: I have had a few people also tell me they like it better earlier. Holly: I also like it better.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after a board discussion, a motion was duly made by Holly Miner, seconded by Kathy Biggi, and unanimously passed, it was agreed that the General Meetings will officially start at 6 p.m. from now until the Board determines it needs to change.

3. Opportunity Quilt Marketing - Holly Miner: I sent documents to everyone with the new chair positions and responsibilities. You will see why we need five chairs with all the requirements. You will see my updated responsibilities as well as Cindy Loper, as co-chairs, responsibilities. Cindy and I are not required to take the Quilt anywhere, so if we don't have anyone to take it, then the Quilt won't go. So, it now leaves three additional chairs to be filled. We should do what we can to help Jeanne fill those positions. They are not official

positions yet, and it is not up to me to make those decisions. Karle: These look to me as more of a committee position not as chairs, and it complicates it a bit more. Holly: I agree that these three positions could be committees. Keep in mind that Cindy and I are the keeper of the Quilt, I just don't want to be in charge of the County Fair, Draft Horse Classic and Country Christmas. My only issue is I don't want it to come back to Cindy or me, if the committees don't complete their jobs. Jeanne: Why do we do Draft Horse Classic? Is it because the Fairgrounds wants us to do a DIY as well? Holly: I didn't bring those up because it wasn't in my responsibilities. Amy offered to handle the Harvest Fair DIY at the Draft Horse Classic. Katie, at the Fairgrounds, gave us the contact info for the DIY person so I can outline those responsibilities, but they should be separate from the committees. Kris: I agree with Holly; I feel that the Quilt is to be marketed but to also be expected to be in charge of the DIY activities is a lot and it should be separate. Just the marketing is a lot in itself. For years, Community Service has wanted to sit and sew at the County Fair demonstration. Nancy, I don't want to put you in the mix, but you may have some new people that might want to help. Nancy: Yes, I may have some people. Kathy B: I think we could put some of the responsibility under the Education Outreach program, which is the definition under that chair. Holly: I understand that someone stepped up. Jeanne: I agree for the DIY portion but not the Quilt marketing. Holly: Yes, I totally agree. It sounds like we can handle the DIY's somewhere, which leaves the three positions for the three Fairground events. Joan: Holly, I commend you on the fabulous job you have done and with the explanation of the jobs needed. I think that if you publish these positions in the newsletter/announcements and clarify that you will be happy to mentor them, someone may step up. We will call these positions "Coordinator(s)."

NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION:

1. Community Service – Donation of Sewing Machines by Nancy Holtz: We may table this issue for a month or two. Ina Gibson and I picked up a truck load and two full SUVs plus another closet full of fabric with this donation. There are about 10 sewing machines, super old, non-electric. I don't know if they work, but they look good. They are very heavy. I was told some of the machines may be worth a bit of money. Regarding the fabric donations, there is a lot of fabric and precuts. She was a hoarder, so this is really going to be an undertaking to get this together, but unfortunately, it won't be for this year's Quilt Show. Jeanne: Wow. Lillian: It would be good if we could utilize some of this fabric for baskets to enhance them.

2. Purchase Quickbooks Pro 2020 for Guild by Karle deProsse: The Guild has moved to QB online. I have an older version of Quickbooks (2017) on my computer, we merged that information with the online version and reentered all the information, so we no longer have the 2020 version we had prior. However, the Quilt Show history is only on my computer. Unfortunately, my older version no longer works, so we need to upgrade to the 2020 version, so we can continue with the QB accounting. Holly: What is the cost? Karle: It is \$20.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after a board discussion, a motion was duly made by Anne Wilson, seconded by Sophia Day, and passed with one abstention, it was agreed Karle deProsse is authorized to purchase the Quickbooks 2020 for her computer.

3. 2024 Year End Financials by Karle deProsse: I emailed the financials to the Board with year to date. The Treasure Table did well, and the interest was over 1000% more than in the past. Membership was a bit under. The Quilt Show doubled, and Speakers were under budget. One scholarship was returned so it was under, Jamboree was under, and we need to give a slight raise to Teachers (editorial remark). The annual Holiday Party was a bit over budget, but we had an adjustment from another category, and just I hadn't adjusted it yet. All in all, we actually made a \$5,823 net gain.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Quilting 101 to Methodist Church: Joan: Last month you graciously approved us moving to the Church, but unfortunately, the date did not work out. I spoke with my class, and they did not want to move the date, so we

are keeping it for this year, but I would like to keep it open for next year. I asked Jody, at the church, if we could chat in Fall for the 2026 class. She is open to the discussion then.

2. Scholarship Report by Sheri Doerr: The committee is meeting on Monday, and we have seven applicants and possibly one more. The selection will be sent to Jean to keep confidential until the Quilt Show.

3. Quilt Show Committee Report by Vaughn Rodriguez: Everything is going great so far. We will be firming up our equipment needs at our next meeting and we have just one more meeting in April before our event. I just want to thank all of our committee leaders who are such a doing great job. Sophia: I am happy to report that the gift card drawing was successful – Lynda Lasich won the gift card. We had 100 entries. Joan: Sophia, is there a confirmation email that goes out to people that entered? Sophia: Unfortunately, when we moved to MS365, it broke, and they are clueless as to why. If I remember, I am forwarding them on. You can tell if it goes through if you log back in and you can edit your entry. Vaughn: Also, we are looking for a way to thank Eskaton for allowing us to use their facility for our meetings. I asked if they could use a quilt, but the contact person wasn't sure, so we will keep thinking of something for them.

4. Membership by Ruth Bertaccini: Our membership has slipped a bit; we are down by 20. There were 24 people who did not renew, but we are getting new members every month, so if that keeps up we will be doing fine. We currently have 192 members. Holly: We also have fewer affiliates than we have in the past.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Jeanne at 4:08 p.m.



Beth Stagner, Secretary