

Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County
Board Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2015
Eskaton Village, Grass Valley (49er Room)

Members Present: Kate Grant, Karle deProsse, Karen Mitchell, Betty Maddox, Mary Serpa, Marjorie McConnell, Anne Wilson, Ruth Bertaccini, Joan Mosley, Diane Klose, Marilyn Engelking, Kathleen Stanley, Phyllis Brodie, Donna Switzer

- A. Call to order:** President Kate Grant called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
- B. Correspondence and announcements:** Kate read various thank you cards for donated quilts and then handed the cards to Marjorie McConnell. Hospice of the Foothills sent an invitation to an event to introduce their new Executive Director, Carolyn Peterson on Thursday, March 19th. The Foothill Quilters Guild Preview is on Friday, March 27th. We received a thank you card from Rebekah Lundin for sponsoring the Quilting Project at the fair. She also said, "Thank you for the Junior Quilters too. That group started me on the road of quilting."
- C. Minutes-Donna Switzer:** A correction was suggested for the February 12, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes. Marjorie McConnell made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Joan Mosley and was passed.
- D. Treasurer's report-Karen Mitchell:** Karen passed out copies of the Treasurer's Report. We didn't have as much income in February as in the prior month. The Post Office Box payment is due by March 30. Karen will take in the payment before the due date. The Quilt Show cash balance should be higher. The Sales Tax (for cookbooks, bags and the Silent Auction) came in and was taken out of their budget. The Guild cash balance should be lower. The cash balance balancing issue will be resolved when Karen writes a check to the Quilt Show for the Sales Tax amount. Mary Serpa motioned to accept the report. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.
- E. Old business**
1. New Member Event (March Mixer)-Diane Klose
 - The Presenters did an awesome job. One new member said that she was overwhelmed by the amount of activity at the Mixer. Anne mentioned that a friend said that she and her guest had a wonderful time. There was a discussion about how the March Mixer could be different next year. Ruth expressed an idea that the event might be held in the fall, and that perhaps it could take the form of a Jamboree. The event could then be paid out of the Jamboree budget which is paid for by the Guild.
 2. Hall of Honor-Kate Grant
 - The task is finished. The final recipient for this year, Val Hixson was honored during the March Mixer. Kathleen Stanley brought up her concern that membership dues are not paid to the Guild by Hall of Honor recipients. Karen mentioned that some of the recipients continue to pay their membership dues even though they aren't required to. Joan said that the Hall of Honor tradition should still be continued as is. There was a discussion that the lost membership revenue could be replaced by more fund raising events, and by events or outreach to encourage new membership. Another suggestion was to limit the number of Hall of Honor recipients. Betty said that anyone who qualifies for the Hall of Honor should be admitted. The guidelines are laid out in the Guild's General Policies under *Hall of Honor with Lifetime Membership*. The honor is awarded "...to a member that has contributed to the Guild or the quilt world in a special way."

Anne mentioned that there are members who don't come to meetings at night, but do participate at daytime functions. Betty suggested the Guild might send a letter to past Hall of Honor recipients who don't often get to meetings, telling them that they are missed. Marjorie explained that Lifetime Members still have to submit their membership forms, even though they don't have to pay. Marjorie also told us that we do have scholarships for those who can't pay. The discussion regarding nighttime attendance brought up the subject of insurance issues. Apparently everyone is covered under the Guild's Liability Insurance. Kate said she would check with Marta Price to see how many Hall of Honor members are actually not paying dues (several do).

3. Open Board Positions: Kate Grant

- Opportunity Quilt Marketing Coordinator 2016: Kate will advertise in the newsletter with a description of the position's responsibilities. She will also make an announcement at the April General Meeting.
 - Kate asked Marjorie if the tickets have been printed up. Marjorie will pick up the 2016 quilt tomorrow. The Board has already given Christine Barnes approval to sell tickets out of the immediate area. Lorna Straka has lined up two Guilds to bring the quilt to.
- Historian: Phyllis Brodie announced that she will have to resign her position as Historian.

F. **New business**

1. May Meeting (May 5th after the Quilt Show): Joan Mosley

- "What Else Do You Do?" Other hobbies that quilters have. Joan will meet with Ardy after the quilt show.

G. **Committee reports**

1. Emailed reports

- **Margaret Boothby-Education Outreach:** "Education Outreach's Pine Tree Players will travel to Lincoln to perform the play, 'Road to California' for Ruth Bertaccini's daughter's 5th graders on April 10. They have also been asked to participate at this year's Miner's Picnic at Empire Mine State Park with the play and a demonstration of hand quilting."
- **Marta Price-Membership:** "We had 6 renewing members pay dues and one lifetime member turn in paperwork at the last meeting. I am looking for more new members soon. I had several people talk with me at the March Mixer. One renewing member (Peggie Wormington) lives in Rancho Palos Verdes. She will be relocating to the area this summer and is excited to start going to meetings."

2. Reports by Committee Chairs

- **Quilt Show 2015-Anne Wilson:** Anne has Quilt Show flyers and bookmarks to give to friends, or to mail them, or to post them. There are also printed Quilt Entry Applications. We have about 100 quilts, but need 200. Joan mentioned that we've had 300 in the past. Mary said that we have room for 300. Kathleen asked if a blast could be sent out. Anne will send Ardy an email asking her to send out the blast. Betty asked if an entry form could be sent with the blast. The answer was yes. Anne said that they are moving right along. So far the Lunchroom doesn't have much of a sign up.
- **Equipment-Mary Serpa:** There was a great meeting at the storage facility to finalize storage racks for the quilt frames. Inventory should be done when they install the racks. Ruth mentioned that the materials will be procured tomorrow. Mary said that she needs volunteers to unload at the storage facility the day after the Quilt Show.
- **Community Service/Drop In-Marjorie McConnell:** Marjorie said that she needs at least 7 volunteers for the Quilt Show. All components of Community Service are laid out.

- **Finance/Audit Budget Karle deProse:** Karle completed the Guild Audit. Speaker Workshop and Workshop Fees get put in the wrong place. Karle recommends changing the names.
- **Home Workshop-Betty Maddox:** Home Workshop is doing well. Classes are filled up for the next 2 months. We are looking at June, July and August for the availability of the building. September and October are now booked.
- **Show and Tell-Ruth Bertaccini/Sew Happy:** Nothing new. Just continue to hold up those quilts during the meetings.
- **Scholarships-Joan Mosley:** Nothing has come back yet. April 1st is the deadline for Scholarship Applications. Joan will contact staff at the office for follow-up. Betty volunteered to be on the Scholarship Committee. Phyllis tentatively volunteered. Joan said that there will be one session for the Committee to meet. They will read through the criteria and score. They don't interview applicants.
- **Speaker Workshops-Kathleen Stanley:** The workshop is full. Kathleen took supply lists to Ben Franklin and Sugar Pine. She will put the supply list in the newsletter.
- **Secretary-Donna Switzer:** Thank you to the members for helping with corrections to the minutes.

H. Adjourn: President Kate Grant adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Switzer, Secretary