

**PIECE BY PIECE QUILTERS**  
**In-Person BOARD MEETING MINUTES (REVISED)**  
**APRIL 28, 2022**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Cheri Strempe, Linda Boman, Susan Jackson, Melanie Martens, Linda Rubio, Margaret Sullivan, Diane Tainter, Christine Widman

**Guild Members in Attendance:** Laurie Perez, Melinda McGlashan

**President Cheri Strempe** called the in-person only meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. at Quilts and Things

**Minutes from the March 24, 2022 Board Meeting** – Board Meeting minutes were reviewed and corrected prior to the business meeting. It was moved (Diane Tainter), Seconded (Linda Boman) and passed, to accept the minutes as corrected.

**Minutes from the March 17, 2022 General Meeting** - minutes were reviewed with no corrections. It was moved (Linda Boman), Seconded (Melanie Martens) and passed, to accept the minutes as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of March 31, 2022 the balance in the checkbook was reported \$24,120.29. The current balance is \$23,263.00.

Treasurer Margaret Sullivan presented the Reconciliation Detail from Jan - Mar 2022. This report shows the bank reconciliation and profit & loss statement with a -\$6,899.61 net loss for this time period. It was pointed out by Laurie Perez that this is the usual beginning of the year trend as dues are collected late in the previous year and then the spending begins the following January. Laurie Perez cautioned that our membership dues total approx. \$2200/year and our budget reflects \$8000 of expenditure for a normal year for programs alone. It was projected that teaching/program costs had decreased due to zoom programming and no travel, lodging expenses for the guest instructor, but this may be increasing this year depending on the "pandemic" situation continuing or not. She also stated we were doing well because of our large accumulation of money from years past, but we just need to be aware of this.

Margaret also shared a Proposed Budget 2022 which was updated for the first quarter of 2022.

Margaret requested assistance with categorizing 2 payments, the first being to GAC Virtual for \$50 and after discussion was attributed to Programs. The second was a \$154 to Diane LeGore for web-hosting (Constant Contact) which Diane pays from her PayPal account as noted by Cheri Strempe in last month's meeting.

**\*\*\*Action Item:** to relieve Diane of her financial commitment to pay for guild's web-hosting through her own PayPal account as discussed at March board meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Programs:** Cheri reported for the Program committee. She shared that the program presented for the March general meeting on piecing tips and tricks was very well received and there were many positive comments and feedback from members.

Christine Widman suggested the program committee might provide a survey after each program and request feedback immediately following the presentation to guide the program committee. Melinda McGlashan wondered if it would work as something similar had been tried in the past. There was a discussion about the value of a survey. It was suggested by Cheri that feedback may improve as in-person programs come back and there was usually a robust discussion following the speakers' presentations.

Discussion about the ability to project a "zoom" presentation speaker into our meeting room at the church was also discussed, wondering if we had the technology to make this work. We would need to ask the church if there was a screen and audio equipment available to us. This will be an issue for the program committee to investigate should we continue to have zoom speakers during in-person meetings.

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The Program Committee will circulate at the July Ice Cream Social with clipboards conducting direct interviews with members regarding their feelings about having ZOOM programs or not and/or in person meetings. ~~They will have a questionnaire/ survey and hope to elicit preferences and feedback for future programs.~~ The board agreed it was a good idea.

**Membership:** Kelly sent her report via email to the board and Cheri presented it. She reports 87 members paid which is 80% of pre-pandemic numbers.

The Southside women (Linda Boman, Marilee Kline, June Okano, Carol Ikemoto) assisted Kelly with sending out membership packets to new and returning members and she thanked them for their help. They were mailed on April 26 and should be received this week.

**Newsletter:** Kelly wrote that the newsletter continues to arrive to members in a timely way due to people getting their articles submitted expeditiously, and some have MAY articles presented to her already.

Kelly reports some members are burdened with the concentrated graphics because they print out the newsletter sometimes resulting in 35 pages of color graphics. She will offer a low-image version of the newsletter to those who want to print it. She will also send a newsletter in the postal mail to several members without email.

Board members continue to praise Kelly for her efforts and organization.

**Standing Committee:**

**Block of the Month:** Diane Tainter reported that there is only one month needing signups for Block of the Month, November to be raffled in January.

**July meeting:** Refreshments will be provided by the board for the first in-person meeting and will be ice cream cakes in lieu of scooping ice cream and toppings. Diane has the plates-refreshment bin and she will check supplies for the Ice Cream Social. Future refreshment sign-up sheets will be ready. There will be a fabric sale table. A fidget quilt table with information/instructions and examples will be set up for members to see. Instructions for fidget quilts will be included in the newsletter. Simplicity Pattern Company has printed a pattern for Fidget Quilts and is available as pattern #S9575 at JoAnn's Fabrics.

**Philanthropy:** Linda Boman spoke to Community Solutions, and they will take 50 quilts for the battered women's shelter. She mentioned many other community agencies that have been suggested by members including San Andreas Regional Center (rehab and developmentally disabled) and Casa de Clara (Catholic home for homeless women downtown SJ), both suggested by Diane Tainter. Loma Clara (senior living facility and Alzheimer's unit) and Westmont (senior living and dementia unit) have been suggested for fidget quilts. The other organizations listed from San Jose Police/ Dept., Bill Wilson transitional care for foster kids, The Hub and fire victims through Pajaro Quilt Guild and Eddie's Quilting Bee, pillowcases for hospital and elderly and IOOF Rebekah Home have been recipients in past years, but are not on the list for this year. ~~Indian Health.~~ We did hold some quilts for fire victims, but they didn't meet the needs of the group as they requested specific sizes, etc. The members will be voting on these suggestions.

There is so much in the storage unit, a sale table will be set up at the July General Meeting (including irons, tools, fabric, rulers, kits) and will be available for members to purchase these items. The Philanthropy Committee will host the sale table at the July meeting and Christine Widman offered to help set it up as an additional volunteer. Linda also hopes to inventory the storage unit before the weather turns hot.

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**Sunshine:** Cheri received a report from Diane Kirkpatrick that she sent 2 Get Well cards this month, one to Lynn Galindo and one to Evelyn Sullivan of San Jose.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

South Valley Quilt Association board met since our last board meeting and they requested help with this year's quilt show, emphasizing the need for at least 2 dedicated Piece by Piece members to watch/learn and participate start to finish with the entire procedure of putting on the quilt show. Cheri volunteered to be one of the coordinators to familiarize herself with all aspects of the show. Cheri will make an announcement in the newsletter asking for volunteers and a list of jobs will be provided by SVQA

The Piece by Piece board will not discuss the option of merging with SVQA with the Piece by Piece membership until after the quilt show but before the holidays. Cheri and Melinda will present the discussion with the general membership of merging with SVQA most likely in October and Melinda will conduct the entire discussion with setting limits and strict adherence to Roberts Rules of Order. There will be an information sheet presented to each member beforehand so many of the questions can be answered in the write-up provided. Time limits will be set for discussion and the hope is that it will proceed calmly and efficiently. There will be a hand-written vote cast by the membership in Nov following this informational Oct meeting and time for consideration by all members.

Cheri Stempel also wants to see the quilt show continue and said that she will head up and see it through.

Cheri Stempel brought up the thought that if accepted, Piece by Piece can change the format, i.e., timing, location or another idea entirely such as using the library, or wineries or empty store fronts in town to showcase the quilts instead of having a show as currently configured.

Margaret Sullivan asked about the amount of work that is involved. Are we making a commitment also for the boutique?

Laurie Perez added that 20 hands working together can put on the quilt show very easily since it is a simple format.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Cheri suggested we advertise our quilt guild and general meeting times in a local, free 3-4 page magazine publishing local events in Morgan Hill and the South Valley. The board thought it was a good idea but there was no motion to proceed.

A motion was made by Diane Tainter and seconded by Susan Jackson to adjourn the meeting.

The president adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Widman, Co-Secretary