



BOONESLICK TRAIL QUILTERS' GUILD
Board of Directors
MINUTES
April 10, 2017

6:08 pm Meeting called to order by CEO Donna Puleo

Present: Donna Puleo, Barbara Hawley, Willie Morris, Margaret Muegenburg, Mindy Smith, Ustena Simenson, Joyce Campbell, Mona Stevenson, Susan Tharp, Virginia Peterson, Robin Heider, Marilyn Wooldridge, Christi Brietzke, Sarah Briggs.

Absent: Irmgard Marsh, Louise Bequette, Merril Winfield, Janet Hollandsworth, Barb Nixon, Sandy Womack.

The minutes of the March 2017 board meeting were approved; motion to approve made by Joyce Campbell; second by Virginia Peterson.

The treasurer's reports were presented and approved as amended; motion to approve made by Mona Stevenson; second by Joyce Campbell.

The treasurer's report will be amended to reflect the payment to Lori Lee Triplett as a Day Chapter speaker fee, not a Starlight speaker fee.

All expenses are to be submitted to the treasurer no later than the May 2017 Board Meeting to facilitate finalizing the books for the end of the 2016-2017 year.

Officer Reports:

Special Programs: Mavis Mitzel scheduled Lynn Schmitt for a Special Program on 11-9 thru 11-10-2017. This is a tentative agreement and no contract has been issued. Due to the cost associated with the special program Mindy Smith suggested cancelling at this time. Following a discussion of the benefits of cancelling versus going forward with the program Christi Brietzke made a motion to cancel the 2017 Special Program; second by Mona Stevenson. Motion passed. Mindy Smith will notify Lynn Schmitt.

Maples Repertory Theatre in Macon is performing the musical Quilters 9-29 thru 10-15-17. Marilyn Wooldridge will look into this event as a possible field trip activity for the Guild.

Annual Meeting: Mindy Smith reported the theme is iris flowers and ivy with oranges and grapes. Members are encouraged to bring a quilt with an iris or orange peel design. Registration forms will be in the May and June Newsletter. The fee for the brunch is \$10.00. Mindy expects the Annual Meeting to come in under budget. The doors open at 9:00 am. Mindy asked for volunteers to help with set-up at 8:00 am. Joyce Campbell, Sarah Briggs and Robin Heider have volunteered to help with set-up. Ustena Simenson has volunteered to help with clean-up.

Ballots will be in the June Newsletter. They will also be available at the annual meeting.

Membership forms for the 2017-2018 year will also be in the May and June Newsletter. Photos need to be taken of new members for the Membership Directory. Mindy will arrange for the photos to be taken. Current members may have a new photo taken if they wish.

Day Chapter: Ustena Simenson reported the April meeting went well. Ustena has volunteered to oversee hospitality for both monthly chapter meetings for the 2017-2018 year.

Starlight Piecemakers Chapter: No report

Committee Reports:

Day Chapter Programs: Joyce Campbell reported the April program given by Mona Stevenson was lovely and enjoyed by everyone. The May program will be My Mothers Quilts presented by Susan Kelley. Joyce has volunteered to continue as Day Chapter Programs Chairperson for the 2017-2018 year.

Starlight Piecemakers Programs: Mona Stevenson reported the Lock-in went well and everyone had a good time. Only 15 of the 17 registrants were able to attend. A donation of \$100.00 was made to the Masonic Lodge as appreciation for allowing us the use of their facility. Theresa Ward and Sharon Lorfing will be presenting a new program on String Quilts next year if we are interested in having them come again. The Eclipse Challenge quilts are due in July. Mona will be arranging for a judge for the contest. The May meeting will be Crazy Quilting presented by Kathryn Jones and Marti Webster.

Retreat: Brenda Austin and Janet Sapp have volunteered to be the 2018 Retreat Chairpersons.

Quilt Show: Sarah Briggs has generously volunteered to be the 2018 Quilt Show Chairperson. Sarah will prepare a questionnaire to present to guild members in May to determine the type of quilt show members are most interested in. Mindy Smith (2016 Quilt Show Chair) will consult with Sarah. This quilt show will fall in the year of the Guilds Fortieth Anniversary.

Library: No report

Historian: Virginia Peterson reported she is PFDing photo albums. Many of the pictures have writing on the back identifying the people in them. She will add that information to the photos later. She is typing in information from four guest books. Excel spread sheets are being made in five year spans. Virginia has volunteered to continue as Historian for the 2017-2018 year.

Service Projects: Christi Brietzke reported she is asking for volunteers to deliver donations to charities which are conveniently located for them. Christi has volunteered to continue as Service Projects Chairperson for the 2017-2018 year.

Membership: Robin Heider reported average meeting attendance is around fifty members. Two new members joined this month. Pat Leistner has volunteered to be the Membership Chairperson for the 2017-2018 year.

Newsletter: Marilyn Wooldridge reported she saw the free announcement for our Guild meetings in the Fayette and Columbia newspaper this month. Marilyn has volunteered to continue as Newsletter Chairperson for the 2017-2018 year.

Webmaster: Janet Hollandsworth has volunteered to continue as Webmaster for the 2017-2018 year.

Old Business: Hank Botts presented a proposal at the March Board Meeting asking the board to approve a \$118.00 purchase for materials to construct two design walls for use by the guild. Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Ustena Simenson to approve the purchase with monies from the contingency fund. Second was by Christi Brietzke. The motion passed unanimously.

The digital projector was purchased by Dawn Heese on 3-29-2017 for a cash payment of \$25.00 paid to Donna Puleo. The \$25.00 was given to treasurer Willie Morris on 3-30-2017 and will show on the April treasurer's report as an income. There are no receipts associated with this transaction.

New Business: Mona Stevenson reported the nomination committee has filled the following positions for the slate of officers: CEO – Hank Botts; Vice-CEO – Barb Hawley; Secretary – Louise Rynkewicz; Treasurer – Catherine Erlanger; Starlight President - Merrill Winfield. The position of Day Chapter President is open at this time. The slate of officers will be presented at the May chapter meetings.

Several of the committee chairpersons' positions have also been filled at this time.

The 2017-2018 proposed budget was presented by Willie Morris. Board members were asked to review the proposal for approval at the May 2017 meeting.

Joyce Campbell requested the following policy proposal change to the program chairpersons' job description:

In an effort to aid Guild members, members may sell quilting items at the discretion of the Program Chairperson. Selling will be available whenever the Guild does not have a speaker with sale items. Each person will have only one table.

Motion to approve made by Joyce Campbell; second by Christi Brietzke. Motion passed unanimously.

Donna Puleo proposed for consideration the need for a committee to review and revise the Guild by-laws and policies. Revisions to include but not limited to:

Standardizing budget reports and financials
Changing elected officer term limits to 2 years maximum
Having more robust educational programs
Modernize, clarify and update by-laws
Contingency plan for dissolution of the Guild

Following a lengthy discussion a motion was made to review and revise the by-laws and policies by Christi Brietzke; second by Virginia Peterson. Motion passed.

CEO Donna Puleo appointed an ad-hoc committee to review and revise the Guild by-laws and policies. Committee members are: Mindy Smith – chairperson, Joyce Campbell, Martha Eberhard and Donna Puleo. This will be a 12-18 month ongoing project. Suggestions and requests to the committee are to be made anonymously.

Board members are asked to review the job descriptions for their position and email Donna Puleo with necessary changes or that they are correct as written.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm; motion to adjourn made by Ustena Simenson; second by Virginia Peterson.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hawley
BTQG Secretary, 2016-17