

## **BTQG BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**April 10, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by CEO Robin Heider at 7:04 p.m. via Zoom connection.

Present via Zoom: Robin Heider, Judi Kirkpatrick, Sharon Lawler, Amy Reilly, Mona Stevenson, Alice Leeper, Martha Eberhard, Barb Nixon, Debbie Odor, Elaine Keely, Connie Richards, Donna Puleo, Lynn Hill.

Absent: Nancy Antonio, Irmgard Marsh, Janet Hollandsworth.

CEO report was given by Robin Heider. The Featherweight interest group will be re-starting soon. Robin recently met Sandra Scott-Revelle from the Kansas City area who is a possible speaker for 2024 Annual meeting. Sandra makes art quilts and talks from a slave's perspective about that era.

March minutes were read by members before the meeting. Motion was made by Mona Stevenson and seconded by Amy Reilly to approve the March minutes as written. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Amy Reilly. Balance on hand as of March 31 was \$40,227.50. Motion by Alice Leeper and seconded by Judi Kirkpatrick to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Day Chapter President Mona Stevenson reported that she will buy appropriate refreshments to go with the theme of May's speaker, Becky Cogan. Barb Nixon put registration forms in May's newsletter for a workshop Becky offered to teach that morning. The workshop is 2 hours during Sit and Sew and begins at 9:30.

Starlight Chapter President Alice Leeper reported good attendance at April's meeting. Debbie Odor reported that May's speaker is Denise Poston-Stahl.

Program Team report was given by Martha Eberhard. This fiscal year for chapter programs ends with May's meetings, but programs are contracted for July, August, and September. Judi Kirkpatrick reported on the trip she and Deb Kagay made to Heartland Network in March to hear about and meet 15 potential guild speakers. Some speakers were signing with guilds that day for specific program dates. Discussion was held on BTQG securing a program team before March in future years and having chapter meeting dates set by March so that BTQG can secure some speakers during Heartland Network's future March meetings.

Library report was given by Elaine Keely. Inventory is done, and new books will be added to the library. Some books with outdated techniques will be culled from the library and offered for sale to members.

Martha Eberhard clarified that BTQG's Policies give chapter program chairpersons authority to schedule speakers up to 18 months in advance. So, it would be possible for a program committee person to attend Heartland's March meeting and sign speakers that day. Discussion was held on also setting BTQG's next year's fiscal calendar before March and verifying dates with the church for use of their meeting room.

Service Projects report was given by Connie Richards. Many quilt tops need to be quilted. Suggestions were offered to get more people involved in the quilting process: a person new to long-arm quilting be asked to quilt some as practice, use hand-tie or long-stitch hand quilting as alternative to machine quilting.

Membership report was given by chairperson Donna Puleo. Sixty members attended Day Chapter and 48 people attended Starlight chapter which included one guest. We currently have one New Member asking for a mentor and five existing BTQG members who have volunteered to mentor. A few members told Donna that they did not receive the April newsletter. Some were to get paper copies and some were emailed.

Newsletter report was given by Lynn Hill. Reports for the April newsletter were submitted on time. Lynn will be speaking at an activity this Saturday at Boone County History and Culture Center, so she asked about a BTQG informational tri-fold to take with her. Alice Leeper will get some to Lynn for Saturday and complete an updated one for Board approval. Discussion continued about a few members not receiving the April newsletter. The deadline for the May newsletter is 5:00 p.m. this Wednesday.

Web Master Janet Hollandsworth was absent but asked Robin Heider to remind us to call or email with any web needs or submissions.

Nominations committee report was given by Donna Puleo. Tremendous help was given by members of her committee to get the slate of officers secured quickly. The list of 2023-24 officers will be in May's newsletter.

Social Media chairperson Barb Nixon had nothing new to report.

Budget Committee report was given by Amy Reilly. The Board received their proposed budget ahead of tonight's meeting. The committee used an estimate of 145 members for 2023-24 to build the proposed budget. Discussion followed of including an additional sum of money to cover items associated with rent of the sewing room during winter retreat rather than including that expense in participant fees. Fund raising brought in \$8000 this year in addition to the quilt show profit. Motion was made by Martha Eberhard and seconded by Mona Stevenson to amend the proposed budget to include an additional \$1000 in expenses for winter retreat. Motion passed. A motion was made by Martha Eberhard and seconded by Elaine Keely to amend the proposed budget to include an additional \$1000 in income for transferred funds. Motion passed. A motion was made by Mona Stevenson and seconded by Donna Puleo to accept the proposed budget as amended. Motion passed.

The Audit Committee report was given by Judi Kirkpatrick. The committee is in place, and the audit will be done in mid-June after checks have posted for this fiscal year.

Winter retreat 2024 report was given by Martha Eberhard. Contract negotiations were delayed because a larger group wanted the meeting room that we used this year as a group sewing room, but BTQG can use that room during this coming year. The retreat days in February remain the same as for 2023 but may have to change in the future. Room rates for 2024 are not known. Martha also reported that fabric, books, and miscellaneous sewing items were donated by the family of Cecile Mazan, a former BTQG member who died. Three bags of neckties were also donated from another source. After discussion, it was agreed that the Service Project committee will take what they can use for service projects, and the rest offered for sale to guild members. The neckties will be for sale at a program next fiscal year about using neckties in quilting.

Old business: None.

New business: BTQG's email account will be used this next fiscal year for sending e-Blasts to members rather than a person's personal email account. BTQG's is currently monitored by Martha Eberhard and can also be monitored by others.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mona Stevenson and seconded by Martha Eberhard to adjourn the meeting. Motion past. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Lawler  
BTQG Secretary