



IEMQG Board Meeting Minutes February 11, 2020

JoAnn Fabric & Crafts

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Gayle called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Members in attendance were Gayle, Jennifer, Becky, Laura, Candy, Pat, Judy and Elizabeth.

Guild Current Business:

Meet the Teachers with SCCQG – The event will be held in Carson at the Carson Convention Center on Saturday, April 18th. Candy, Gayle, Laura, Becky and Judy are confirmed to attend. Pat will be out of town and Jen may attend depending on her husband's birthday celebration. Gayle will coordinate a carpool from her home in Ontario. Candy will also be driving from her home in South Corona with Becky and possibly Jen. The event runs from 10am to 2pm; lunch will be available pre-order, or you can bring your own. SCCQG meeting will start at 9:30am with the 'Meet the Teachers' beginning at 10am. This will be the same day as the Sit and Sew event. Elizabeth will attend the Sit and Sew event to represent the Board.

Road to California – Gayle shared a thank you message sent to her in appreciation to the guild for allowing them to hang our beautiful quilts in the atrium at the show.

Treasurer – Candy shared that we collected \$320 in membership dues at the meeting \$700 in retreat deposits. \$9.52 in Pay Pal Fees and \$50 to Simone for her presentation at the meeting. We also paid the annual fee for the mailbox for the guild. Retreat money has been earmarked as a separate allocation, so it is not confused with the guild's general funds. There are still spaces available in the Retreat.

Opportunity Quilt Discussion – Gayle communicated with Cat a few days ago. Cat is out of town currently for a few weeks due to a family emergency. In talking about the quilt, we think April would be ideal to reveal the Opportunity Quilt at that meeting.

Ticket sales will run for 12 months from April 2020 to April 2021. Candy shared her experiences in opportunity ticket sales with her previous guild. That guild utilized art fairs as a successful means of selling tickets. Staffing for the various events was delegated to members, not just supported by the Board. Judy shared that Redlands has four different events that would be great opportunities to show the quilt and sell tickets. Candy mentioned that "I Love Redlands" event is in late March and Oct/November space is \$50 for a booth. Gayle mentioned that we should divide up the potential events to determine cost and availability. Candy said that perhaps selling inexpensive (remaining) craft fair items might be helpful to offset the cost associated with the table/event fee. Judy will investigate Art in the Park (Redlands) to see about that event. It



was also proposed to talk with SCCQG about the possibility of a table at a future meeting. Judy will reach out to SCCQG.

Upland has a Lemon Festival, Beaumont/Banning has a Lavender Festival; the latter event is sparse and probably not as good an opportunity to have a booth. The Kiwanis Club is another good opportunity or similar organizations would also be excellent opportunities for us to sell tickets.

Elizabeth asked about a budget and cost/benefit analysis that should have been reviewed by the Board in 2019 prior to the Opportunity Quilt project. We budgeted \$500 for supplies including fabric, printing, quilt stand. Quilting of the project is to be donated by Cat. The Board will true-up expenses once final printing costs are obtained. Downtown Ontario summer events (weekly) – Gayle will reach out to her contact to determine if space is available for us in that event. The Ontario Museum is usually at these summer events and we have had a close relationship with them over the years and may be able to utilize them for help. Gayle will also reach out to the Museum contact to determine if we can sell tickets at their events also.

Communications – Elizabeth clarified the approval process for posting minutes. The minutes sent by Secretary are confirmed as approved to post. We utilize quorum for approval/changes by the Board for minutes.

Elizabeth will interview Gayle briefly at the conclusion of the Board Meeting and draft a quick post for the website.

Judy mentioned she has email addresses for two new members to confirm if they are added to receive website updates.

Programs – Laura reviewed programs for the remainder of the year.

March – Elizabeth – English Paper Piecing (large hole applique needles, Fons & Porter glue)

April – Linda Rasmussen (to curate) - Urban Quilt Challenge FQ provided to members

May - Laura – My Best Binding

June – Sandra Johnson – Big Stitch

July – Dark/No Meeting

August – Skills & Tools Presentation (Tentative: Batty Lady or Quilt Preservation)

September – TBD Bag or Technique Presentation (Possibly Elizabeth's Friend)

October – Wendy Knight – How the heck do I quilt this? Lecture

November – Member University

December – IEMQG Holiday Party

For April's program we will need to have people place their name and what inspired their Urban project on the front of the quilt for Linda to see.



Discussion regarding a gift Linda Rasmussen for her curating the event for the third time. The Board approved a motion for \$50 to provide the certificate. Motion was passed. Becky will pick-up the Amazon gift card. Jen will provide Becky with a card in advance of the meeting to include with the card.

There was an open discussion about the length of time we should be generally scheduling for the length of programs. Elizabeth mentioned that typical time would be between 45-60 minutes as a general guideline. Any time beyond an hour is general excessive and may find people losing interest. Laura mentioned she will make sure to communicate the length of our program with our guest speakers.

Elizabeth offered a contact for three-dimensional quilting (bags, etc.)

Candy shared news about a possibility for sewing at Hobby Lobby in Norco. The room is free provided it is utilized for crafts. Pictures of the space were shared with the group. The room is hidden next to the restroom at the rear of the store. Gayle recommended that we see about reserving the space for July for a Sit & Sew (as we are dark that month). Becky will contact Hobby Lobby to arrange Sit and Sew in July and the fall (probably in October).

Show & Share – Signups will be managed monthly by Programs. The current process for members to sign-up at the hospitality table will remain unchanged; however, the announcement for those participating will be done by the Programs ladies. A recommendation was made to have participants line up in preparation of their turn sharing.

Hospitality – Pat shared that her binder has materials for anyone covering for her in the front of her binder.

Room Orientation/Arrangements – Gayle asked the Board for feedback regarding the room set-up for guest speakers. The TV used for Simone’s presentation was much easier to follow than using the large screen/LCD. The current layout we’ve used recently with chairs facing front/screen area seems to work fine and will remain unchanged.

Guild New Business:

Fundraising (Amazon Smile) – Instructions can be found here:

<https://blog.aboutamazon.com/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile>

Charity – Gayle recently distributed a stack of completed charity quilts to ALS charity called ‘Hopes & Dreams’ through their booth at Road. We also have a large roll of batting that can be used for charity quilts by our members. Cat may step in by default as our charity person. She



works for CPS and mentioned they could use them. Many of the children that are taken from dangerous home situations during the night and end up staying at the CPS office overnight. Judy has a foster agency that may also appreciate the quilts for children during their annual holiday party. We do not have a charity person to staff the table. Gayle recommended a sign-up list for someone to sit and watch the table to collect quilts.

It was recommended to retain names for an annual raffle for people that brought quilts for charity. The Board agreed not to implement a raffle at the current time.

Next Board Meeting - The next board meeting will be March 12th at 6:00pm JoAnn Fabrics in Ontario

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Adams, Secretary