

Quilters Unlimited Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2022, Meeting

7 Elected, Standing and Support Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs in attendance: Sue Isaac, Kerry Cohen, Rachel Smith, Jeanne Brenner, Michele Hackmeyer, Peggy Clark, Peggy Allen. Quorum was not met. It was decided that those present would discuss previously emailed reports and any items requiring action by the Steering Committee would be detailed in an email for electronic voting.

Sue called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Sue motioned that we approve the outstanding meeting minutes that were circulated prior to tonight's meeting. This will be emailed for voting.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Monthly report was sent via email to the committee and there were no questions. A preliminary budget for 2023 was sent via email and updated and handed out to provide a chance to review and help with decisions on program and workshop speakers to be discussed later tonight. A few changes were offered.

President Elect's Report: Peggy has started filling the officer slate and chair positions for 2023. It is going well. Many people have volunteered, and she will seek out members willing to fill in those positions not year filled.

Membership Vice-President's Report: We currently have 110 paid members. We are averaging almost 40 members at in-person guild meetings.

Old Business:

Changing the annual show theme for 2023 to be the 40th anniversary was previously tabled. Karen Kunz checked with the Museum of Florida History and no promotional materials were started for the "Jazz It Up" theme, so we could change the theme for next year's show. Sue moved that the possibility of changing the theme to the 40th anniversary be decided by the 2023 Quilt Show and Challenge chairs. This will be emailed for voting.

New Business:

Programs: The topic of having Rita Verroca speak at our March 2023 meeting was sent for discussion via email with Ellen Fournier bringing this to the Steering Committee for a vote. Rita's program would be an hour-long program on the history of quilting, but she will be in town for another event. Many felt QU should not have to cover travel fees and would only need to pay the program fee. After much discussion around cost and budget shortfalls, no one at the meeting was in favor of bringing a paid speaker for a program. This will be emailed for voting.

Workshops: During 2021, preliminary plans to bring Laura Heine for a lecture and a workshop in 2022 but due to scheduling conflicts this was pushed to 2023. No contract was created, just tentative plans. Laura's daughter lives in town, so QU does not have a pay for lodging. Ellen has researched travel expenses and the lecture, workshop fee and travel costs were inputted into the preliminary budget, along with estimated income from workshop registration. Most at the meeting agreed that bringing a national speaker for lecture and workshops is an important service QU provides to our members. Everyone present was in favor of committing to a contract for Laura Heine for 2023, but Sue requested everyone please vote again (later electronically) for a clear count. This will be emailed for voting.

President's Report: Sue has been emailing and calling our contact at Temple Israel about the fees for rental in 2023. We were previously provided via email the Temple's current standard contract for renting their hall for social events along with the requirement to hire a security guard if meeting over 50 members. Rachel provided costs QU paid for rent in the past to the Temple and Timberlane Church. Based on the listed prices for the Temple, it would be almost a 12-fold increase, without the security guard expense. Sue requested the non-profit rate, but the Temple is not setting a rate. They indicated they would like groups such as QU to pay close to the standard rate and that QU needed to provide a proposal for the rate, we would be able to pay, how we would handle security, room setup, breakdown and cleanup along with the number of members we expect at meetings. Sue volunteered the Fiscal Planning committee to create this proposal and, they will contact other churches and local community groups to find out rates for other rental locations so we can provide a reasonable rental amount to the Temple in our proposal.

Unfortunately, the lower membership rates during the pandemic and the lack of the annual quilt show and silent auction for the last three years has led to QU have greater expenditures than income in 2020, 2021 and estimated again in 2022. The guild has been using savings to cover operating costs, but due to the impact of higher rental fees to the QU budget for upcoming years, it was agreed that Sue would provide the membership with an overview of the issues, expenditures from the past few years and outlook for the future with an email blast and at the next guild meeting.

Bus Trip: The bus trip for the Jacksonville quilt show is still a possibility. Sue has only received interest from about 25 people. We would need around 35 to afford the bus. She will have a go/no-go at the August meeting with payment required on that day.

Opportunity Quilt: The Tallahassee Car Museum will be having a Food Truck and Craft Fair in October. Sue provided details about getting a booth to show our quilt along with selling items. Cost for the booth is \$80. Peggy will look to find a volunteer to chair the Boutique as we have in the past years when we do not have a quilt show. This will be emailed for voting.

Due to the uncertainty on several financial items, it was decided to have a Steering Committee meeting again prior to the November meeting to finalize the budget/change over leadership. Sue scheduled the next meeting for September 29.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. with follow up email to the Steering Committee for topics requiring discussion and voting.

Submitted by Kerry Cohen, Secretary