



Minutes
Long Range Planning Meeting
Wednesday, July 26, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Quilting Guild of The Villages Long Range Planning Committee was held at the Moyer Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Guild President Ardie Wood. Those present besides President Wood (Mamies) were Chair Pamala Pike (Patchwork Garden), Ellen Peters (Sterling Stitchers), Marci Gimmarro (Riverbend Bobbins), Nancy Wildzunas (Lake Miona), Barbara Rule-Mispel (Piecemakers), Jan Olson (Riverbend Bobbins), Jan Kloeffler (Mamies), Pattie Barrett (Allamanda), Denise Messerli (Fenney Sewcialites), Denise Kuziw (Southern Belles), Linda Welsh-Garrison (Riverbend Bobbins), Janet Tomczak (Riverbend Bobbins), Donna Barnum (Happy Hour), Ann Grossman (Riverbend Bobbins), and Mary Ellen Streeter (Patchwork Garden).

President Ardie Wood – In preparation for this meeting went through the current QGOTV Bylaws and prepared a draft of those Articles that she feels will need to be revised if the “*Regional*” layer of government that we have been discussing is adopted by the Executive Board.

The first thing she did was to include “regional directors” to the definition of officers of the Guild. This made fewer changes to the articles necessary. One difference would be that at an Executive Board meeting if one of the four current Guild officers is unable to attend, a replacement with a vote is not sent to the meeting. In the case of “regional directors” there would need to be a replacement or substitute who would be bringing the two votes from each of the Chapters in that “Region.” (Those votes should not be missing because their “director” is unable to attend.) President Wood believes that each “regional director” should have a personal vote like the four current Guild officers do.

The meeting quorum is presently 2/3 and she would like to see a change to 3/4 because of the proposed structure.

Question: How did it come to be only four Chapters per “region”?

Answer: By reducing the Executive Board attendees from eight for every four Chapters to one director, it greatly reduces the number of people, thus reducing the size room necessary for the Executive Board meeting. At the same time, it keeps the number of chapters that a “regional director” has to contact to a handful, not a great burden, in hopes that there will be sufficient volunteers for these positions.

Question: Isn't this making the “regional director” attend 3 more meetings per month?

Answer: No, the “regional directors” would hold one meeting with the president (and maybe another Chapter representative) each month. The meetings would be small and could be scheduled on any day of the week and time of day that their Chapters agree on, and located closer to home in most cases. Chapter presidents and MaLs will not have to attend the Guild Executive Board meeting.

The “regions” would be numbered and elections of “directors” would be for 2 year terms, odd # “regions” on odd # years, even # “regions” on even # years (similar to how Guild officers are elected.)

The suggestion was made that perhaps the title “liaison” would be more appropriate than “director”. This was discussed.

President Wood suggested that any voting at the “regional” level should require 50% plus 1 to pass.

Pam Pike will add the changes suggested by President Wood to the original copy she holds.

There was discussion about how many Chapters should be in a “region.” President Wood suggests 3, 4, no more than 5 in a region. The Chapters north of Rte 466A “Region 1, 2 & 3” are pretty stable in their numbers of members at this time and it is unlikely that any new Chapters will be opened there (12 Chapters, 3 “regions”. From Rte 466A to Rte 44, “Region 4, 5 & 6” 10 Chapters, 3 “regions” seems reasonable. South of Rte 44 “Regions 7 & 8” will be dynamic as the Guild grows. (Currently 6 Chapters, 2 “regions” seems reasonable.)

The August Guild meeting to be held at Rohan Rec Center will be a good test of whether there are more attendees because of it's proximity to the newer homes.

Question: Why later? It would be better to do this before the Guild gets any bigger.

Answer: It can be. There will be a new Guild president in January and it is unknown if she will be supporting this. President Ardie would like to see this brought to the Guild Executive Board this year.

Afternoon Guild meetings was brought up again. This was tried on a limited basis and attendance was lower in the afternoon meetings.

Things to consider:

People should be thinking about whether there are any more of the bylaws that need to be revised and List of what would be expected of these “regional directors/liaisons.”

The next Long Range Planning meeting will be August 23, 2023 at 7:00pm ay Moyer Recreation Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Streeter