



Minutes

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Laurel Manor Recreation Center

President Deb Silva called the meeting to order at 2:00PM. The meeting was attended by all 8 Region Liaisons as well as 8 Chapter Presidents. The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary were in attendance.

Secretary Report

Minutes are posted on the QGOTV website.

Treasurer Report

Current financials were sent to all Chapter Presidents with the agenda for this meeting.

Programs

Vice President Yvonne Wecker reported that the April visiting artist class is now on the QGOTV website as well as one of the Member-to-Member classes.

Committee Reports

Charities – Chair Alice Totsch reported that the charity tracker has been streamlined and updated on the website. There are now only 55 charities where there were formerly 411 so it will be much easier for the Chapter Charity representatives to input their chapter data. Several quilts were picked up for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, however, it is up to the Chapters to make sure these quilts are delivered to this charity. It is not a Guild sponsored charity so does not have a Guild point person. The information on who to contact is on the charity tracker. There will be a training session held soon for all chapter charity representatives to review the tracker, all of the charities which the chapters sponsor as well as provide feedback on how to make this important process smoother. Once the QGOTV website migration is complete, it will be important for the leadership roster to be completed for the charity representatives. This can only be done by the Chapter President or Membership Manager. As a reminder, the contact personnel for the Guild sponsored charities are Cornerstone (Kate Santoro), Honor Flight (Julienne Brodrick) and Children's Home Society (Clare Creamer).

Cornerstone – Kate Santoro recently received 5 quilts for Cornerstone and reported that she is currently out of the medallions. They have been ordered.

Children's Home Society – there was no report, however, President Silva is requesting a new lead for this charity as Clare Creamer will no longer be providing this support. Please contact her directly if you are able to provide support for this important charity.

Honor Flight – Julienne Brodrick picked up several quilts at the meeting which she will pass on to Flo Knorr and Gay Harris. They have 80 quilts in reserve and will be able to support the 2024 missions that are scheduled. She let everyone know that a local church also helps out with quilts, but they are unable to provide the volume that the Guild is able to provide.

Web – Nanette Fahler reported that the website is still not complete. There are some issues with the Menu tab and Penny Rice is working on a work around for the problem. If you have any issues or need help with the website, you can contact President Silva directly and she will interface with the web team. They are hopeful that the issue can be resolved in the next couple of weeks so the leadership rosters can be updated by the Chapter Presidents. These rosters are important for the committee chairs to communicate with the Chapter representatives. Nanette also reminded everyone that they should NOT be changing the recovery email address for the QGOTV site. She is working through a particular situation where this happened.

Showcase 2025

Chairperson Ardie Wood asked that all Chapter coordinators be selected and reported as soon as possible. The first coordinators meeting will be held May 7 at 5:30PM at Laurel Manor prior to the monthly Guild Meeting. The key documents are all posted under the Showcase tab on the QGOTV website, and she will be presenting important changes to the membership at the May meeting so your members should be encouraged to attend. One of the key changes will be the judging which will take place just before the show. It will only be necessary for the members to bring their quilt in for judging and take it home after the show as it will go into display mode right after judging. This will simplify that process for all. A list of Showcase jobs will be sent out this week to all Chapters who will select 3 options. These responses are required before April 12. The jobs will be given to the Chapter Coordinators at the May 7 meeting. Quilt entries will begin on June 1 and will be taken until October 15. After that time, NO entries will be accepted and there will be no exceptions.

Other Guild Business

Vice President Wecker discussed the current fee structure for non-members attendance at Guild sponsored meetings. The \$2 fee has been in place for many years. Increasing the rate was currently reviewed with the Angela Walters events. There were only 8 guests, however, and given that we only average 2-4 guests monthly, the decision has been made to leave it at \$2/person.

Vice President Wecker also discussed Sundays at Sterling which has not been an incredibly popular event for most Chapters. One issue that has been cited is that one chapter attends weekly, sets up “shop” at the back of the room and doesn’t make the hosting chapter representative feel welcome. They also come in at 9:00AM, which is against the current permit which states 11:30-4:20PM. This could create issues with The Villages Recreation department as the Guild insurance does not cover them outside of the permitted hours. There was dialog among the attendees and no final decision

was made on what will be done next, but discussions will continue. In the meantime, the group who attends weekly should plan to come in at 11:30AM to ensure compliance with the permit. Having a host chapter will also be reviewed to determine if it is necessary.

One other reason this discussion was important is that The Villages Recreation is not providing any new meeting space to the Guild and there is a lot of interest south of 44 in joining. This space could potentially be used for a Chapter to meet. It is important that Chapter Presidents let their recreation center know if they are not using their weekly space, i.e., shop hop, event. We need to make sure we are using the space allocated to full capacity.

Camp Villages – President Silva reported that 3 chapters have volunteered to host this year – Lake Miona, Riverbend Bobbins and Sterline Stitchers.

Sharon Duemler, Region 4 Liaison, expressed concern about the chapters who will be displaced as part of the Paradise Recreation Center renovation and offered the option for the impacted members to come to her chapters. Lynn Kluczynski, Region 1 Liaison and Quilting B's Chapter President, reported that The Villages has committed to finding space for them to meet, but the offer was most appreciated.

President Silva reported that there are several positions open which need leaders. She also solicited for a volunteer to lead the Nomination Committee as the Vice President and Secretary positions are up for renewal for 2025-26. This person needs to be in place by the April 19 EBoard Meeting. The other positions which need new leaders are:

- Children's Home Society charity
- Long Range Planning committee
- Member to Member

Lynn Kluczynski reported that Victoria Grace has volunteered to lead the Quilters Closet and Notions Sale and the Fall Craft Sale.

Lynn Kluczynski reported that the recent Quilters Closet and Notions sale was very successful. There were 72 tables sold and she only had one complaint from someone who hoped they would sell more. The move in and move out was very smooth and all went well. Kudos to Lynn for her leadership of this event.

Vice President Wecker reported that there was a \$1174 shortfall from the Angela Walters events since the workshops were not full. One option is to have the leftover panels available on the QGOTV website for purchase. There are 125 panels and if they are sold for \$10/each, the shortfall will be overcome.

As reported last month, the current Guild Secretary, Jan Kloeffler, has resigned due to a move north and there was a vote held at each Chapter on the recommendation for her replacement through the end of the term – Julienne Brodrick. The vote was presented by the Region Liaisons, and it was unanimous for Julienne to assume this responsibility starting with the April 2 Guild Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:18PM. The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00PM at Laurel Manor. The next meeting of the Executive Board will be Tuesday, April 19 at 2:00PM at Laurel Manor.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Kloeffler

QGOTV Secretary