

Mudsock Quilters Guild
Board Meeting Notes
August 27th, 2021

This meeting was held at the Fishers Public Library.

Board members in attendance: Melissa Schulman, Ann Ricciardelli, Laura Anderson, Amy Klodzen, Lissa Shanahan, Diane Dimpfl, Sally Sandilands, Susan Juffer, Julie Putman, Lois Levine, Elizabeth Sampson, Lydia Lander. Other members in attendance: Vickie Smith, Bonnie Dannenberg, Becky Moore.

Meeting called to order by Ann Ricciardelli at 1:05pm

Ann asked if there were any corrections needed to the June 2021 board meeting minutes. None were noted. Lydia Lander motioned to approve - Julie Putman seconded the motion – Minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:

Covid and decisions? Hamilton County is in the orange category. I do not think it is wise to have our meeting at the Delaware Township building. We will have the September meeting at Holland Park so we can meet in person to reveal the Challenge projects for the 10 year anniversary of the Quilt Guild. If it rains we will have to do the meeting by Zoom.

Would like to get some volunteers to help members unload their cars at the meeting. Julie Putman volunteered to help unload.

If we go to a Zoom meeting, in September, Ann Ricciardelli has a friend who might be able to do a program for the guild.

Lydia Lander:

We do have an in-person program for October scheduled with Margaret Fette from the Tailored Fit in Bloomington, IN. November was to be Carlene Clark presenting a long arm demonstration.

Ann Ricciardelli:

Welcome to non-Board members who attended: Becky Moore, Bonnie Dannenberg and Vickie Smith.

Need to discuss changes to Bylaws:

The main changes will affect the treasurer duties and budget, programs committee duties and some miscellaneous items. In the future, it would be good to make the bylaws be simpler and clear to understand.

Changes to treasurer’s duties:

The treasurer serves a two year term and would like to plan a two year budget going forward. The budget numbers are an estimate and sometimes need to be amended to change add more money. Not every committee spends all their money so they need less. It would be nice for some committees to know ahead of time what their proposed budget numbers are for the next year without waiting for the budget to be created. Treasurer will present a proposed budget with both income and expense and the board will vote on it.

The treasurer will be responsible for filing tax forms and Federal and State filings on an annual basis which is now done electronically. The treasurer will have the instructions to pass along to the next person.

Accountability – Laura Anderson added extras information at end of section 5 of the bylaws– The treasurer shall meet quarterly with the President and/or Vice President to detail and review the transactions and bank statements of the quarter just completed. The completion of the review shall be noted in the next MQG newsletter.

Another change -In the past checks over \$500 needed to be signed by two people. This was never a bank requirement, the guild required it. Not necessary anymore.

Current bylaws say the Treasurer shall make an End of Year Report. The report is not meaningful to most people, only to some, so that will be deleted. Instead it will be posted on the members section on the website; it will be visible to members if anyone wants to see it.

Changes to Program Chairs:

The term of the current chairs and of the following year's chairs (now called Vice Chairs instead of Co-chairs) will overlap by one year. That way, the Vice chairs can shadow the current chairs and get a good understanding of how things work and can start planning for the next year of programs. The nominating committee will now be responsible for finding the programs chairs (instead of the program chairs finding their own successors) and they be voted in along with the yearly slate of officers.

Other changes and questions:

Questions raised: Do we want the programs vice chairs as voting members on the executive board?
Answer: No for now.

Nominating Committee - The current president shall appoint the nominating committee chair in July. The committee chair can choose at least three members to help with the committee as opposed to the current limit of three.

There was some confusion with the wording in the Program chairs section. Bonnie Dannenberg wrote what we think the program chair wordage should say. Ann Ricciardelli read it out loud and approved the writing.

Section 6

Program Chair(s) and Vice Chair(s) will be elected each year. They will serve for two years.

Section 6.1

In the first year of their term the officer(s) will be known as the Program Vice Chair(s). They will shadow and assist the Program Chair(s) as well as begin planning programs for the following year. In the second year they will facilitate the programs and mentor the Vice Chair(s).

Section 6.2

Program Chair(s) will be responsible for planning and facilitating MQG programs at meetings and workshops. This will include contacting speakers, arranging local transportation if necessary and signing contracts as appropriate.

Voting:

Motion to approve the amendments to the Bylaws as we read and discussed them here at the meeting.

Motion for approval by Laura Anderson. Seconded by Susan Juffer. Motion passed.

Everyone raised their hands We have quorum majority vote; the Bylaws will be changed as we have discussed.

Issue with Changes:

(1) Bylaws changes timeframe notice

As the Bylaws are currently written, we need to give 30 days notice to the members of any changes. Ann would like to have the changes approved at the September meeting which is two weeks away. Ann Ricciardelli is asking that we waive the 30 day notice or ask you to waive the requirement that we vote on the slate in September and move to October. Then the membership can vote on everything at once.

The board agreed to waive the 30 day notice. Agreed to give members two weeks notice to review the amendments.

Voting:

Motion to give two week notice on the changes to the Bylaws and still vote for the Officers slate in September: Motions raised by Lydia Lander. Seconded motion by Laura Anderson. All in favor raise your hands. All raised hands.

Amended the Bylaws and will present in September.

(2) Voting changes by members for amendments

According to the Bylaws we need a quorum of 1/3 of the members. That means we need at least 69 people to vote because we currently have 207 paid members. Can we offer a vote by email since we do not typically have that many attending the meetings? Can we lower the voting quorum to ¼ of the membership? Everyone agreed to change to ¼ of the membership for the next Bylaws. Need to vote

on the option to let members vote by email for all the amendments and slate of officers before the September 13th meeting.

Ann Ricciardelli motioned a vote:

Yes, I approve the MQG President's one-time request to allow the membership to vote by email. The membership will be asked to approve the attached amendments to the MQG Bylaws and to approve the nominated slate of officers on or before the September 13th regular meeting. At least 69 votes from members will be required to approve both.

Voted to approve the motion: Elizabeth Sampson, Ellen Hanson, Julie Putman, Sally Sandilands, Wanda Feder, Amy Klozden, Lydia Lander, Susan Juffer, Chris Behme, April Sterling, Melissa Schulman.

Motion approved: Members can vote by email for amendments and officers.

Ann Ricciardelli:

Need to approve the Slate of officers for 2022:

President -Becky Moore

VP -Bonnie Dannenberg

Treasurer- Laura Anderson

Secretary- Melissa Schulman

Programs 2022-Vickie and Jayne

Programs 2023-Becky Morello and Cheri Wenger

Motion to approve the slate of officers: Motion raised by Lois Levine. Seconded motion by Elizabeth Sampson. Motion approved.

Ann Ricciardelli:

Questions about raising membership dues to \$30 for next year? Is it beneficial? This year is still \$25 but next year would be \$30. Do we need extra money going forward? Programs did not spend as much because of COVID but program fees will increase as things get better. Ann asked if anyone was in favor of raising the dues for next year? No one wanted to do that right now. The board can revisit that option at a later time.

CHARITIES:

Damar, Quilts for Kids and Tummy Time

Lois Levine spoke about the children's charities.

There is a new place in Speedway called Isaiah House that is getting a place ready to open next year. It is a place that will be for kids to go when they are transitioning to another place but need time in between. The place wants to offer them a pillow and a pillowcase to take with them. This might be a new option for the children's charities.

Lois has collected lots of pillowcases. Damar gets most but some have been sent to Tummy Time for the siblings of the babies being visited.

Can we provide batting for the children's quilts for the people doing this?

Do we want to allocate some money to the children's charities? Lois thanked Diane for letting her come to the Community store room and collect for the children's charities.

Lois Levine will continue to chair the committee next year.

Community Hospital Sewing and Shopping - Diane Dimpfl reported

Diane has provided some batting for members making children's quilts. The current roll of batting is almost gone but she has an account at Accomplish Quilting to buy more. She mentioned Marti Michelle 2 inch fusible tape that can be used to piece batting together. She is reducing the amount of time members can shop in the store room. Shopping will be available on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm.

Plans for the quilt show are coming along. Diane has reached out to vendors to see if they want to sell items. The Quilt show will be November 13th from 10:00-3:00 at Cornerstone Church. Block of the Month and Steals N Deals will also have tables at the event. Might be fun to have the Challenge quilts at the quilt show as well. The admission fee for the show would be \$5.00. Asking vendors for a donation to attend. Glo Stahlhut sent out letters to other guilds about our quilt show already.

Raffle of Quilt to benefit the Guild: Pat Jones pieced a quilt to donate to Community Hospital and Diane Dimpfl quilted it. Diane asked Pat if she minded if we raffled the quilt instead to benefit the guild. Diane is taking care of the paperwork needed to do a raffle. The State allows us to raise up to \$2,500 per year from raffle sales. Tickets would be a \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. We could announce the winner at the December meeting.

Signatures from the board are needed on the State paperwork for the raffle. Forms need to be filled out each year but we can have up to three raffles per year.

Diane would prefer not to chair Community Quilts next year but would still assist. She has asked Sally Sandilands if she would chair the committee but Sally has not decided yet.

RETREAT:

Susan Juffer reported on the Fall Retreat in Shipshewana.

2 people have not paid yet – they are relatives of a member. There are 54 people who have paid for the retreat.

Susan will send out an email about Covid concerns along with the newsletter. She is asking people to stay home if they are sick or to get tested. Masks are not required right now at the hotel. Lagrange County has a Covid rate of 4 cases for a seven day period. She will also send information about what to bring and the shop hop list so that participants can print it themselves. She may also have printed copies available at the meeting.

TREASURER REPORT:

Laura Anderson reported:

Treasurer's Notes for August 2021 Board Meeting

- Please note June and July numbers are final but since August is not complete, those numbers are preliminary

- Summary of Income (June thru July):
 - Dues:
 - June - \$12.50
 - At the meeting - 1 new and 1 renewed member - \$37.50
 - Renewals are at \$25, new are partial year payments of \$12.50
 - refund of membership renewal to 1 member who requested her refund be applied to retreat fee. (-\$25.00)
 - No new or renewal funds received via PayPal
 - July - \$37.50
 - At the meeting – 2 new and 1 renewed members = \$50.00
 - No new or renewal funds received via Pay Pal
 - August - \$134.53
 - At the meeting – 3 new and 1 renewed members = \$62.50
 - 3 new members via PayPal = \$72.03
 - PayPal fees increased in August, and we are now charged \$0.99 per new member, so we receive \$24.01 for each paid membership
 - Steals and Deals Proceeds - \$419.65
 - June - \$154.50
 - July - \$162.90
 - August - \$ 102.25
 - Retreat Fees - \$585.00
 - June - \$650
 - July - \$0

- In July received retreat fees of \$130 – but these fees were offset by retreat fee refunds to 2 individuals.
 - August – (65.00)
 - In August received retreat fees of \$195 – but these fees were offset by retreat fee refunds to 4 individuals.
 - Miscellaneous - \$5 purchase of Mudsock pin in June.
- Summary of Expenses:
 - Community Charity
 - \$430.08 - payments to 5 individuals for charity expenses
 - Programs
 - \$75 to August speaker

COMMITTEES:

MEMBERSHIP: Ann Ricciardelli reported for Wanda Feder who was not able to attend.

We have 207 paid members. Wanda purged our membership list of those who did not rejoin in 2020. Only one person requested to be left on our Facebook page. We could use a few more people on Membership to check people in and greet visitors and new members. Wanda has agreed to continue keeping membership records unless someone else would like to.

WEBSITE: Ann Ricciardelli reported for Chris Behme who was not able to attend.

If anyone has quilting tips to share on the website, please let Chris know . She will continue working on the website next year but is looking for someone to shadow her to take over the following year as website administrator.

NEWSLETTER: Lissa Shanahan reported:

Things are going fine. Getting all the information.

Lissa is willing to continue as the chair next year. She will be working on the newsletter this weekend.

FACEBOOK: Amy Klodzen reported:

Amy is willing to continue as chair next year.

She has removed some members from the Facebook group.

SUNSHINE: Ann Ricciardelli reported for Ellen Hanson who could not be present.

April Sterling and Marcia Baer have joined the committee.

PROGRAMS: Lydia Lander and Elizabeth Sampson reported:

They may or may not be able to provide programs for the rest of 2021 as things change due to COVID. They have things ready but need to wait and see.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Sally Sandilands reported:

We have the schedule for the remainder of the year. September is a paper pieced block. May do a workshop on paper piecing to help members. Linda is working to complete the committee for next year. Linda and Sally are not continuing for next year. They have a new chair in place. They would like to have more participation. We have about 47 members participating during this year. We have 17-25 each month and 5 members every month that participate. Will have a suggestion box at the next meeting for new ideas.

Sally brought a suggestion re Delaware Township: They have been very gracious this year in letting us use the rooms and have expressed interest in our children's quilt donations. Should we give them some to donate? Lois Levine will contact the person at Delaware Township and discuss it.

HOSPITALITY: Julie Putman reported:

September meeting is outside, we will provide cupcakes, water and decorations.

STEALS AND DEALS: Melisa Schulman reported:

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Questions: Sally – what about October, November and December meetings?

Lydia – programs for future meetings - we would to give notice to the person presenting if we are not meeting in person. We need to make the call at least two weeks before the meeting date.

We are meeting in the park in September because of COVID not because of Delaware township changes.

Ann will decide the location of the meeting each month depending on the Covid metrics.

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next board meeting will be Friday, November 5th at 1:00 pm . Place to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Minutes revised by Ann Ricciardelli

September 6, 2020

