

**Mudsock Quilters Guild**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

This meeting was held at the Cornerstone Christian Church

Members in attendance: Melissa Schulman, Sharon Jones, Julie Putman, Becky Moore, Wanda Federer, Chris Behme, Becky Morello, Pat Jones, Marsha Coleman (2024 programs), Kerrie Gallaga, Diane Dimpfl, Sally Sandilands, Laurie Farthing, Cheri Wenger, Lois Levine, Mary Boyden, Linda Garzynski, Sandy Metzger, Anne Hart (on phone)

Meeting called to order by Mary Boyden 9:30.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

Mary had a handout that she wants to update and have available for new members. This one would be mailed to new members and Cheri Wenger talked about having it on the projector during the meeting. It is all the information about the committees, so we do not need to go over every committee at the meeting, unless someone has a question.

This will be available online. Chris will send them the information and put on website also with a link to the website.

Mary will send a welcome letter to each new member with the Member information brochure.

There is always an abbreviated version available at the meetings on the yellow paper at the membership desk.

**CHARITIES:**

**Damar, Quilts for Kids and Tummy Time**

Lois Levine Reported:

WE are still doing the DCS Drawstring Bags, Damar Pillowcases and quilts for kids and Tummy Time for this year.

Lois talked about an organization in Anderson called "No one left behind". She will be looking into this for a possible future charity.

Donated 213 blankets to Tummy Time along with burp clothes and diapers.

Quilts for kids goes too many different locations. We also received a lot of pillowcases this year.

Lois and her team provided quilt kits this past year which helped in receiving so many quilts. She is in need for more baby fabrics. We suggested she ask at the meeting for members to donate baby fabric.

Diane Dimipfl suggested asking Tru Cotton for donations.

### **Heart Pillows**

Julie Putman reported:

Julie will let us know when they run low and we can start making more pillows. We had a great turnout last year of donations.

### **Community Hospital Sewing and Shopping**

Pat Jones reported:

#### **Charity Quilted Donation to the Hospital:**

We had 31 remaining quilts from 2021. We ended this year with 260 quilts donated. Nancy Frye's group donated 19 quilts. We had a total of 310 quilts to donate to Community Hospital. There were 40 leftover quilts. Weather played a role in delaying the distribution this year. They were distributed the day after Christmas. Only badged volunteers can help with the distribution. Tried to distribute the best fitting quilt per patient. A total of 65 members turned in a quilt or helped quilt one for a member. Discussed the labels for the donated quilts. Pat ask for approval to purchase fabric and heat bond sheets to the labels. She is making pre-printed labels so members can use those or they can still make their own and attach. The label will say: Happy Holidays from Mudsock Quilters Guild of Fishers, IN. Can offer the label at the Block of the Month table for each meeting so members can get them easily.

#### **Storeroom:**

Sally Sandilands is the storeroom manager. Linda Garzynski and Laurie Farthing are also helping. They are doing a great job of organizing it and making kits for members to use to make quilts for charity.

#### **Jelly Roll Race:**

Chris Behme did a great job last year for this event. Mary Boyden and Laurie Farthing will be in charge this year. We will need volunteers for this event. We had 29 quilts donated in 2022 from this event.

#### **Quilt Raffle 2022:**

Kerrie Gallaga did a great job in 2022 for the quilt raffle. It made \$853.00 for the guild. Not sure if Kerrie will continue in 2023. We would need a quilt donated and start the process. Should we do another raffle for 2023? This is to be determined at a later time.

#### **Longarm/Domestic Quilters for Charity Quilts:**

Sandy Metzger was asking about possibly a little money for doing the Charity Quilts. She does not mind doing them but thread is getting expensive and she is donating all her time to help. The board decided

that any longarm/domestic quilter for charity can ask for \$5.00 from each person that they quilt for charity.

**MOTION for BOARD:**

Chris Behme motioned to ask the members to pay \$5.00 for thread to the person quilting their quilt for charity

Seconded: Becky Moore

Board: All in favor PASSED

**Community Charity Quilts:**

A question was raised why we did not budget money for the Community Charity for this year like we have in the past. There was a small discussion and then Becky Moore said "This is not the time to discuss the budget issues since it has been passed already. Becky stands behind their decision and if needed we will get some money to Community if needed".

We did offer to revisit the budget for Community now that we know how much the Community Auxiliary group has budgeted for quilts. I asked Pat to come back with a specific budget request at a later date and we reiterated that expenses can be submitted for reimbursement at any time.

We only have a little over \$1,000 from Community for reimbursements. Pat Jones would like to get a more standard way of handling reimbursements. It has been a little confusing this past year. Community reimburses batting and backing.

Pat Jones would like to step down from the Administration part of Community Charity Quilts and be there to assist. Need someone to take over this position.

**Quilt Show 2022:**

Linda Westbrook was in charge of the Quilt Show in 2022. She will not continue for 2023. We had 5 vendors that did not show that day. We had a lot of door prizes to hand out. Some were donated by Accomplished Quilting and Always in Stitches. Also the Scissor Sharpening Vendor donated all his proceeds to the Guild. Lois will be sending him a Thank You note.

**Community Sewing Days:**

The attendance has been low since Covid. We would like to increase attendance by having certain projects that can be taught and worked on during that day. You can always just come and sew but this might get more people to come out and sew.

## **TREASURER REPORT:**

Laura Anderson not in attendance

No Treasurer Report

## **COMMITTEES:**

### **Membership:**

Wanda Federer reported:

We have 209 members on the roster. We have 95 paid already for this year. Average meeting attendance is around 95 members. We had 55 new members for 2022. Wanda did not send out the roster or the birthday list for year yet. Laurie Farthing ask for a copy for Hospitality. Wanda could use a few volunteers for this year. Need 2 people to sit at the table at the meetings. Could use a couple extra when membership dues are due to help move the line faster. Question: Are we welcoming new members on Facebook? Wanda said she could make sure to do that going forward.

### **WEBSITE:**

Chris Behme reported:

June Koeske will be taking over Website posting. Chris will still be helping.

Chris will also still be doing the Delaware Sewing days. Offering lessons/projects during those times to get people involved.

### **NEWSLETTER:**

Lissa Shannahan not in attendance

### **FACEBOOK:**

Amy Klozden not in attendance

### **SUNSHINE:**

Ellen Hanson not in attendance

### **PROGRAMS:**

Cheri Wenger and Becky Morello Reported:

There is a list on Facebook of all the programs for the year. Cheri would like to send out an email to all the members to get the information out there so everyone can know what programs are being offered. We have 4 major presenters this year. Would like to send out their bio to everyone. Due to rising cost

of speaker fees, hotels and gas, the workshops will range between \$60 - \$100 this year. Sandy Metzger raised the question that the workshops might be too costly for members. Could we use some of the budget money to help offset the cost so we can still get speakers and members can attend the workshops? There was some discussion amount the members in attendance.

Mary raised a

#### **MOTION for the BOARD**

Change the budget for the Programs to increase it for another \$3,000 to help offset the cost of the workshops.

Seconded: Chris Behme

Board: All in favor PASSED

Becky Morello ask about the Workshop Payment Policy going forward. It has always been in place but not always followed. Would like to enforce it more this year.

Workshop Signup:

If you need to cancel inside 4 weeks, we will take someone off the waitlist, if no waitlist then you need to find someone to take your spot. We can not refund money for cancellation. Need this in writing and had it to everyone who signs up for a workshop.

Could use some more volunteers to help with the speakers at the meeting. Need about 4-6 people to help transport items for the speaker.

January program – bring your favorite notion or accessory. We will group people and pick the best gadget and then show the whole group. This will depend on the number of people participating.

Marsh Coleman was in attendance. She is the Programs chair for 2024.

#### **SEWING 101**

Diane Dimpfl reported:

She enjoys teaching and is very excited for this program. She has 14 students signed up with 2 repeating. Most are new members. Still looking for a place to hold these classes.

#### **BLOCK OF THE MONTH:**

Sharon Jones and Kerrie Gallaga reported:

Changes for this year. The BOM will be listed in the month that it is due. January 2023 block was presented in December 2022 but is listed under the January 2023 tab on the website. They are looking to stay around the 12" blocks that are easy to assembly for this year. They are also going to have paper instructions at the table for anyone to take. Hoping this gets more members involved.

#### **HOSPITALITY:**

Julie Putman reported:

Julie is stepping down from chair but will be on the committee to assist. Laurie Farthing is taking over Hospitality. Looking to find places to hold the Meet and Greet for this year. Julie Putnam, Cheri Wenger and Sharon Jones offered to host. Julie has notes and tubs of items to pass along. We used to provide treats at each meeting but changed during Covid, then the board decided to discontinue going forward. Hospitality is in charge of the December Holiday meeting.

### **STEALS AND DEALS:**

Melissa Schulman reported:

Not much to report to start the year. Would like to get a co-chair for this year to take over for 2024.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Anne Hart reported:

Bus Trip or Retreat for this year?

Becky Moore suggested a bus trip to Missouri Star for the spring, but would need to get this process going.

If we do a bus trip do we still want to do a Retreat? Could do a mini Retreat here in town and keep in on a smaller scale.

Need to present at the meeting on Monday to see what members think.

Anne Hart also talked about the next President Quilt that will be done this year for Mary. Her suggestion is to get this process done earlier in the year so more people can help and not so much of a rush. Maybe get a committee going for this idea for the yearly planning.

Anne Hart also suggested that members approach any new guest or members and invite them to lunch after the meetings. Let them know they can attend even though they are new.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

### **SCHEDULE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

Meeting ended at 11:50.