



IEMQG Board Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2020

Captured from Zoom web conference amid COVID-19 social distancing

Participating Executive Board and Chairpersons: Gayle, Laura, Candy, Elizabeth, Judy, Kelley and Becky

Meeting was called to order at 4:35pm by Gayle, our President.

Guild Current Business:

Guild Meeting Status Update Amid COVID-19 – Although the Board officially has canceled in person general meeting due to COVID-19, we have decided to go forward with virtual general meetings via the MQG’s Zoom account for the months of June and August (July will remain dark), pending status of state and county opening recommendations for in person gatherings. The main library has indicated that they will not be scheduling reservations for the community room due to their move to their new facility. There was discussion of moving in person general meetings to La Sierra and/or Casa Blanca library branches when recommended in the meantime. However, consensus is that we may continue with Zoom general meetings for the remainder of the year. The Board will continue to review this at future meetings.

VP Communications

Blog migration has been completed. This means our domain name is now hosted at WordPress, as our blog was previously sited at GoDaddy and Power Plan Hosting. After the blog stabilizes for a month or so, Elizabeth will see if there is any way to get refunds on either of these. GoDaddy may just have to be written off. Also mentioned is that all previous subscribers were erased; and need members, including Board & chairs to re-subscribe to the new website via the email invite sent out so that a second invite does need to be sent. So far stats are strong as views and number of visitors can now be tracked.

Elizabeth has been trying to organize the blog as well, putting correspondence into folders (on the side of the email). We recently had over 250 unread emails in our Inbox. She made files for each Board position, as well as a Retreat file. She made other labels that are self-explanatory. Board members and chairs should feel free to file their own emails. All 2018 and 2019 correspondence are in a folder marked with their respective years. Once a month, she will archive the email files.

Elizabeth has been responding to each person who has submitted their Urban Quilt Challenge. She’s asked for additional information if any was missing that was requested. All emails relating to the challenge are in a folder called “Urban Challenge Submissions”.



Kelley has posted reminders for the Urban Quilt Challenge on FB and IG. She will continue to promote any activity going on. For June, Elizabeth & Kelley will post the submissions on our website and social media platforms. For July, we will ask members to share patriotic quilts – any quilts with red, white or blue in it.

Elizabeth asked each of the board and committee chairs to provide content to include on the website.

Treasurer

Balance has not changed from last month, however, we do have two new membership fees to include. We are still holding funds for the retreat.

Programs

Our first virtual general meeting will take place on June 13th at 2:00 pm. Gayle will do the introduction and Laura will host. Laura will include all challenge submissions into a Google doc and present as a slide show. We will offer a prize, which Elizabeth will donate, through a random drawing for those that are participating. We will also offer a prize, which will be donated by Jennifer, for a best in class that is juried by the Board. Each board member & chairs are to submit their top 3 picks to Laura no later than June 8th.

We discussed how we would like guild members to explore the MQG website more. In the June meeting, Laura will talk about the monthly MQG magazine and the free patterns offered. Discussed doing the strawberry modern block featured this month. Laura offered to make a quilt or two utilizing the blocks to show at the June general meeting. We want to remind members that included with their IEMQG membership is access to the MQG website.

We discussed that Laura should contact Wendy Knight to see if she is even willing to speak at an in person meeting in October. And also to ask if she would be willing to do her lecture via Zoom, and if so would she offer a discounted virtual rate. Depending on Wendy Knight's responses, the Board will evaluate at the June board meeting.

Review of Calendar–

June – Urban Mini Quilt Challenge & MQG Website features

July – Dark/No Meeting

August ***Tentative in person meeting or virtual class: Laura Green – My Best Binding***

September – ~~Linda Rasmussen (to curate)~~ Urban Quilt Challenge Tool Share (bring 2), Extended Show & Share, MQG Video

October – ***Tentative in person meeting or virtual presentation Wendy Knight – How the heck do I quilt this? Lecture***

November – Member University:

Candy – Rope Bowls



Laura – Free Motion Quilting with Geometric Shapes

#3 – TBD

#4 – TBD

December – IEMQG Holiday Party

Guild New Business:

Retreat

Gayle reached out to Tina at Vina de Lestonnac regarding possible cancellation of the retreat in November. Tina advised that if the retreat were to be cancelled, then we would have the same date as next year. However, she is expecting that the retreats will be up and running in November. She will keep Gayle updated and expects to know by August.

Opportunity Quilt

Gayle has the Opportunity Quilt in her possession and it is stunning! The quilt needs to be binded and Gayle do it. Per Cat's vision, she has strongly recommended face binding.

City of Ontario has yet to cancel the Festival of Arts in October. We have previously discussed that this would be a very good venue for the guild to sell raffle tickets and display the quilt. For non-profit groups a table at this event to sell raffle tickets is free. As we have at least two boxes of craft items from last year, it was brought up that if you buy \$20 worth of tickets, you can choose two items for free, buy \$40 worth of tickets and choose 4 items for free, etc.

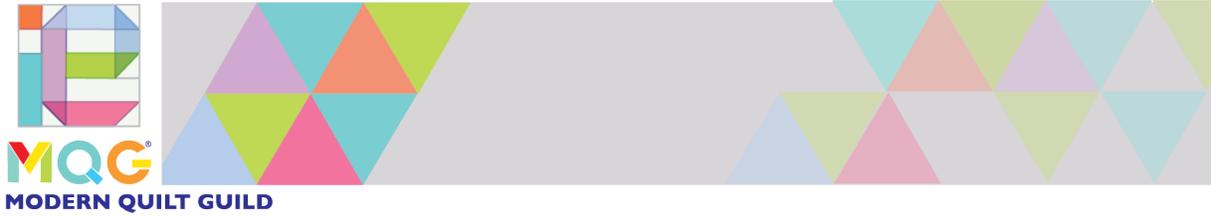
Candy is working on the certifications/permits needed for the guild to sell raffle tickets.

Charity

Gayle said that the Ontario Police Department were very pleased and appreciated our donation of masks.

Gayle shared that the giant batting roll the guild purchased has been exhausted. She mentioned that she was aware of a 'seconds' batting vendor, Quilter's Dream, that would be a good option for the guild's charity quilt projects. She believes the batting is \$65/box (large box). Gayle motioned to purchase more batting with a limit of \$100. Laura seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Gayle also advised that the supply of IEMQG charity labels is low. She will confirm how many we have left at the next meeting.



Cat delivered charity quilts to the CPS. Gayle will contact the House of Ruth and let them know that we expect to have charity quilts available in a few weeks if they are interested. Gayle will do a posting for charity quilts and will offer to coordinate pickup of charity quilts ready to be distributed.

Adjournment

The meeting was concluded at 6:15 pm.

Next Board meeting: June 22nd at 4:30pm via Zoom (Judy to set up)

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Brekke, Co-VP Programs