

CBQG

February 21, 2019

1. Welcome/Introductions

- Sherry Watkins called the meeting to order and read the CBQG Mission Statement.
- Thank you notes from those who received Christmas stockings from CBQG were read from organizational leadership and recipients at the Girls Ranch and Battered Women's shelter.
- Introductions: Three guests were introduced and welcomed; three members with February birthdays were acknowledged and congratulated. Those recognized were asked to share their "favorite tool".

2. Program

- Kathy Bonafede suggested that we do Show/Tell first, then the program, and then the business meeting since the two guest speakers were from out of town and would not have to wait until later.
 - Discussion: Suggestion from a member that the business meeting should come first since there were important matters to discuss early. Further discussion resulted in a compromise to accommodate the guest speakers: Program-Business Meeting-Show and Tell.
- Guest Speakers:
 - Elizabeth Nijkamp – visiting Auburn from Colorado and graciously agreed to speak at our meeting. Her expertise is in handwork – applique and embroidery with embellishments. She shared her journey with making her beautifully detailed Tree Quilt – this was appraised for around \$30,000. She also shared examples of wool-applique blocks and embroidery with embellishment.
 - Julianna Pope – Columbus, Ga – Her expertise is in "Big Stitch" quilting and she shared examples of her work using that technique in a variety of samples. She has authored a book on the Big Stitch technique and provided an opportunity for our guild members to purchase the book and relevant supplies (needles, thread, marking tool, etc.)
- Reminder of upcoming events:
 - Saturday mini retreat – March 23rd, 9-4pm
 - "Sew-in" before meeting – April 18th, 2-5pm
 - A sign-up sheet was circulated for members to sign up for interest in small group/sewing bees focused on learning and developing specific techniques (e.g., applique, hand-quilting, portrait collage, other suggestions).

3. Business Meeting

- **Reports**
Secretary:
 - January meeting minutes were posted online and also sent out via group email prior to meeting.

- *Discussion:* a question related to the statement in the minutes of members providing feedback by 1/31 for suggestions/edits to the Board on updating the Bylaws. *Note:* Since there were other issues and questions that came up related to the bylaws after the minutes were written and posted, including a formal request signed by 10 members that a Bylaw Committee be formed, this deadline was not feasible. The Board has initially reviewed the Bylaws and noted edits/updates on the bylaws and agreed to have a Bylaw Committee. Sherry appointed a Bylaw Committee that included those members who submitted the letter and Sherry (as President) as the Chair. However, some of those members declined to serve on this committee.
- Those willing to serve on the Bylaw Review Committee with Sherry include: *Michelle Kloeti, Cathy Browne, Judy Wood, and tentatively, Becky Berry.*
- Sherry will convene the Bylaw Review Committee within the next two weeks and recommendations will be made to the board and presented to the membership for final vote. **ALL members are welcome to send comments/suggestions to Sherry for updating the Bylaws during this review period.**
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the January minutes with a majority of affirmative votes.

Treasurer

- The Bylaws states the financial report and projected budget be presented at the January meeting. Sherry explained and apologized that this was inadvertently missed and not intentionally left out.
- Harriet Haughton (treasurer) provided the Financial Report (2017) and the Projected Budget (2019). Both reports were sent out to members prior to the meeting.
- *Discussion:* questions and debates ensued on two main issues related to budgetary practices related to handling the money: Door Prizes and the Retreat where the funds received are used to specifically support their own functions. While these issues were not resolved at this meeting, the general consensus was that there needs to be improved accountability and communication to the members about finances. The treasurer is the primary person who should have a record of all transactions. Since the Bylaws are in the process of being updated, more specific policies may help guide decisions that are practical as well as accountable.
- A motion was made (Sandra Johnson) and seconded (Cathy McVay) to approve the Treasurer Report with a majority of affirmative votes.
- Harriet Haughton is resigning from the treasurer position. Many members recognized and thanked her for her hard work in helping the Guild with her expertise in financial management.

4. Door prizes and Show and Tell – meeting adjourned.