

1-21-2021

Cotton Boll Quilt Guild Zoom Meeting Minutes

Zoom Social began at 6:00. Cathy Browne admitted guild members to site insuring security. Meeting began at 6:30

There were 38 guild members present.

Cathy Browne, the social media committee chair, opened the meeting by reviewing some Zoom etiquette. She instructed the group to use speaker view while someone is speaking and to self-mute while in gallery view.

Esther Flitcroft, Board President, opened up by welcoming everyone back to a new year of guild activities. She mentioned how the board had been very diligent in getting and setting up a Zoom account so that meetings could still take place.

Because of this new social media technology, guild members are encouraged to invite long distance friends and neighbors to become members. Meetings will be held via Zoom while we are unable to meet at the Chamber of Commerce. Once we are able to resume our normal "in person" meetings, a camera will be set up so that "out-of-towners" can still join us.

During this very long last "Covid" year, CBQG board found it difficult to recruit new officers to replace the current set of officers, so the current officers accepted another year of leadership. The only change being the new social media committee chair – Cathy Browne – who took the place of Judy Wood.

Ann Bentley, Treasurer, reported that the guild has 41 new members to date. She would send out Annual Report within the next couple of days.

Becky Berry, Program Committee Chair, reported that she was honored to represent a great group of friends. The Program Committee is 5 Members Strong.

- Connie Steele – 4 year guild member
- Beth Anderson – 3 year guild member – 2nd year in Program Committee
- Kim Scarborough – guild member since 1998
- Linda Hayes – guild member since 2008

Upcoming events:

Kim Scarborough reported that there will be 3 block swaps this year. Information will be forthcoming and will be available on the CBQG website.

Linda Hayes will oversee two mystery quilt projects this year. Information will be forthcoming at our next guild meeting.

Becky Berry also announced that the executive board as agreed to take 5-6 months at a time to plan activities. To date, the programs committee has planned through June. During the months when we have a speaker, we will not have a business meeting nor Show & Tell. This is to allow enough time for the presenter and to accommodate Zoom parameters.

Spring Programs:

- April 15 – Jen Kingwell from Australia – Traditional block with a modern twist
- June 17 – Rose Parr from Canada – Sew Smart – The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting.

Becky Berry reiterated that those quilters that would like to become members need to go to our website and download and print the membership form. This form, along with dues, needs to be sent to the address on the bottom of the form.

She also reminded us that the zoom account can be used to carry on our side groups. Cathy Browne and Michelle Kloeti have the log-in information.

Michelle Kloeti, Membership Committee Chair, requested that all new and returning members sign up before the end of February. The printed copy of the CBQG Directory will be made.

The membership folders are in place for when we resume with normal meetings. In the folders, members will find the bylaws, directory, and a place for notes.

Our Annual CBQG Retreat will be held on May 13-16th, 2021, at Charlie Elliott. The cost will be calculated and presented to the guild when information arrives. There will be certain standards in place for the prevention of Covid 19 as per the governor of Georgia.

Esther Flitcroft informed guild members of the need to perform the annual financial audit. Ceretha Willett volunteered that she has performed financial audits in the past and would be willing to perform the audit. Esther Flitcroft will speak with her.

Esther Flitcroft also mentioned that when we resume regular meetings, we will have a sign-in sheet to document attendance. She requested that guild members wear name tags to the meetings.

Cathy Browne presented an idea for Show & Tell. Members are to submit photos of their quilts (show) via email. Cathy will incorporate the photos in a slide show/power point presentation. She will show the presentation on her screen, and each person may speak about her quilt. These photos need to be submitted to her by the Monday (no later than Tuesday) before the guild meeting.

Cathy's email: clbrowne5@gmail.com

Cathy also informed the guild about the Group Me app. This is a texting program that allows a mass text to 45 members. She will send a reminder on the day of the guild meeting.

If a member is not receiving the text and would like to, please contact Cathy via email at clbrowne5@gmail.com

*A gentle reminder to all guild members... Please allow for a couple of days when requesting something from Cathy Browne, Social Media Committee Chair. (Changes in website, email, etc.)

At 7:26 pm, Esther began closing meeting by saying that this Zoom Meeting capability is a wonderful Band-Aid to help us get through the Covid limitations.

Laura Goudreau prompted a question. She asked how/if we could invite visitors to the meetings. Michelle Kloeti answered that question. The visitor's name and email should be sent to Cathy Browne so that she can send an email with the Zoom Password. Cathy asked that the Meeting Password not be given out to people for security reasons. As per bylaws, visitors are allowed to attend 2 meetings.

Michelle Kloeti moved to end the meeting at 7:29, and **Irene Nelson** seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully taken and submitted by Irene Nelson

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