

# **Cibolo Creek Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes**

## **For January 14, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Bonnie Walshe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. She welcomed everyone on Zoom.

**Welcome Visitors & Guests:** We had two guests with us tonight! Mani Reyes-Diaz (invited by Cindy Beeson) and Helen Larson (invited by Bonnie Gates) were our guests.

**Introduction of New Board Members:** Bonnie welcomed our new 2021 board members. Karen Walsemann 2<sup>nd</sup> VP as Membership Chair and Julie Barker as Secretary. *(And should have also mentioned Stacey Gilfillan who volunteered to be 1<sup>st</sup> VP as Program Chair for another 2 years.)*

### **December 2020 Celebration Highlights:**

There were 25 attendees at the meeting. Our Hill Country Family Services donation for 2020 totaled 311.9 lbs. and included food, toiletries, cleaning supplies and toys. In comparison, we donated 173.4 lbs. In 2019. A tremendous gift from our guild members this year! 2020 Shirley Smith Silver Thimble Award winner was Laurie Valentino. Those attending the meeting were in favor of continuing the member raffles in 2021.

**Programs:** Stacey Gilfillan, Program Chair, introduced the evening's program, "Member Tips & Tricks" saying that this is our third annual Member Tips & Tricks program.

**Mary Terrell** – Raw Edge Machine Applique – Mary used a video showing how to zig-zag the edge of an applique and finish the edges with the triple stitch, the seven stitch, the loop stitch, and the triple zig-zag on her machine. She showed a square applique and several circle appliques.

**Brigitte Westermann** – Antique Pillow Foundation Piecing – Brigitte used a PowerPoint to show how foundation piecing is done using fabric (antique, vintage, or new), lace, ribbons, braids, and trimmings.

**Bonnie Walshe** – Zippered Cosmetic Pod – Bonnie shared an internet video tutorial of how to make a zippered cosmetic pouch.

**Membership** – Karen Walsemann, Membership Chair, announced that our current membership is 39 and mentioned we plan to send a note to former members to encourage re-joining. There was also discussion of awarding raffle tickets for bringing guests or new members. Members were in favor of that. Karen brought up the idea of "CCQG Intro Cards" to be displayed at various shops and bulletin boards giving information about our guild to the public. There was quite a bit of discussion about the cards and how we might do this. Kelly Leith told us about one another charity organization using a QR code on the card. It gives access to information about our guild. This led to a discussion of password problems on the website.

**Treasury Report** – Income for the month was \$635. Expenses were \$92. We have \$16,774.45 in the bank as of the end of November. The treasurer's report for November was unanimously approved.

**Guild Meeting Minutes** – There were no minutes to approve because our December meeting was a social event.

**New Ideas/Topics** – These items were for member comments/concerns as possible changes going forward.

- **Make our newsletter public for publicity and advertising.** Concerns about having Sunshine & Shadows public were raised, even if we go with member first names and the first letter of their last name. It was suggested we could remove that from the newsletter, but others felt they like having that section. Elaine let us know she always gets permission before posting anything there. Member email addresses and phone numbers would not be included in the newsletter if this goes forward. That would require members use their Guild directory for that information.
- **Capturing effort (at minimum hours worked or a Quilt Recipe Card) on charity item donations.** The purpose is to have this information so we can look for other funding sources going forward. There is still not much interest by members to do this. A suggestion was made to instead develop a formula to calculate estimated hours on donated items. Bonnie also talked about the need to have members pin a short donation form on each item they drop-off so she can tell what each member donated. When a specific charity was requested for their donation, it was hard at times to know which items were included.
- Due to time, discussion on these other items was suspended.

***(Bonnie's Post Meeting Message): Since we cut this section short, IF you have some thoughts or concerns on any of the items in this topic above or below, you are welcome to send them to me at [brwalshe@gvtc.com](mailto:brwalshe@gvtc.com). I would love to hear from you!***

- ***Posting Member Directory on Website – (Member only area) Instead of emailing a copy as updates are made. It could be kept up to date online.***
- ***CCQG Volunteer Hub – (Member only area) There was a member suggestion to have a "Volunteer Hub" for members to reference. One thought is to have a webpage that lists volunteer opportunities and who to contact if you are interested/available. For sewing opportunities, we would include a list of Charity/sale item needs. Add any specification requirements (e.g., size or material, etc.), and patterns/instructions if we have some.***
- ***CCQG FaceBook Future – Use it or shut it down? It does not appear to be used much and wonder if it does more harm than good to have it so out of date. Are there concerns about posting pictures or notices on FB? Would something on another platform work better for advertising and the like?***
- ***NEW Raffle Quilt Committee – We need to select and begin work on a new raffle quilt! Looking for volunteers and ideas. If you have suggestions or want to help get this started, please let me or anyone on the board know!***

**Possible Opportunity to Sell Raffle Tickets & Display Quilts** –Julie Gossell, Directory of the Kuhlmann-King Historical House in Boerne, has asked us to display a few quilts in the historical houses for their March program about quilts. This will take place on two Saturdays in March (13 & 27 from noon – 3 p.m.) We will also display and sell raffle tickets! The quilts don't have to be old and there is not room for a lot of them. Some will be hung on wall space or folded across furniture. If the weather is nice, there is a high porch where we could hang 3-4 larger quilts outside. We are probably talking 10-15 quilts in all. Stacey and Bonnie G. volunteered to work one Saturday. Mary Terrell offered some old quilts to be used in the display.

Julie also asked for information on how to clean the antique quilts that the Historical House has been given. Bonnie asked members if anyone had some experience cleaning older quilts and could help offer some possible recommendations (e.g., gentle vacuum, tub soak, or professional historical cleaning, etc.). Lera Borden suggested they contact a quilt museum (Witte or Texas Quilt Museum) about how best to clean old quilts.

**Zoom Sew-in Bee Info** – Saturday Zoom meeting link will be sent via email tomorrow for this Saturday.

**Feb Guild Meeting Program** - Stacey talked about the workshop coming up next month. Information was in the Jan Newsletter. **NOTE:** *Program for February - "Quilting 2 End Alzheimer's" (Q2EA) ZOOM Lecture/Trunk Show with Ashli Montgomery and a ZOOM workshop (the next day) – (9am to 12pm). An email will go out to everyone late January as a reminder since the pickup of kits will happen before our next meeting.*

**FREE Serger thread** – Bonnie Gates was given a box of serger cone thread (25-30) from a neighbor and wanted to know if anyone could use it. Lera Borden said her church has a project that uses serger thread and she would take it.

**"Show & Tell"** – Due to the late hour, it was decided to SAVE this for next month.

**Adjourn Meeting** – Bonnie adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

***Bonnie's Message Post Meeting: Please accept my apology for not keeping control of our time in this meeting. From now on, we will set a hard stop at 8:30PM (at the latest). I very much appreciate your taking time to login with Zoom to participate. It's not what most of us would choose over an in-person meetings but for now, it's the best option. Thank-you....Bonnie***