

Raincross Quilt Guild Board Meeting

December 12, 2023



Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. In attendance on a Zoom call was Jeri Read, Barbara Mathews, Shelly Niles and Elizabeth Eastmond. Later we were joined by Dawn Meade and Charlotte Byrne.

Absent were Dawn Babbe and Andi Babbe.

Jeri Read asked Elizabeth Eastmond to take minutes for the meeting.

Shelly Niles, Treasurer, led off the meeting. As of November 30, 2023, the balances were 7661.06 for the Guild account Balance. Partitioned off are Charity, with a balance of \$2890.74 and Retreats, with a balance of \$1442. The remaining balance of 3348.32 is available to the Guild. There was a discussion of the Suzy Nash Workshop and refunds owed to some members who signed up and then did not attend.

Additional discussion was made about the new policies in our recently passed Bylaws and Standing Rules. Refunds will not be given for any workshop or retreat going forward.

Dawn Meade, Membership Chair, discussed the revision of the membership form. There needs to be three categories:

- membership dues paid from Feb 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024 [\$15, with a discount of \$5 for on-time payment]
- membership dues paid from Feb 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 [\$50, with a discount of \$5 for on-time payment]
- membership dues paid from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 [\$40, with a discount of \$5 for on-time payment]

It is preferred that membership dues come in on time, but they can be paid whenever someone joins. {NOTE: according to the Bylaws/Standing Rules, discounted membership will be given to those who join for the first time mid-year (after January 2025). Ongoing members will need to pay the full amount.}

At this point, there is no online payment system set up in place (Venmo, Paypal, Zelle).

We had 90 members on our roster as of November 30, 2023. We had 50 in attendance at our November 21st meeting, with 3 visitors (listed on our blog).

Since our Board has not yet filled several positions, Jeri reminded us to be aware that we need the following: Community Projects Chair, a representative for SCCQG, and a Ways and Means Chair to help with fundraising.

Elizabeth Eastmond, Communications Chair discussed the need for all Board Chairs, both Elected and Standing Chairs, to support our blog by submitting information from their area. The deadlines are noted on the bottom of each blog post, and encouraged people to send in their information to the Guild email (raincrossqg@gmail.com).

Charlotte Byrne, Block of the Month Chair, showed us the brace for her dislocated elbow, saying she hopes that by the new year, the brace will be off. She reported good progress on designing next year's BOM (Block of the Month) project. Discussion followed with a decision to encourage people to bring their current projects, assembled into a top, to the April 2025 meeting.

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Barbara Mathews, Retreat Chair, reported on the success of the Beach Retreat, and that the photos are posted up on the blog. More discussion about possible retreats for Fall 2024. One idea is to return to the Ayres Hotel in Moreno Valley. They have a ballroom that can be rented for \$200/day. They will hold a block of rooms, and then individuals can book them with their own credit cards. Currently the quoted room rate is \$148/night. Possible dates were discussed, with early November a potential time. We have nine people signed up for the Spring 2024 retreat at Vina.

Jeri Read, President, discussed Sew Days. Apparently there were no attendees at the November Sew Day at Goeske, but Barbara Mathew reported a good group at the 4th Saturday Lake Matthews sew day. Jeri asked Elizabeth to remove the December Sew Day at Goeske from the Calendar.

Since our Program Chair was absent, Jeri Read led the discussion of possible programs for our Guild. Barbara Mathews put forth the suggestion that if we had Zoom/broadcast capabilities, there are many teachers out there who will do a broadcast program. Barbara mentioned the success over at the Inland Empire Modern Quilt Guild, and Jeri said she'd heard also that Inland Empire Quilters also had done a Zoom program. We are to submit names and ideas to Jeri.

December's meeting will be a True Potluck, with everyone bringing something to share for the meal. After some discussion, we decided to invite people to bring not only their regular Show and Share, but also a Christmas Show and Share. The schedule for next week's meeting will be to start at 6:30 with the meal, then have the Show and Share afterwards.

Looking ahead to January: The conflict with Road to California Quilt Show was discussed. The Tuesday of our meeting is the same time as the Opening Night of Road. There is a possibility of moving the meeting, or going dark. Our Bylaws allow for one month a year going dark, or not having a meeting. {Note: many Guilds do this.} We discussed having a "Raincross at Road" with not having a formal meeting at the Goeske Center, and instead encouraging people to attend Road, as we are fortunate to have such a large and fine quilt show so close to us.

February's meeting is unplanned.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.