Farmington Valley Quilters

Board Meeting Minutes 1/2/19

**Present:** Susan Elliott, Maureen Hulsart, Lisa Salvatore, Debbie Schrank, Phyllis Small, Elizabeth Brochu, Kitty Vangunten

**Minutes reviewed /accepted** for December 7, 2018

**UPDATES FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**Treasurer Report:** Lauren: unable to attend

**Membership Update:** Phyllis

At Dec. meeting 1 new member

Current Active 137

49 people attended the Social in December

**Programs Update** Diane- not in attendance

Jan- Judy Ross is coming

**Show Committee Update:** Maureen

Still waiting for West Hartford Public Works and University bills

Maureen called West Hartford and this bill is not a priority. They will expedite bill.

Maureen drove to University of Hartford and person in charge was not there

She left a message and will return soon if no bill is sent

Lauren requested a money transfer from the Quilt Show Checking account to the Guild Checking account to cover expenses so she doesn't have to touch the Guild's Savings Account.  Maureen approved this transfer and informed Bobbi Morehouse the Show Treasurer of the pending transfer of funds.

**Newsletter -** Elizabeth

Sometimes the newsletter goes to Spam for some members. We need to make sure Elizabeth is in people’s contact list so it doesn’t go to spam

Discussion continued about Susan’s Board email to check

Member spotlight- suggest Robin Scofield who has an exhibit at the library

 Jan Porri was also suggested

Tips for newsletter section:

Shared by Susan from Debbie DeAngelo- before you sew your binding on the back, press it away from the front where you have machine sewn it. It will make it better looking and smooth.

Susan will send some other tips

**Website Update-** Lisa

15-16 people completed the web scavenger hunt at the Dec. social

We will have a table at the March meeting for people to get better acquainted with the website where Lisa and Elizabeth will help since some people still seem to be struggling with website

**Publicity-** Kitty

Topics for speakers and information to be sent from Susan to Kitty for publicity and to Elizabeth for the newsletter

**Newsletter**

Susan will email all the people doing Members Teaching Members for explicit details about their mini lessons which she will forward to Elizabeth and Kitty

Information for Newsletter about upcoming February meeting

Phyllis will do 12 of 6 colors of fabric to be passed out at meeting to easily organize people into groups.

“Learning on the Go” title for the event.

We cannot get into room until 6:15ish. Custodians may still be setting up room after Yoga.

Lisa will ask Barb about doing quilt for next Quilt Show

**Socials/ Non Speaker Months:** Bernice not in attendance

**December Social-**

Two trays of cookies were plenty and fruit was popular at the December social

The gluten-free cookies were not all homemade.
The two small boxes of assorted gluten-free cookies from the bakery in Bloomfield Center, were very popular.

Bernice made Rice Krispy & marshmallow treats as well.

**July- Aug meetings**

Less then 20 people take advantage of summer meetings which are the 3rd Wed. of month, usually 9am to 9pm.

Simsbury Church is $150 a meeting and people have complained about musty smell.

Avon Church is similar cost and has all the needed supplies because Quilts of Valor meets there

After discussion it was decided to look into the Avon Church and Susan will look into getting reserving it for July and Aug. meetings

Would need to have partner host members to be there at the meetings to open up, set up, lock up and greet people

**Old Business**

**Members Driving Members**- Maureen has nothing new

**By-Laws Revision-** Susan must be chairman of By-Laws Revision Committee and will ask members for 2 volunteers to sit on revision committee at next meeting

***All members of board should read bylaws and send thoughts/comments to Susan ideas by February.***

**New Board for next year**- Need to have a nominating committee (3 people) and we will plan on that for the February Board meeting.

**Archiving documents-** No of years for minutes/financials should be saved was discussed. Since it is really unknown it was decided that the secretary will not save newsletters and will hold onto past minutes for the time being.

**Barn Quilt Workshop-** take off the old business list as we are not moving forward with this at this time

**Charity group proposals from Show profits** – see tally sheet from Dec. meeting vote

* + Farmington Valley Historical Society- lowest votes
	+ NE Quilt Museum, 4th most voted for
	+ Quilts Beyond Borders- 3rd in votes
	+ Quilts of Valor- 1st in vote
	+ CT Historical Society- eliminate based on low votes

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| FV Historical Societies | 15 | 6 | 12 | 33 | 5 | 8 |
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| New England Quilt Museum | 4 | 13 | 9 | 26 | 14 | 6 |
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| Quilts Beyond Borders | 10 | 15 | 7 | 32 | 4 | 10 |
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| Quilts of Valor | 16 | 9 | 8 | 33 | 9 | 4 |
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| CT Historical Society | 2 | 3 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 16 |

Susan suggested we look at overall expenses for speakers and costs before deciding to give amounts. Need to know amount from show to determine

**Hang a Quilt Day –**

* Susan thought we might contact CT guilds to participate and we pick a date and start publicize it (Bookmarks or Flyers?)
* Maureen- if we get a good response from Guild Membership to this idea, we could put together a map by towns of where quilts are hung.   It’s the same concept of publicizing where the statues were placed in Simsbury.   That way people could drive around and find the quilts
* Lisa – Might need “How to hang a quilt suggestions.” Maybe reach out to Sisters OR for advice/suggestions.
* Possibly look to use Public buildings for display options
* Contact Chamber of Commerce? Dept of Tourism? Better Connecticut
* Budget would be involved- bookmark or postcards, banner
* Suggest June 22nd, Raindate June 23rd
* Chairperson?

**Simsbury 350th** Anniversary-wait and see if anything develops

**See Attached Addendum for Retreat Flyer**

Respectfully Submitted, Debbie Schrank

Next Meeting: Feb. 6, 2019 7-9 pm

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| Cheery-Oh Quilt Graphic | **Spring Retreat** | MC900361042[1] |

**March 06/07 - 10, 2019**

The Spring Retreat is once again at the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT

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| **March** |
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Sign-up for the Spring Retreat will start on January 1, 2019.

* The cost structure is per person and includes accommodations, 9 meals (Thursday dinner through Sunday lunch) and use of the entire facility:
	+ There will be two options:
		- **3-night option (Thur, Fri, Sat)** – the cost of this all-inclusive retreat is $295
		- **Add-a-Night (Wed)** – join the retreat a day early for an additional $40 (no meals included)
	+ Payment of $100 will be due by January 15th to hold your space; after this date the retreat will be opened to non-guild members. Checks should be made out to FVQ and mailed to me at 235 Stratton Brook Road, West Simsbury, CT 06092
	+ Final payment will be due by March 1, 2019.
* Space will be limited to 25 attendees
* Please email me at czepp28@gmail.com after January 1, 2019 with the following information:
	+ Name, cell number, email address, and any special requirements, i.e. diet, mobility, etc.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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