

Farmington Valley Quilters

Board Meetings

November 1, 2018

Attending:

Susan Elliott, Vice President, Presiding
Beverly Hughes, Programs
Barbara Heagney, Socials
Lisa Salvatore, Website
Maureen Hulsart, Show Chair
Christine Zepp, Newsletter

Minutes:

The Minutes for the October meeting were passed as written.

Treasurers Report:

Due to the absence of the Treasurer, the Treasurers report will be postponed until the next meeting.

Guild Meeting Venue:

Sue reported the outcome of her meeting with Cathy and Tom at Eno Hall regarding the scheduling of the hall to another group on the dates and time we traditionally have reserved the hall. She reminded them that, with few exceptions, we have had the 3rd Wed of the month reserved for 26 years. She felt that Eno staff were not aware of the fact that we have nationally recognized speakers coming to present to guild members; arrangements are made related to housing, meals, close to Eno to accommodate speakers.

The group that has reserved this date and time is for a senior exercise program.

Committee members inquired if this activity couldn't be moved to another room in Eno, i.e., the youth room, the Old Courthouse Room. Sue had no knowledge if it's possible to move that group.

Other meeting options that have been investigated to cover Guild meetings from Jan through May 2018 are as follows:

Masonic Hall - Can accommodate 90 people.
They have seating and round tables
Cost would be \$100. Per meeting for multiple meetings.
(if we have 1 meeting there, cost is \$250 for one-time use)
There is no speaker system
It is right on the main road, down the street, easy for members to find
There is plenty of parking, addition parking available at the Simsbury Bank and Trust.

Members questioned if they would set-up the room for our meetings – Barbara will follow-up.

Apple Barn – Can accommodate large number of people

Cost would be \$105. Per meeting (\$35.00 per hr.)

Location of Apple Barn is more difficult for members to find.

There is plenty of parking

There is no speaker system

Other locations considered: Local High School amphitheater; Avon Senior Center, local churches.

The Board made the following recommendations; asked Sue to inquire with Eno staff the option of moving that exercise group to another room; inquire if we will not have the hall next fall; Barbara to ask if Masonic Hall regarding room set-up: is it audience lay-out or around the tables. The Members decided that we need to contract with an alternate ASAP if Eno is not available. Sue and Barbara will get back to the board by email this information and the group will send their recommendations back to Sue.

Sue stated Bruce has a speaker system we might use if we move to another location for guild meetings. Chris reported that her husband has a system also that might work. Both with check and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Programs

Beverly reported that we have an additional presenter and workshop scheduled; Victoria Findley-Wolf is scheduled for September 2018.

Sew Inspired is scheduling events for Thursdays in their workrooms. Therefore we need to find another location to host our workshops. One option is looking at rooms in Eno or local churches. Moving to a different location offers the guild to have a larger number of participants in workshops. Beverly will contact Eno regarding room options.

Social

Our December social is scheduled for the second Wednesday of December; December 13th.

Barbara is working on a social activity for members that evening and she would like to mix up the seating at the tables. Different ideas were discussed.

Barbara is investigating food options, including gluten free. The Board will provide warm Wassail and Barbara will send out beverage assignments to Board members.

The group discussed food contributions; we will ask about 10 members to bring a dessert if they would like to contribute.

Quilt Show

Maureen reported that a small group visited the UofH this afternoon to see the newly-designed lounge now that they have completed their construction. The new construction leaves us a lot of opportunities and the areas look great. The group discussed options and set-up has floorplans. We will revisit the UofH in the Spring.

In the spirit of our Mission, the Committee voted to host a Kids display at our next show. Kids (<18 years) will have registration fee's waved. Barbara is contacting Henry James regarding their interest in making/submitting quilts for display.

Newsletter

Chris reported no major changes or issues regarding the Newsletter. A question regarding duration to leave items in the classified section was discussed and the group decided 6 months was more than generous.

Lisa reported that she continues to update the website. One challenge is the quilt photos; Shutterfly is a difficult program to work with and Lisa inquired about other options.

Publicity

Maureen reported that the article she placed in the Hartford Courant about Lenore Crawford's visit ran several days prior to her visit. The article showcased Lenore Crawford awards and her scheduled visit to our Guild along with a photo of one of her quilts.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is December 6th.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Hulsart