

## Starlight Quilters Guild

Board meeting, July 16, 2024, held at Cedar Roe Library

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Attending: Suzanne Andrews, Kim Cawthon, Barbara Dietz, Donna diNatale, Ann Doherty, Michele Fix, Mary Honas, Kathy Keehn, Jan Ketchum, Janice McKee, Janette Sheldon, Amy Ubben.

Minutes from the April 16, 2024, board meeting were read and approved.

### **Committee Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Dietz reported that following the vote during the April board meeting, funds were moved to interest bearing CDs that mature at staggered dates. The income from those CDs are likely to yield approximately \$ 800 annually. Some discussion was held wondering if mutual fund accounts would earn more interest. Barbara said she would check however most recently the rates for those accounts were not higher than the current CDs.

**Quilt Show:** Janette Sheldon reported that ribbons for the quilt show winners are ready, bookmarks have been correctly reprinted, volunteer online sign-ups are almost ready to go live, and quilt registrations are almost ready. Challenge quilts from 2023 and 2024 are to be showcased. Vendor signs up are down as the Maple Leaf Guild show in Baldwin City is being held on the same dates as the Starlight show. At the August committee meeting, decisions will be made about payment options for entrance fees and boutique purchases. Discussion would include options for check, cash and square or other online versions.

**Programs:** Mary Honas reported guild survey results are in. 39 surveys were turned in or filled out online. A list of the topics most requested is attached. An executive board decision was made to not contract Zoom presentations for 2025. With this information a committee of three to five members will meet in the next month to decide which professionals to schedule programs for 2025.

### **New Business:**

**Community Service:** Bonnie Leigh has resigned from the Community Service position. Donna is researching opportunities for the remainder of the year.

**New Member Recognition:** In light of the recognition of visitors, it was suggested new members would also be recognized. Going forward, this will be done in the newsletter and at meetings.

**Review of Bylaws:** The bylaws committee was comprised of Michele Fix, Janette Sheldon and Amy Ubben. Recommendations for changes to the bylaws from the Bylaws committee were presented. After review and discussion, the bylaws were approved with a couple of revisions. The revised copy of the bylaws will be printed in the next newsletter and brought up for a vote at the July 23 guild meeting.

**Zoom Videography:** Due to the technical problems with Zoom, it was decided to end Zoom options for meetings. The guild will return to cancelling meetings in case of inclement weather.

**Guild Field Trip:** Kathy Keehn offered to coordinate a “caravan” to Missouri Star Quilt Company for the guild. This is not a bus trip, simply a coordinated caravan with guild members driving their own vehicles. The advantage is that Mo Star will provide swag bags to guild members for a trip of this type. There would be no pressure to fill a bus.

**2024 Challenge Quilts:** The Challenge Quilts for 2024 will not be voted on at the September guild meeting. Voting will be by those attending the quilt show October 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Charity Donation:** The current bylaws state that the Starlight Quilters Guild will make a charitable donation annually in the amount of \$ 500. Mary Honas moved that the organization to receive the donation be Stitching Change, <https://stitchingchange.org/> The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Opportunity Quilt:** Janette Sheldon asked about whether the guild wanted to make an opportunity quilt for the 2025. It would be a presence for Starlight at the KCRQF. Some of the discussion centered on the change of purpose for the quilt from fundraising to supporting our purpose, promoting the guild and the art of quilting. For this reason, it was agreed that an opportunity quilt would be made. Suzanne Andrews and Janette Sheldon would be some of the committee members. Marketing options for the quilt were also discussed.

**Meeting Location:** If the Merriam Community Center is to continue to be our meeting location, a contract needs to be in place by November and dates set. A committee was formed to explore options for other locations. Some of the requirements for a new location include: a stage, sound system, a kitchen area and storage. The committee formed includes Kim Cawthon, Donna diNatale, Kathy Keehn and Amy Ubben.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.