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Annual and General Meetings

August 26, 2024 100 Acre Wood, Picton

President Audrey Tomick welcomed everyone to our Annual General Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Present: Audrey Tomick, Bill Stearman, Sarah Roberts, Tina May, Kathleen Pollock, Carol Anderson, Bethany Garner, Phyllis Langridge, Colleen Kelly, Lyne Lusk, Deb Laughton, Lynn Hubbs, Marianne Sanders, Sabina McLuhan, Jeanne Fraser, Jane Casson, Victoria Rousseau, Nina McCannell and guest (who became a member) Carol Garner

Regrets: Wendy Lulham

Annual Reports were distributed by Secretary Sarah Roberts two weeks prior to the meeting.

Nominations for Executive Positions:

Person in charge of nominations was Bill Stearman. He commented that he thinks the last year's Executive have done an impressive job. Staying on in position terms that were due to be done are President Audrey Tomick and Secretary Sarah Roberts. Continuing their terms are Carol Anderson as Vice President and Tina May as Treasurer and Membership person. There were no nominations from the floor, and Bill moved that the Executive as presented be accepted. Seconded by Colleen Kelly. All in favour.

Changes to By-Laws:

Regarding visitors to our meetings:

The current wording in By-Law 3.1(d) states "Visitors may attend meetings free of charge. After the fourth meeting, a visitor is expected to become a member by paying the appropriate annual dues."

The Executive propose that the wording be amended to "3.1(d): Visitors may attend two meetings free of charge. After the second meeting a visitor is expected to become a member by paying the appropriate annual dues. Should a visitor wish to continue as a guest a fee of $8.00 will be charged per meeting."

Discussion: The Programs committee asked if paying guests can come to see specific speakers. It was mentioned that guests coming to our whole meeting or people coming to hear a specific program speaker are two separate items. People coming to hear a particular speaker can purchase tickets through Eventbrite if we are going to open it up to non-members. Whether those speakers are virtual or in person. Phyllis Langridge suggested we add "except ticketed events" to the amended by-law. So, the amended by-law states:

“3.1(d): Visitors may attend two meetings free of charge except for ticketed events. After the second meeting a visitor is expected to become a member by paying the appropriate annual dues. Should a visitor wish to continue as a guest a fee of $8.00 will be charged per meeting.”

All were in favour of the amended by-law change.

Regarding the Vice Presidents responsibilities:

This wording is suggested to reflect what the VP actually does. Current wording is “9.2(e): The Vice President shall accept agenda items from the Committee Chairs, incorporate agenda items from previous minutes and create and send out the agendas for General meetings.”

The Executive proposes that the wording be amended to “9.2(e): The Vice President will accept agenda items from the Committee Chairs, incorporate agenda items from previous minutes, create a draft agenda, and send it to the President, who will amend it if appropriate and send it out to members for General meetings.”

There is also an addition to the Vice President’s duties:

“9.2(g): The Vice President will be a member of the Program Committee (though not its Chair) and will be the liaison between the Committee and the Executive.”

All were in favour of the by-law changes.

Regarding the President’s responsibilities (to reflect how the Guild functions):

Insert new 9.1(f): The President will finalize the agenda for the General Meetings as drafted by the Vice President and send it out to the Guild membership.”

An amendment will become by-law 9.1(g): Current wording is “9.1(f): Act as co-signer with the Treasurer on cheques for the Guild.”

Amended wording will be “9.1(g): Act as co-signer with the Treasurer on financial transactions for the Guild.”

All were in favour of the amendments.

Membership Dues: Treasurer Tina May made a motion to increase the Membership dues by $5.00 to total $45.00. The increase in dues is to help support the Programs Committee for paid speakers. Programs Committee Chair Deb Laughton spoke to how costs have gone up a lot, and continue to go up. The motion was seconded by Bethany Garner. The motion passed with one person opposed. New membership forms have been created, and Tina has asked these be filled out to help update our membership information. Membership dues can be paid by cheque, cash, or e-transfer.

This ended the Annual General Meeting, and we moved on to the August General Meeting.

Minutes of the June 27 2024 Meeting were circulated by Secretary Sarah Roberts. Moved by Sabina McLuhan, seconded by Jane Casson, that the Minutes be approved as circulated. There were no errors or omissions reported, and the motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Trip to the ROM Quilt Display: Through the grapevine we have heard that the PEC Quilters' Guild is investigating a 56-seat bus for this trip, direct to the door of the ROM. That Guild has also been asking other local guilds for a show of interest to fill the bus. Lynn Hubbs has been inquiring about a small bus; however, most tour companies do not want to do a small bus. There was a smaller tour company that would be willing to do one for a maximum of 15 people at a cost of $960.00

During discussion, comments were made about a "review" of the show and an in-person visit to the show. It is actually very small (in terms of number of quilts), and not what we are used to seeing in a show in terms of quantity (less than 20). And they are all antique. Information was also given that the Limestone Quilt Guild from Kingston area is offering a McCoy bus trip with a stop in Belleville for a cost of $156.00 per person ($152 for seniors), including transportation, admission, and a stop for dinner at a Mandarin restaurant. Phyllis Langridge, a member of that Guild, will see if she has permission to share the link for their trip.

Bill Stearman made a motion that we NOT pursue this trip on our own as a guild. Carol Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favour. Also noted, if you find any information about other Guilds doing a trip, and you want to go, share the information in case anyone else would like to go!

Challenges:

Victoria Rousseau has outlined seven possibilities for Challenges for the next four seasons (September, November, March, and May). She asked that we note our top four challenges from her list, and she will curate those. The seven choices were Scraps/Maximalism, Minimalism, Negative Space, Volume (low or optical illusion), Curves, Inspired by Artwork/Music (or something else) and Say Something About Yourself.

September Sew Morning: During discussion of a sew morning before our regular meetings, the question was asked about timing and whether it is worth carting all your "stuff" for a very short sewing session before the meeting. The consensus seems to be to not do sew mornings. Because Victoria wanted to use the sew morning time slot to introduce the various Challenges, Sabina McLuhan suggested that for the September meeting, we book the hall from noon until 4:00, and from noon until 1:00 Victoria can present the Challenge for the Autumn season. We can call them Challenge Chats! We will request Facilities person Jane Cunningham to book this.

Victoria is proposing a "Scrap-o-thon". Members were asked to bring their scraps to the AGM, and Victoria will sort them and has several thoughts about putting them together.

New Business:

Zoom: We have purchased our own Zoom account. Committee meetings, outside virtual speakers, and Executive meetings can make use of this.

Quinte Quilters Quilt Show is coming up on September 7 and 8 at the Quinte Curling Club, 246 Bridge Street, Belleville.

Show and Share:

A few items were brought in to show. All beautiful and interesting.

Note: Sarah's quilt top shown is a pattern called "Wheel of Mystery" by John Flynn. It was a kit she purchased from an estate sale, and the fabrics were triple-dyed Bali Batiks by Benartex.

Free Share and Fabric for Sale: Members brought fabric, books, magazines and tools they no longer have a use for to benefit someone else. And if nobody else wanted it, you got to take it home again!

Next Meeting: September 23, Ameliasburgh Town Hall. Carol Anderson will present a Trunk Show of her quilts. Meeting time is 1:30, with the Challenge Chat at 12:00.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Phyllis Langridge at 1:15 p.m.