

LAS VEGAS QUILTERS BOARD MEETING 4/2/2023
8525 Lynhurst Drive Las Vegas

Meeting began 1:12pm opened by President Janis Schoen.

Attended by:

Janis Schoen, President

Grace McGrath, Secretary

Phyllis Suiter, Webmistress

Darleen Mast, Hospitality

Mary Kate Erickson, Charity Coordinator

Pamela Sutton, Membership

Rose Francis, Newsletter, Retreat

Absent:

Krystal Hosmer, Programs

Sharon Melpolder, VP

Cathy Gordon, Opportunity Quilt

Tyler Janes, Sunshine

Pam Parisien, Treasurer

Debi Mizell Cooper, Ways and Means

Old Business:

1. Holiday Party – need to submit a check for \$150 to hold the date at Los Prados Golf and Country Club on December 1, 2023. The board agreed for Phyllis to provide a personal check and be reimbursed as the check signers schedules didn't work for timing. The cost will be \$3300 for 70 guests who will pay \$45 each, and an additional \$200 for decorations. There will be no room fee.

The members and guests will make payment no later than the November meeting. All payment must be made ahead of time.

2. Storage unit was cleaned out of fabric. Some will be going into the Presidents basket. Reducing our footprint in the storage unit rental cost was explored and it was verified that the cost of a smaller unit is the same as we currently pay therefore, we will continue to utilize the current unit.

Two antique Pfaff treadle sewing machines have been sent for repair which will cost \$125 per machine and \$60 for parts totaling \$310 to service with A-1 on West Charleston. We expect them to be returned by Friday, April 7, 2023.

A discussion ensued on the disposition of the machines. Options included advertising them on Facebook local market place, raffling them off, putting them into the silent auction (more later on that) selling them outright or a quilt shop might have an interest in using them for a display. It was decided that Janis will take photos of the machines for marketing and Grace will query a Vintage Sewing Machine Facebook group to determine the value of the machines and to generate interest in them. After receiving input from there, we will decide our next option.

Programs:

The following monthly meeting schedule from the past included:

January – elections

May – guild picnic – this year scheduled for April 29, 2023. About 40 people attended last year.

- Janis is the lead. She will request more assistance from the Vice President for this event.
- We have paper products already.
- Janis will purchase chicken and bring ice and coolers.
- Pam Sutton will bring wings and pickles.
- Grace will make macaroni salad.
- Mary Kate will provide chocolate dipped pretzel rods and will get them to use early as she will not be attending the picnic due to other commitments.
- Darleen will provide brownies.
- We have bingo cards in the storage unit. Participants will bring change to play with and it will be donated to Project 150 after the picnic. Janis will procure three prizes, one for each of the three games that will be played.

September – schoolhouse (last year there were two schoolhouses with six vendors providing a mini workshop)

November – retreat to be held this year at the Wingate. The dates established are November 9-11, 2023.

December – Holiday Party planned for December 1, 2023.

The following are the topics discussed:

- April 7, 2023 Trunk Show and the logistics of it.
 - The mother/daughter team coming from Logandale, Utah will likely bring products to sell.
 - We are expecting 100 persons to attend this meeting.
 - No tables will be set up due to space concerns. We will only set up chairs except for determining where snacks will be set up, where the merchandise table will be for the vendor, and the registration table.
 - We will provide two water stations, one at the check in table and the other across the room.
 - We will sell tickets for the 50/50 and the Presidents basket only at this meeting.
 - We will be using the sanctuary therefore, no food or drink will be taken into that room for consumption.
 - There will not be a free table at that meeting.
 - Show and tell will be suspended until the May meeting.
 - Refreshments have been planned by Mary Kate
- May 5, 2023 meeting will be Snip it, rip it, drop it and pass it. We discussed having a potluck or snacks to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. No decision was made.
- The July meeting could be the ice cream social and perhaps the silent auction. No decision was made.

New Business:

1. Janis will be contacting Krystal on the Silent Auction, the Ice Cream Social, the November garage sale, and the Schoolhouses.

2. Business cards were designed by Phyllis in Publisher. Phyllis sent the template to Janis for production. The cards will be used at expos, etc.
3. The senior expo will be held April 6, 2023 at the Suncoast Casino. Nancy and John Barnhardt along with Janis will be selling opportunity quilt tickets at the event. A similar event will be held April 14, 2023 at Santa Fe Station. Tickets were sold at the Desert Quilters Quilt show last weekend. Janis noticed how the quilts were hung. A discussion commenced on the pros and cons of the Las Vegas Quilters holding a quilt show. Included was the financial cost and the people cost. The decision was made that we do not have enough people power to host such an event along with the high financial responsibility.
4. A brief discussion on maintaining a retreats list for membership knowledge was held and we decided that maintaining that list is not feasible.
5. At the January 6, 2023 meeting, the majority of the membership agreed to make a donation to the church as they are not charging us to use the space. In January a discussion ensued regarding holding a silent auction in the fall to benefit the church coffers as an expression of our gratitude for sharing their space with us. The church was delighted with the donation that we collected during the first quarter. Phyllis is collecting a fee of \$10 each for her class to be donated to the church. Krystal will be contacted to add the class to programs.
6. Charity – Mary Kate revealed that that we have received generous donations of around 500 yards of home decor fabric and is looking for ideas. Brainstorming we suggested the following:
 - a. Use it for powerful purses for African girls
 - b. Make drawstring bags for the homeless
 - c. Make ruler bags
 - d. Make dog beds

- e. Krystal is planning on having a garage sale November 3, 2023 and it could be sold there. Mary Kate will provide samples of products. No date has been decided on though the board thought November 3 as a better timeframe for the garage sale. Krystal has confirmed the date.

We discussed selling table space, requiring an entrance fee, having member vendors keeping 80% of the profit with 20% going to the guild. A significant issue is the control and accounting of the sales and proceeds. It was discussed that each vendor could bring their own cash box and change. No decision on this was made.

7. Membership chair, Pam Sutton has added 5 new renewal members to our group. About 47-48 people have not renewed their membership. The roster will be purged after the April meeting to allow those members one more opportunity to renew their membership.
8. There will be a sew powerful purse event being held at SEWAbilities on July 13th. The sew-in is being held from 10am-3pm. Members wishing to attend must RSVP to SEWAbilities. We discussed having a workshop using premade kits from Darleen. The church is available during the day. Kathy Gordon has keys to the church. Krystal is working with the church. It could be held on a Friday as the church does not hold events on Fridays. The church is a better idea as a venue as it has more availability.
9. A brief query regarding having Las Vegas Quilters t-shirts made that are not retreat related. A positive response was had.

The meeting adjourned at 3:08pm.

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 9, 2023 at 1:00pm

Location: home of Janis Schoen, 8525 Lynhurst Drive, Las Vegas

Minutes submitted by Grace McGrath, Secretary