

Mississauga Quilters Guild
Annual General Meeting

June 3, 2021

Call to order @ 7:32 pm

Good evening and Welcome Everyone, we would like to have a motion to open the AGM.

Moved by Jana Gray and seconded by Marlene Weaver.

All in favor

No one opposed

Approved

Motion Carried

We have 108 members in total and 54 members in attendance, we have a quorum.

The 2020 AGM was not held in June due to COVID. The AGM was held in October.

Diane McCullough moved to accept the October 2020 AGM minutes, seconded by Marlene Weaver.

All in favor

No one opposed

Approved

Motion Carried

One item to note, the agenda has a missing item, we need to add Marlene Weaver and the nominating committee.

Attached to the meeting invitation was a Balance Sheet, Financials reflecting our financial position as of May 18, 2021 and a budget.

Jane Sanders – Can we invest some money on updating the website? It looks dated and cluttered.

Sandra Schlosser – If you look at the budget for 2021-2022, we will be running a deficit.

Darlene Jenah – I understand and agree with Jane. The website we are using was done at no or low cost but the world has changed.

Marlene Weaver – Do we have to spend money or can we just clean it up?

Jane Sanders – Patrick would be able to tell us that.

Sandra Schlosser – In my experience a website costs about \$10,000.

Darlene Jenah – I am open reviewing this.

Heather Black – Contact a college, this could be a student project. CQA is a not for profit and we paid over \$10,000.

Sandra Schlosser – There are not for profits that have hundreds of thousands of dollars of revenue.

Darlene Jenah – We are small and we will find someone

Christine Hotz – What do we need in our website? What is our purpose? There is free software available that we would be able to update and maintain ourselves.

Darlene Jenah – Over the summer we will look into this and provide options in the fall. Thank you, Jane, for bringing this up.

Darlene Harvey – I have questions about the Quilt Show budget.

Sandra Schlosser – The deposit paid for equipment; we hope to get this amount refunded. The arena deposit, the cheque was not cashed and the other is on account. It is showing on the Financial Statements as a prepaid.

Darlene Jenah – The money I spend for promo was not showing on the statements.

Sandra Schlosser – Those were expenses, we will not be getting refunds.

Darlene Jenah – Does anyone else have any questions for Sandra? No.

Sandra Schlosser – I motion that we present our Financial Statements to MMP LLP for review and to file our taxes.

Diane McCullough – I second

All in favor

No one opposed

Approved

Motion Carried

President's Report

Welcome all to our Annual General Meeting for the Guild year 2020-2021.

As we ended our 2020 Guild year at home with virtual meetings, due to Covid-19 restrictions and stay-at-home orders, we kept hoping to be able to meet again in person by the fall. Unfortunately, these restrictions kept getting extended as case counts rose. The good news is, vaccination programs are rolling, many have begun getting their second doses, and the expectation is that "normal" life will return.

Here's how our Guild year went:

Membership

The guild saw membership at 108 members, which included 4 Lifetime members and 1 Associate member. We had virtual visits from 3 or 4 guest over the year, one of those guests joined as a new member. The attendance at our virtual Zoom meetings ranged from 52 all the way to 83 members

from September to May. Thank you to Liz Cote for managing the membership list, and working to make renewal as smooth as possible with e-transfers and online fillable renewal forms.

Program

Due to restrictions on gatherings, the Program committee had to switch gears and looked to online virtual lecturers. Paula Lee-Len was successful in bringing us speakers from literally around the world:

- Brandy Maslowski (British Columbia) (A former firefighter, she brought us her Quilter on Fire trunk show, a journey of healing)
- Lisa Walton (Australia) (Textile artist who started as a traditional quilter, and urged us to break the rules)
- Sandy Simmelink (Burlington ON) (Award winning quilter using needleturn applique, free motion quilting, and 3D embellishments)
- Bonnie Lagenfeld (Florida) (Trunk show was filled with landscape in fabric, using raw edge applique and thread sketching)
- Johanna Masko (Toronto ON) (Another award winning quilter, brought us to the world of quilting and needlework patterns and tools)
- Eleanor Leavie (Philadelphia) (With her lecture 12 ways to rock your world, we were challenged to stretch our imaginations and let our creativity run free)
- Phyllis Cullen (Hawaii) (It's all about the face, making pictures with fabric, thread, and whatever other media she fancied)
- Cheryl Arkinson (Edmonton) (Scrappy vs Scraps, opening our eyes to view our scrap baskets with more love)

Paula has lined up another slate of fantastic speakers, virtual trunk shows, and inspiration for 2021, I look forward to seeing what's to come.

Workshops

Also due to gathering restrictions, workshops took on a new form. Ruthie Snell took the leap to virtual workshops, where members were able to sew and learn from the comfort of their own sewing rooms and studios

- Lisa Walton (Australia) (Taught her class Fantastic Fusion)
- Bonnie Lagenfeld (Florida) (Landscape Quilts)
- Johanna Masko (Toronto) (Secrets of a Patchwork Pro)
- Eleanor Leavie (Philadelphia) (Weaving with fabrics)
- Cheryl Arkinson (Edmonton) (Scrappy Maple Leaf Quilt)

Special Events

In December, outside of our regular program, we thumbed our noses at this pandemic, with our Covid Challenge quilts. It was a bit of a release from the stresses and frustrations, and gave those who participated a bit of a creative outlet.

We were also able to reveal the winners of the Northcott Challenge from our postponed Quilt Show. Prize money was also handed out to the top 3 creators.

In April, the City of Mississauga asked for nominations for their Covid Heroes program, and the members of the Mississauga Quilters Guild were recognized with a plaque on a monument at Celebration Square. As soon as I'm able, I'd like to get down there to see it and take a picture for our website.

In May, our long-postponed Quilt Raffle took place. Following some adjusted Rules of Play, I drew 2 tickets from a clear Rubbermaid tote, while several members tuned in via Zoom. The quilts have been delivered to their delighted new owners. Thank you again to all who had a hand in those quilts.

CORE

Despite not being able to access the fabric in our storage room at the Tomken arena, our members came to the table with their own stashes, and kept on sewing. 143 quilts were gratefully accepted by the Children's Aid Society, the Salvation Army, Project Linus, Breakfast with Santa Layette Program, and several individual requestors. 211 placemats were delivered to Meals on Wheels. Thank you to our Guild members who continue to donate their time and talents to make quilt tops, and to complete quilts and placemats for community members in need. And thank you to Wendy Yule and Kathy Chapman for the coordination of this important component of our Guild activities.

Block of the Month

After a short learning curve with patterns, and with help from Patrick Chan, the Block of the Month was available to members to print online. We're excited to see the finished quilt tops from those who participated, as the monthly reveals were lovely.

Library

All books were returned to the Library coordinator. Unfortunately, our access to the library cabinet at the Token arena has meant that our considerable stash of books has been unavailable to members this year. Rest assured, Diane McCullough and Jane Crockford have their eye on new books, for our return to in-person meetings.

Newsletter

Helen Anne Lemke took on the Newsletter editor role this year, and I am pleased to say has provided a seamless and timely newsletter, keeping our members informed each month.

Website

Patrick Chan has done another great job keeping the website running, posting the Show and Share and Block of the Month updates.

Nominating Committee

Marlene Weaver – Since February we have been looking for volunteers for next years Executive Committee. We made changes to allow people to continue with their roles on the Executive beyond the normal 2 years.

Elizabeth Cote and Gunda Green from membership will not be continuing.

Wendy Yule, Kathy Chapman, Ruthie Snell and Paula Lee-Lin have all agreed to continue in their roles for an extra year.

Helen Ann Lemke, Patrick Chan and Kim Baumgart will continue their roles for their second year.

Presenting the 2021-2022 Executive Committee

Darlene Jenah – President

Past President - Marlene Weaver

Vice President – Vacant

Treasurer – Sandra Schlosser

Secretary – Kim Baumgart

Social Committee – Vacant

Work Shop – Ruthie Snell

Web Site – Patrick Chan

Newsletter – Helen Ann Lemke

Library - Jane Crockford, Diane McCullough

CORE – Wendy Yule, Kathy Chapman, Sandra Dunlop & Mary Filigan

Block of the Month - Mary Dodd, Linda Ward

Membership – Melanie Blake

Retreat – Pam Sawyer

I would like to make a motion to accept the 2021-2022 Executive Committee. Seconded by Suzannah MacRae.

All in favor

No one opposed

Approved

Motion Carried

Does anyone have any questions?

Elaine Morton – Thank you for making our meetings virtual for next year.

Darlene Jenah – We decided to make this decision which is in line with other guilds. We will be continuing with the Sew and Chat sessions every Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon. The Executive will also remain virtual until at least the end of this year.

If there are no other questions, I make a motion to move out of the AGM.

Diane McCullough, I move. Seconded by Tracey Ann Crawford

All in favor

No one opposed

Approved

Motion Carried

General Meeting minutes prepared and are separate.