

MINUTES
HCFG BOARD MEETING
via ZOOM
JULY 24 2020, 9:30

Meeting attendees: Judy Curran (President), Frank Campbell (Vice President), Rita Leydon (Treasurer), Kay Krebs (Co-Secretary), Laura Deer (Program Chair), Mara Kali (Program Vice-Chair), Beth Scully (Newsletter Editor), Karen Robinson (Past President), and Amy McCrary (Co-Secretary) via speaker phone.

Judy Curran, President, called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rita began with a discussion about the many boxes, binders and folders of records Rita had been given from previous Treasurers. These contained bills, bank statements and registers from as far back as 2010. She questioned whether to retain them or dispose of them. It was decided that she could dispose of them though it was suggested that she retain our state filings on a thumb drive.

Rita also talked about the budget and the report she received from Libby dated July 13, 2020. She questioned the budget item of "programs" and the fact the budget was based on 60 members when we don't know if we will have that number of members for the upcoming year. Kay Krebs stated that the budget is based on estimates and based on 50 members. And Judy felt that we should revisit the budget after we have a better picture of our membership numbers. Also since Fiber Fest is to be virtual this year (due to the Coronavirus), we may need to adjust some items. Judy also felt that we should wait for the Fiber Fest folks to request our donation rather than just automatically giving them the \$500 that has been donated to them in the past. The board agreed with this.

Judy also suggested we leave the budget item of scholarships (to Salida and Buena Vista) as it was previously. And though the Holiday Party is probably not doable this year, we should still have it in the budget. Rita questioned the item of income in the budget and Mara said that is usually an after the fact entry. Karen suggested Rita check with Libby and Cheryl for how they handled these things.

After discussing these things, Judy suggested that we wait until October to do the budget after we have membership numbers for the coming year.

Rita also suggested we take the money allocated for the members scholarships this year and put it into a savings account. Judy called for a motion on this.

Karen made a motion to do this and Laura 2nd the motion. The motion was approved by the board.

MEETING FORMAT FOR THIS YEAR

Judy suggested that due to the pandemic, we should have our meetings via Zoom until at least January 1st. Beth moved we do so and Rita 2nd the motion. Judy suggested we have a Board Meeting in December to decide what to do for the remaining meetings in 2021.

DUES NOTICES

Judy explained that Sandee will send out an application requesting contact information. The application with dues will be sent to Rita and then Rita will mark the records of members paid and will send the contact updates, etc. to Sandy to update the records. Mara will update the new member/renewal form on the webpage under "Membership" so that the form will be consistent and include directions for mailing.

Karen mentioned that we might want to check into paying our dues via PayPal. Laura said she could check into that. But Judy suggested that, at this time of the virus and also because many people are not set up that way and may not be that "techy", we should revisit that after Covid19.

Judy asked if we should leave the dues at \$35. It was decided not to change it. Judy will develop a dues notice for Sandee to send out to the membership and include the link to the webpage and will ask Sandee to send a follow up letter in September to those not paid by then. Also, Judy told us Sandee is getting communications via the Guild Website from those interested in possibly joining the Guild. Judy is following up on that.

PROGRAMS

Laura presented us with a spreadsheet for the progress she and Mara have made. With no in person meetings, programs are a challenge this year. Laura and Mara would be grateful for any suggestions we might have. But so far there have been several intriguing ideas such as "Lemonade Stand"-via zoom plus a slide show of "how we spent our summer", a possible Holiday party (via zoom) being a virtual masked ball, Frank doing a program on the inkle loom, Kathy Strathearn possibly doing a presentation on Navajo weaving and several other options. This is all just food for thought at this point.

Karen suggested the program spreadsheet be included on our website and that it be sent out with the newsletter while asking for suggestions from the members.

The budget includes funding for 6 presentations at \$100 each and we will leave that in the budget.

Judy questioned if we have paid our usage fees to the churches in BV and Salida. Rita mentioned that the payments of \$125 and \$225 have not been paid to the churches yet and that she needed a request. Laura agreed to email her the request she made earlier to Libby. Laura mentioned that some meeting venues in Salida will not hold reservations. It was mentioned that this is considered a charitable donation and we should continue to pay them even though we will not be using the facilities for several months due to the virus causing virtual meetings. Kay made a motion to make these payments and Karen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Rita had a question about the address on our checking account. The address currently on the checks could not be identified. Rita will eliminate that address on the checks if possible.

FASHION SHOW

The show has been postponed to October 13, 2021. We will revisit this topic again in January.

WEBSITE

Mara will update the website to show the postponement of the Fashion show. There will be a "members only" page with members addresses etc. Karen reminded us that every member will get the membership roster which includes that info and more.

Rita asked if the website was paid for the upcoming year. There may have been a payment for 2 years' worth and the necessary people will get back to Rita about this.

NEWSLETTER

Beth Scully agreed to take over the newsletter since Cindy Bass has moved from the area. Beth informed us she had changed the format to "Publisher" since it is free and the old format was \$260. Publisher is also easier to read. She requested we give her any suggestions we may have about the content or format of the newsletter.

Judy suggested that the newsletter should include any tips or shortcuts we members may have to pass on to others. One thing Beth learned is to use sandpaper to sharpen scissors and she said it worked well.

Judy also suggested that it might be a good idea to see if other members wanted to start subgroups of interest to them such as rug hooking like there is for Weaving and the Art Clothing Group. Mara was going to see if a link could be set up on the webpage for this. Another idea Judy had was to do a "For Sale Corner" and Mara thought we could set this up on the webpage as well. Beth thought it would be a good idea to have a section on "How to stay sane at home."

Laura presented the idea of combining our website and newsletter to make a social media area online. Or possibly a weekly blog on Facebook. Though she also thought there might be a better and more current place than Facebook. All just food for thought but Mara and Beth will get together to discuss later in the year.

Beth said she would be soliciting articles in mid-August for the September newsletter.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Probably November or December. Judy will let us know.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Frank talked about the BV Library display which will start August 3rd. He thanked Christy Sower for all of her help. Frank said many items have been submitted with good variety. There were some items that were Covid inspired. The deadline for our submissions is July 31st and Frank is accepting them at Serendipity and Christy is accepting them by appointment at her house in Poncha Springs. The show will be set up for display on August 3rd. There are 6 glass cases with 2 sections each but there is not room for anything larger than 30x30.

GUILD CHALLENGE

Mara will submit an article to the newsletter to let folks know how to submit their before and after photos to her for a slide show of the Guild challenge this year: Lemons to Lemonade at the September Zoom Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Minutes taken by Amy McCrary

Co-Secretary