General Board Meeting **November 7, 2026**

Call to order: 10:10 A.M. **Lunch** : 12:30 – 1:10 **Adjourned** : 2:46

Attendees:

Sharon Kalinowski, Pat Aschman, Judy Russell, Lisa Trippi, Nora Vigliotti, Kathleen Raiti, Mindi Skinner

Agenda:

- Budget
    - Judy Russell put forth a proposed budget for 2027. Several changes were suggested and agreed upon. There was an additional item added for replacement of supplies used for Guild retreat and at working meetings such as mats, rulers, irons and Accuquilt matts. Mindy will work with Linda Derryberry to put forth a list of items needing replacement.
    - Judy informed us of another delay with the government in changing our status from a 501 (c)(9) to 501 (c)(3). There was discussion of just submitting as 501 (c)(3) and removing the 501 (c)(9) rather than changing it. Judy was going to explore this possibility, but it will cost $450 to do so. It was agreed that she should investigate since it has already been a year and Mindy mentioned that she knew of a group that it took a significant amount of time .... Years.
    - Judy will update the budget and it will be presented to the membership in December for a vote at the January meeting.

- Committee reports – no reports were needed at this time other than the financial report by Judy.

- Bylaws- review of voting requirements

    - The committee reviewed the existing bylaws for clarification and it was agreed it needed some work. We were in agreement that for a regular vote we should establish that we have a quorum voting, which is 1/3 of the membership and then passage will occur if we have a majority (50% +1) of the votes cast.

Where there was some disagreement was in how we voted to change the bylaws. Referring to the Bylaws **ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS SECTION 1** states : *The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the eligible voting membership via electronic platform, provided that the membership has been previously informed of the proposed amendment(s).*

The disagreement was whether this meant 2/3 of the votes cast once a quorum was established or a 2/3 vote of the entire membership. Pat Aschman who was present when this was written indicated the intent was that 2/3 of the entire membership must vote to approve.

The board said that was what we would go with for the upcoming vote when the revised Bylaws are presented to the group.

Sharon agreed to have Cindy Sanders, the group parliamentarian, review Roberts Rules of Order for recommendations. The general agreement was that in the future it should be 2/3 of votes cast, but this will be reviewed with the committee revising the Bylaws.

- Standing Rules – the following items will be included in the Standing Rule and not become part of the Bylaws.

    - Dues Payment – Currently the way the dues work is that if the person pays in November or December, they are paying for the next year. In effect they get 2 months free. We do not have anything in place to collect a partial payment in those months.

      We agreed that this is acceptable since individuals can attend two meetings for free, before joining. The only issue is voting. Once dues are paid, they would be allowed to vote using our system. It was agreed that voting for officers should not be allowed. Since voting closes the night prior to our meeting in November, we agreed that membership payment for the next year should not open prior to the end of our meeting in November.

    - Meeting length and content

      Sharon expressed concern about omitting some items from the agenda and asking people to read the Newsletter for information regarding the guild's activities, donations etc. , since the minutes are our official record of what transpires. After reviewing the

bylaws it was decided that we can refer people to the Newsletter since it also serves as our permanent record. The bylaws State:

Article VII <u>SECTION 3.</u> *Newsletter – The chairperson shall be responsible for composing, editing and publishing the guild's newsletter. She shall be responsible for emailing the newsletter to a mailing list prior to the meeting and for printing copies for filing and for members with no email. File copies of the year's newsletters will be given to the President at the end of the year for the permanent record.*

- In an effort to shorten meeting time it was determined we would as a general rule allow 30 minutes for the business portion, 1 hour for the program and the remaining time for the show and tell. Additionally, we would:
  - Eliminate the name tag door prize
  - Eliminate the regular door prize
  - Continue to limit show and tell to 3 items
  - Take pictures of the show and tell during the social time (6:00- 6:30) prior to the start of the meeting.

- It was determined that we would discontinue the UFO challenge due to lack of participation. We briefly discussed alternative things to do and after the meeting Mindy proposed an alternative that will be offered beginning in January. She will create an article for the December Newsletter explaining the details.

- Retreat payment – Patti Mirabile notified the board by e-mail of changes to the policies for reservation & payment being made at Luther Springs for retreats. This will necessitate a change in how we handle retreat payments for our members. Patti and Judy Russell will work up a proposal for inclusion in our standing rule and present it to the membership in January.

- Opportunity quilt for Quilt week 2027 – the recommendation from the board was that, since our requests for an update from Carolyn Galluccio, on the 2027 quilt have gone unanswered, we move forward with an alternative. Sharon will work with Cindy Sanders and Debbee West to determine if the 2028 quilt can be available in time.

  After the meeting Sharon was told the 2028 quilt could be ready. She then asked for a vote from those present at the meeting to use the 2028 Quilt for 2027. The motion was made by Sharon Kalinowski, Seconded by Kathleen Raiti and approved by the board.