

Halton Hills Quilting Guild Executive Meeting Jan 8, 2024, held in person at Ida's home in Acton.

The meeting was attended by Ida Jenkins, Irene Rushworth, Donna May, and Jane Symmes in person. Barbara Shein attended via Zoom. Melinda Noble and Margaret Newey sent regrets.

Ida called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed the Executive.

President: Ida Jenkins

Lisa Rossetti has not responded to a request for payment for her advertisement in the newsletter. She did donate a large amount of fabric to Outreach so the executive decided to write off the invoice. Ida is going to continue in her role next year.

Vice President: Vacant –It's important that we continue efforts to fill this role.

Secretary: Donna May

Mail received this month.

- Bill for Post office box rental: \$ 211.31 Paid by Donna. The invoice and attached receipt were given to Irene for reimbursement.
- Chequing account statement: given to Irene
- Letter from Insurance provider: given to Irene
- Membership application (Sybil Hennebury): given to Jane to pass on to Margaret. The membership fee cheque- given to Ida.

Donna will continue in this role next year.

Treasurer: Irene Rushworth

Irene provided a mini review of the budget, the accounts, and their use. The guild is operating within budget so far this year. In future, fewer guest speakers and more member driven programs, (at least three), will encourage member participation and be budget friendly. There was a discussion about whether an audit is needed. Barbara noted that many social groups/clubs have regular audits. Periodic audit, perhaps when a new treasurer starts, might be reasonable for such a small group. Irene will continue in this role.

Outreach Convener: Irene Rushworth

The executive congratulated Irene on the November Outreach work evening. This was a huge success. The members had a great time and Irene expects the seven flimsies back at the April Meeting. Irene has reached out to many (about 50) groups to see if they would like a donated quilt. There have been no responses and Irene plans to follow up. There was a discussion about our geographic area. Many of our quilts in the past have been donated to Guelph (because there was a contact between Anne Smith and the Project Linus coordinator for Guelph. The executive would like to have more quilts donated locally (Georgetown/Acton/Glen Williams/Norval/Stewart Town/Hornby) if possible. The Guild has members from Brampton, Milton, Rockwood, and Terra Cotta so it makes sense to donate quilts to these regions too. There is still a shortage of background and blender fabric. Irene plans to ask some Vendors if they are willing to donate or sell some fabric at reduced cost to the Guild. Quilts of Valor and Quilts for Survivors will provide batting and backing for donated quilts. Irene will continue in the role.

Newsletter Editor: Barbara Shein

The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is Feb 2nd. Barbara is going to generate a word search with sewing terms to include with the January newsletter. Barbara is not sure if she will continue in the role next year.

Membership Convener: Margaret Newey

Margaret sent regrets by email. She noted that there are now 46 members with the addition of Katherine Pulford. (This does not include the member application that was received this evening- so 47 really.)

Website: Margaret Newey

Margaret has updated the page with all the requested items. (Newsletter, Minutes of meetings etc)

Postcard Exchange: Margaret Newey

There are 6 confirmed members for this activity.

Zoom Sew and Chat: Margaret Newey.

This happens every other Monday. Unfortunately, employed members are not able to participate. Perhaps consider evening or weekend occasionally. This should be discussed further when Margaret is available.

Facebook: Margaret Newey.

Not very much activity from members. Need to confirm that the page is allowing only current members to visit.

Margaret confirmed by email, after the meeting, that only members can access the Facebook page. The HHQG.ca page can be accessed by Sue Luque. She is listed as an active contact-because some information still arrives by Sue@Thetechfirm) The web site was set up that way.

Librarian Convener: Jane Symmes

Jane reports that some of the books (about 50) have been sold, with about 399 books remaining. Jane has been removing books from the web list as they are purchased. Jane recommends that the Guild members have more time to consider the book list and make purchases. After a reasonable time, maybe in September or October 2024 the books will be made available for other Guilds to purchase, without the 20% discount. The email for etransfer is hhqg20@gmail.com. Jane will continue in the role.

Workshop Convener: Jane Symmes

Ida needs to confirm the Jan 27 date for the Cathedral Windows by Machine Workshop, with the Optimist Club but does not anticipate any problems. The cost for the day rental is \$100. Jane is donating her time. Jane will send an email to the members that signed up with an equipment list and other

information soon. There are 10 members signed up so the cost will be \$10.00 each. There is a kettle if members want to bring a tea bag and a mug. The Tim Hortons is also close by for coffee. There is no key, the door opens with a pincode. Jane will continue in the role.

Publicity Convener: Vacant

Program Convener: Melinda Noble

Melinda sent regrets by email and noted that she was waiting for a response from the presenter for March. Ida has had feedback from some members that the UFO discussion at the June 2023 AGM was valued. We might incorporate a small group discussion of member UFOs in future programs.

Date	location	program	cost
Jan	Zoom	Geeky Bobbin (Boddie Gentili)	?
Feb	Zoom	Gail Berry	?
March	Zoom	TBD	
April	Optimist Club	TBD	
May	Optimist Club	TBD	
June	Optimist Club	AGM- member activity	

BOM vacant.

New Business: Barbara wanted to discuss when we might review the constitution. Ida thinks it was last reviewed 2018 or 2019. Ida, Irene, and Barbara have read the constitution, but Jane and Donna have not. Ida and Irene felt that a review, while needed at some point, was not a present priority.

The next executive meeting will be on May 6th. The meeting finished at 9:08 pm.

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