

Franklin County Quilter's Guild

September 7, 2018

Dear Guild Member:

Well, the jars of pickles are on the shelf, the green beans are in the freezer and the stores are running Halloween promotions. It must be early September. I am writing to you to invite you to our first meeting of the 2018-2019 year on Wednesday, September 19th at the Church of the Rock. We will start with the annual ice cream social, so please note the earlier than usual start time: 6:00 PM.

There have been a few developments over the summer which I will be happy to tell you about, but one of them was not finding someone to take on publishing the Sugarhouse Gazette, so this letter will have to do for a substitute.

One very satisfactory development over the summer came out of the Executive Committee meeting. It is clear that our charity quilt programs are evolving: some are no longer needed and some are without adequate leadership. So, in order to re-organize our charity quilt-making, Denise Chase has offered to combine all our charity quilts under an umbrella group called Community Comfort Quilts. Denise will act as overall Chairperson and coordinate the different quilting categories that remain after the re-organization: Home Health Quilts, Fire et cetera quilts. I expect there will be a lot of helpful talk about how best to make this change, but I think this is a good way to keep our activities focused and pertinent to the community's needs. Thank you, Denise for taking this on.

Similarly, many thanks to Penny LaRochelle who has volunteered to be Membership Chair for this year. You will note a membership form attached to this letter. Dues are \$20.00 again for the coming year. As you know, it makes Penny's job so much easier if you get your membership form and dues sent in to her sooner than later. Thank you.

One thing I would like to propose is that the bylaws be amended to add this language to the description of the President's duties:

Article V Section 1: Duties of the President shall include:

Add new language to the end of the list. After: Request a Nominating Committee of at least three members no later than the March Meeting.

Insert: Be a co-signer to the Guild bank account to facilitate monthly spot checks comparing the Treasurer Reports with the monthly bank statements.

The purpose of this change is to add a second person to look at the finances of the Guild. This in no way is meant to cast any aspersions on Deb's long and faithful work for us all. Instead, it is meant to bring the operation of the Guild more into compliance with standard accounting practices.

You will see this proposal in the meeting agenda under Consent Agenda. I hope that you will have time before the meeting to look at these items and be ready to approve their acceptance with minimum discussion. Of course there will be time for questions and comments on items in the consent agenda if it is needed.

Well, that's it for now. See you at the meeting.

John

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Franklin County Quilter's Guild Meeting Agenda Wednesday, Septembetr 19, 2018 6:00 PM Church of the Rock (Doors open at 5:30PM)

Ice Cream Social Teri Brunelle

Open Meeting

Members Present Penny LaRochelle

Welcome Guests John Rouleau

Business Meeting

Consent Agenda

• Minutes of June 2018 Meeting

• Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

August 2018

- Treasurer Report June 2018
- * Bylaw change

Program Review including adjusting Sue

Pritt/MQX conflict

Kris Kilburn

Other Business

Project Beth Jessiman

Program: Suzi Parron Barn Quilts

Membership Raffle Kris Kilburn

Show and Tell

Adjourn

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of June 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Diane Kane, President. Members Present: 40; Guests:

4. Members joined in a Tea Cup Auction and Pot Luck prior to the business meeting.

Secretary's Report -

Minutes for the May 2018 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Kris Kilburn, second by Mary Jane Marchelewicz. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Report for March 2018 meeting. Motion to accept report was made by Mary Jane Marchelewicz, second by Denise Chase. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Quilt Show

- Gift certificates were presented to top raffle quilt ticket sellers this year, Bonnie Evans, Sally Krupp, and Denise Chase. Those on the committee excluded themselves from this drawing.
- Raffle Quilt ticket sales facts: 2013 highest sales year \$3,171 for the Red Covered Bridge Quilt, in 2008 it was \$2,636, this year \$2,227 and the worst sales year was in 2017 at \$1,179.
- Next year's quilt show will be held on April 6 and 7.

Programs

- Kris Kilburn shared the results of the FCQG Program survey and proposed future make-up of monthly meetings. Discussion was held on the guild's commitment to IRS Sec. 501(c) tax exempt provisions and Robert's Rules of Order standards.
- Sharon Perry announced that Suzi Parron, author of *Barn Quilt Following the American Quilt Trail*, will be the guest speaker at the September 2018 meeting.
- An amended motion to shorten the business portion of our (FCQG) monthly meetings
 to no longer than 30 minutes made by Mary King, seconded by Helen Short.

 Discussion included historical background of meetings, importance of running proper
 meetings, potential of giving the Executive Board discretion and bringing Consent
 Agenda's for the business portion of the meeting, and a desire to have more time to
 participate in programs during the meeting. Motion passed with one nay.

Organization

- Volunteers to serve as Secretary and Chairs for Charity and Breast Cancer Quilts are still needed. Please contact our new president if interested before the September meeting.
- Junior member, Tori Jessiman, has volunteered to serve as photographer and new member Allie Burin as web site manager for next year.
- Motion for the Secretary to cast one vote for the following slate of officers for the 2018/2019 FCGQ Board was made by Helen Short, second by Maggie Stockwell. Motion passed.
 - o President—John Rouleau
 - o Vice President—Teri Brunelle
 - o Treasurer--Deborah Dusablon
 - o Project Coordinator—Marilyn Jessiman
 - o Program Directors—Kris Kilburn, Margaret Miller, and Kay Benedict

Project

Helen Short presented the new Block of the Month, Balkan Puzzle, pattern that can be found on the Quilter Cache website:
 http://www.quilterscache.com/B/BalkanPuzzleBlock.html Members displayed their completed June Block of the month, Shooting Star 2.

Charity Quilts

• FCQG members created 30 beautiful quilts for campers who will attend Camp Ta-Kum-Ta at the end of July.

Other Business

- A poker tournament with proceeds to benefit the FCQG to be held on Sunday, June 24, 2018 from 11:30 to 7:30 at 317 Maquam Shore, Swanton. This will be run by Dave Beaulieu, Catamount Poker. net.
- No organization has come forward to request next year's charity quilt as a fund raising activity. Members will look into this further.

Drawings:

Block of the Month winner: Sue McGregor

General Membership Door Prize winner: Penny LaRochelle

Charity Quilt winner: Helen Short

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 6:00 pm; doors will open at 5:30.

Motion to adjourn by Kay Benedict, second by Sharon Perry. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes of FCQG Executive Committee Meeting 08/22/2018

Present: John Rouleau. Helen Short, Penny LaRochelle, Krissy Kilburn, Nanc Ekiert, Mary Ellen Therrien, Margaret Miller, Deb Dusablon, Kay Benedict, Denise Chase and Teri Brunelle.

2018-2019 Programs

September Ice Cream Social

October Barn Quilts

November Christmas Stockings

December Pot Luck, Christmas Party and Gift Exchange

January How to Prepare Your Quilt for Long-arming

February Rag Quilts for Charity

March Jessica Vandenberg on Color

April ??Sue Pritt?? If not big conflict with MQX

May Kay Benedict and Nance Ekiert

June Potluck and Tea Cup Auction

Finances

John had a prepared document about the Guild's income and outgo since 2004. Some years the Guild's outgo exceeded the income including in 2015, 2016, and 2017 even though we still had money in our account. Last year, due to the fundraising, the

income was greater than the expenses. A budget estimating income and expenses has been set for 2018-1019

It was agreed to ask for businesses to sponsor the 2019 Quilt Show and continue to seek donations for our charitable work. We have fabric for charity quilt tops but need to purchase batting and backing.

To limit spending it was decided to try something new for door and incentive prizes this year. Hopefully this will positively accepted and reduce complaints about the quality of the prizes that have been offered. The only prize to be offered in 2018-2019 is a \$25 Gift Card to a fabric store for meeting attendance. If a member's number is drawn, they will not be eligible again this year and the member has to be present to win.

There are two By Law changes being written concerning account signatures and the cap on expenditures needing approval.

Website/Newsletter

No member has volunteered to maintain the website or produce the newsletter. Scott Perry will continue to maintain the website until a guild member comes forward. In lieu of a newsletter there will be a monthly letter from the President, meeting minutes and financial reports sent by email. A few hard copies will be printed and mailed to members who do not have email.

Charity Quilts

There is no longer a need for Breast Cancer Quilts because NMC has their own program. No one has volunteered to take of the Home Health Quilt charity. Therefore there will just all charity quilt programs will be combined under a new name to be determined at a later date. If a member knows of a need, they will let the members involved in this program know and a quilt will be provided.

Quilt Show Publicity

No one has volunteered to take on this role. A discussion took place about the challenges in meeting the deadlines set out in the Publicity Manual and the amount of critiquing members volunteer about the Quilt Show Publicity. The last two years the members who took on the task have only done it for one year. Prior to that, the Quilt Show Chairs had done the publicity because there were no volunteer stepped forward after Caroline Kittel retired from the task. Resolutions will be explored.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Helen Short

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD Membership Form for 2018-2019

Please print clearly



Name			
Year you first joined the g	uild (if you can't reme	mber, take your best guess.)	
Mailing Address			
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Telephone: Home			
Cell _			
Email address			
Birthday: Month	Date	ONLY!!!	

In order to assure accurate email addresses, please email the guild at this address: franklincountyquilters@gmail.com.

Communication with members will be by email and newsletter so it is very important that you email the guild.

Please mail the completed membership form, along with a check for \$20 payable to FCQG, to:

Penny LaRochelle 40 Meade Road Fairfax, VT 05454

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD Treasurers' report -- September 19, 2018

Opening Balance		\$5,460.54
Funds collected Teacup Auction Membership	\$173.00 \$20.00	
Total	\$193.00	
	Total	\$5,653.54
Funds paid out Gerald Perry, Aug, Sep room set-up Bank service chg, Jul, Aug Diane Kane, May/Jun program agenda copies NMC Campaign, 2018 Second installment pmt The Warm Co, Batting	\$70.00 \$12.00 \$9.00 \$200.00 \$326.13	
Total	\$617.13	
Grand Total		\$5,036.41

2018 YTD Collections: \$5,080.41

Respectfully submitted, Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer