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## **Coastal Quilters Guild General Meeting Minutes May 12, 2022**

**The Annual Meeting** was called to order by President Bee Saunders at 7:00pm.

- Bee Saunders read report “Coastal Quilters’ Guild- Annual Meeting May 2022 State of the Guild
- Document is attached.

Annual Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

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### **Reports from Committees**

- Coffee Breaks- Maren Johnston will be the featured guest on May 27th

Details of upcoming meetings and workshops.

- Block of the Month Kika Hutchings - No blocks submitted/Nowinner for May
  - Revealed block for June (due 6th June). This is the final BOM unless someone steps up to lead this committee going forward.
- Community Projects Pamela Holst called for more lap quilts and cradle kits
- Quilt Show 2022 Nancy Butterfield
  - Show tasks are on schedule
  - Additional Chairs needed for Acquisitions, Education
  - Ramping up Volunteer Signups
  - Entry Form is now on the website
- Fundraising - Nancy Butterfield
  - Over 600 postcards in inventory
  - Postcard Workshop / Sew Day scheduled for June 16th at GVCC
- Membership Sue Orfila Renewal process
  - Renewal rate is \$45.00 Website has been updated
- Library -Mary Faria
  - New Library Chair is needed
- Newsletter - Eileen Lewandowski
  - Articles are due May 23, earlier is welcome.

Other announcements -

- Elisa Purnell- Update on Challenge
  - Entries due by 3pm Sunday
  - Voting methodology is tba

**Program** - Carole Kennedy introduced our speaker at 7:27pm  
Yvonne Fuchs - "Transparency Fabric Selection: Tips and Tricks"

**Reminders and adjournment - Bee Saunders**

Upcoming meeting dates:

- Thursday May 19th: Board Meeting - existing and incoming members all encouraged to attend!
- Saturday May 14th: final Lea McComas workshop - "Fused Raw Edged Portrait Quilts"
- Saturday May 14th & May 21st (11am-2pm): Yvonne Fuchs - "Transparency Quilt Workshop"
- Friday May 27th (1pm): Quilters' Coffee Break and Show & Tell
- Thursday June 9th (7pm): June Guild meeting
  - 'Circles of Life' Challenge Quilt Exhibit Viewing and Voting, St. Andrews Church
  
- Newsletter articles due by Sunday May 21st, but earlier is always appreciated!

Meeting adjourned at: 8:34pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Manzer  
Corresponding Secretary

## **Coastal Quilters' Guild - Annual Meeting - May 2022 'State of the Guild' by Guild President Bee Saunders**

I'll start with our financial status, and I thank Marcia Greiten for providing these details. Overall, the total amount to date in our bank accounts is higher than last year, largely due to higher reserves in our CD. Our profit and loss statement for 2022 has only a \$760 loss despite no substantial income from the Quilt Show, mask making or fabric sales. We have benefitted from elevated member dues and donations, and Opportunity Quilt raffle ticket sales. Many of our operating costs have risen somewhat and not filling all workshop places has reduced the potential income from that source.

The upcoming Quilt Show means our expenses have been higher this year, but this should provide an income boost for the coming year. We anticipate that one of the big fundraisers will be the postcard sales. Nancy Butterfield reports that we already have over 650 postcards turned in, and are aiming for 1000 by the show in September. In support of this, we are inviting members to GVCC on June 12 for a postcard sew-along and workshop.

We continue to maintain a strong and healthy membership. Sue Orfila reports that we currently have 191 members for 2021-22. The new 2022-23 Membership form is on our website for members to use and perhaps we can again reach the 200 benchmark in this Quilt Show year. As well as a strong local contingent, we have members throughout California, as well as in Florida, Washington and Texas. As we transition back to in-person meetings, we will definitely want to consider how we continue to serve those who live further afield.

Over the past year we have continued to enjoy meeting virtually on Zoom. This is true for our monthly meetings, Board meetings and the ongoing and ever popular Coffee Breaks. It has been exciting to also develop and include the afternoon Gatherings most months recently. This in-person meeting has once again allowed our members to reconnect with each other, collect and deliver Community Projects kits and quilted items, buy fabric and raffle tickets, and enjoy other social aspects as the Guild that we've all been missing so much. Upcoming meetings will be a mixture of in-person: the annual Challenge in June, and the July Members' picnic. Whilst some will remain on Zoom: Darilyn Kisch, Audrey Esarey and Robin Long in August, September and October respectively. We urgently want to survey members on how they want meetings to look in coming months in terms of virtual, in-person or hybrid meetings, and then work out how to achieve that! Board meetings will continue to be held remotely at this time.

The Zoom meetings have continued to serve us well, allowing us to bring a diversity of speakers from around the country and world. In the last year we have enjoyed speakers from New York, Iowa, Maine, Colorado and Hawaii, as well as three from Australia! Whilst we have missed seeing quilts in person, the ability to bring in speakers from the other wise of the world without having to factor in enormous transportation and accommodation costs has been a huge benefit. And whilst we may also have missed the banter (and burgers) associated with workshops at GVCC, we have nevertheless managed more Zoom workshops. Over 80 places at workshops have been enjoyed by

members, as well as several sew-days and it's always fabulous to see the results! One of our most important activities within the wider community - our Community Projects - has continued to thrive, providing quilts, cradle kits, place mats and stockings to those in need. Our librarians continued to share our library resources with members. Block of the Month continued to inspire creativity among those who participated and we've had great Show & Tell presentations at our Coffee Breaks. Satellite groups have met via Zoom, in people's homes and gardens and, more recently at the re-opened GVCC. On our website, changes are always in process, including improved layout, and remote payment for workshops, and it remains a wonderful resource for all things CQG and beyond.

Moving ahead into the next fiscal year, I am pleased to announce a full slate of Board Members. Many thanks to all those members who recently returned their ballots. I can confirm that a total of 129 ballots were counted. The proposed Board was elected in full and the bylaw amendments adopted. The Board for the coming year will therefore be:

President: **Bee Saunders**

Recording Secretary: **Susanne Kyre**

Guild Treasurer: **Sandra O'Meara**

Corresponding Secretary: **Cynthia Manzer**

Membership Coordinator: **Jennifer Frangos**

Parliamentarian: **Joel Blumenthal**

Program Director: **Nancy Butterfield**

Public Relations Coordinator: **Elaine Rottman**

Speaker Liaison: **Carole Kennedy**

Workshop Coordinator: **Bonnie Barber**

As we transition to the new team, please remember to update your notebooks and be prepared to pass them on as needed. We are still lacking leadership for a couple of Committee positions, notably the Library and Block of the Month. For these to continue, we do need people to step up and offer to do their part for the benefit of us all!

The Guild is healthy and strong as we end this year and shows lots of promise moving forward thanks to everyone who does their part to make it successful. I want to personally thank all of my fellow Board Members and Committee Chairs for helping to make our organisation so dynamic. And thank you to all of our members for taking part in our meetings, activities and other efforts. I am sure we are all excited to finally have a Quilt Show again this year, so keep working on those entries and stepping up to volunteer in whatever way you can to ensure its success!

That ends my update. Are there any questions or additions to my comments?

Bee Saunders, President