

# Tacoma Modern Quilt Guild

General Meeting Minutes Zoom

May 21, 2021

**Welcome:** 7:00 PM LaDauna welcomed members. Connie facilitated an ice-breaker. Members shared their fondest quilting memory. We had 19 people in attendance.

**Meeting Minutes:** The April 2021 minutes are available on the TacMQG website. Kären L. made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Julie Aiken seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the members.

**Financial Report:** Julie Arthur gave the financial report. The current balance is \$8446.15. The 2021 budget has a planned loss to bring Zoom classes and content to members in an affordable manner. The income to date is \$3,910.00. 2021 expenses include \$1359.16 for Zoom classes, \$11.56 for our virtual retreat and some reimbursed donation quilt expenses. Upcoming costs include our liability insurance, mailbox rent and an upcoming Zoom class. We currently have 46 paid members.

**Board Nominations:** Ladauna is accepting nominations for a vacancy in the Secretary position. Members may also make nominations to other positions as well. The elections will be in July. Members are also encouraged to join a committee or two.

**Block of the Month:** The blocks of the month for April, May and June are posted on the blog. The April block is a strawberry block. May is the Equinox block. June is the Lemon Star. Thank you for making blocks! They are made into community quilts.

**Swaps and Challenges:** Look online to find out the swaps and challenges for this year. We had our reveal for the wedges challenge. We will soon be accepting email sewing room swap forms online. This will be an online swap. You will mail or deliver your sewing room item to your swap partner so that he/she receives it by July 8<sup>th</sup>. (this date was chosen because it is one week before the July meeting).

**Education Committee:** Connie reported that we will have a Speaker at our next meeting. Patricia Belyea of Okan Arts. Connie also urged us to check out the Okan Arts Talks that are on the Okan Arts Website. Chat with Amy Katoh the owner of Blue and White is the latest Okan Chat. The recordings can be found on the Okan Arts Website.

**Upcoming Events:** Karen shared that June 1<sup>st</sup> and every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month there is a Zoom Evening Hand Sew Night. There is a possibility of sewing in a park for August. We will also have a speaker in August – Sarah Ruiz at our meeting. She will talk about her 100 day project “Fabric Postcards”. We hope to be able to meet in person in September.

**Upcoming Retreats:** Riptide Retreat, Shelton – (5 minimum, 8 maximum) August 5-8 2021, 2 or 3 nights. Participants must be a minimum 14 days after vaccination. The Camp Burton Retreat Center on Vashon Island is booked November 19-21, 2021. There are 8 double rooms; 4 single (10 minimum; 20 maximum). Double Occupancy - \$235 each Single Occupancy - \$300 each.

**Ongoing and Upcoming Classes** – Karen shared that there is a free Market Tote Sew Along, Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 a.m. – Noon. Our TMQG La Fin Du Monde Sew Along, ends May 26<sup>th</sup> (Reveal for speedy quilters in June). Our next zoom class is taught by Carolina Oneto – Organic Shapes, Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. PDT.

**Community Quilts:** Connie reminded members that they may donate a quilt to the Royal Family Kids Camp until the end of June. They are requesting 50 by 60 inch quilts. She also offered to bring the quilts that you would like to donate to Gossypium Fabric store in Issaquah. Email the TacMQG to contact Connie. Next year we will donate quilts to the Seven Star Foundation again. Please save your orphan blocks and consider donating them to the TacMQG. Amy Hanson suggested that we collect orphan blocks for donation quilts and offered to collect them for us. Email the TacMQG to contact Amy. She will collect them and then offer up groups of orphan blocks for people who would like to

make a donation quilt. Julie Arthur read us a sweet letter from the winner of the Breast Cancer Awareness Quilt Raffle. She absolutely loved the quilt that Kären L. made and donated on behalf of the guild. Thank you again Kären!

**Compression Pillows:** Julie Arthur read us a very nice letter from one of Dr. McConnell's patients thanking us for the thought and care that goes into making the compression pillows.

**Sew and Tell:** We enjoyed seeing each other and the awesome things that members made! We have some incredibly talented members!