

Missoula Quilters' Guild  
Member Meeting  
September 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Lisa-kay Prideaux

New members to the guild introduced themselves and were welcomed:

Marsha Kromsperger,  
Carol Smith,  
Ann Younger,  
Nancy Swartz,  
Donna Jackson,  
Amelia Ziraldo,  
Amy Weis,  
Carrie Duwe.

Guests were recognized and thanked for attending.

Introduction of the Executive Board members:

Joni Stormo, President  
Jodi Bowser, Vice President  
Lisa-kay Prideaux, Secretary  
Cindy Thiel, Treasurer  
Meredith Hoistad, Member-at-Large  
Michelle Wieler, Publicity  
Cathy Stanke, Fund Raiser

Minutes from the May 8, 2024 meeting

Motion to approve by Kathy Kling/Sue Olinger  
Motion seconded by Debbie Gross  
Members unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Thiel

- There will be a new Treasurer's Form to complete for reimbursements, which may be downloaded from our website..
- Jodi Bowser is making an asset list – she found a key that we don't know where it goes; if you have a key, please see Cindy to let her know you have one and where it goes to.
- MQG pins are for sale at \$5.00 each.
- Membership dues are now due though the October meeting \$25.00.
  - You may pay online at [missoulaquiltersguild.org](http://missoulaquiltersguild.org) using the Join/Renew button on the home page.
  - You may mail a check to: Missoula Quilters' Guild, PO Box 2016 Missoula, MT 59806
- August treasurer report was presented; last report from Shirley Frank. Posted on our website, Members Only Page
  - Guild is purchasing 3 CDs to make a better interest rate on our savings
  - 2024 Quilt Show net profit was \$11,000+

## Budget – Cindy Theil

[Proposed budget that was included in the Newsletter was up on the projector screen]

- Increase in expenses – Total increase of \$1,300.00
  - Proposed budgets from programs
  - Storage unit fees
  - Mailbox fee
  - Insurance cost
  - Quilt show is asking for shelving for the storage unit
  - Unexpected expense for 2024 Fair (we paid \$200.00 for quilt judge)
  - Hospitality
  - Library (earned \$600 at book sale and is asking to keep it)
  - Miscellaneous (printing etc.)
  - Program speakers
  - Holiday party
- New Expenses – Total proposal of \$6,158.00
  - Merchandise: Logo wear – bags, patches, clothing (this would be offset by sales)
  - In-town retreat - free to members
    - 2-day retreat at Holiday Inn Ballroom
  - Guild Zoom account
  - Promotion/marketing – woman’s fair booth (explained by Jodi Bowser) – this would be somewhat offset by sales and raffles
    - Sally W. will donate Civil War fabric
    - Kathy Klinge will donate a completed batik top
  - Appreciation gifts for Show Chairs and outgoing President
  - Square fee (to process credit card payments)

## Questions on the Budget increase or new proposals

- Budget for Holiday Party – Kathy Klinge
  - Questions low budget amount for holiday party
- In-town retreat free for members
  - All for a free weekend of quilting – Sally Wright
  - Questions on cost - Joni answered
    - Hours are 09:00 AM to 09:00 PM – room would be locked at night
    - \$2,000/day; approximately \$500 for coffee/tea/
    - We are on our own for food, but food could be ordered from their kitchen
    - Brand new tables & chairs; can hang design walls
    - Will have block of rooms available at discount for those who would like to stay over
  - Michelle B. – can we do a different event that is not sewing related such as an extravaganza party
  - Heidi B – what about a catered Holiday party instead
  - Joni S mentioned another idea was to rent a bus to go to the Kalispell and/or Spokane Quilt shows. This would have to be for a different year, but we could look into it.
  - Katerina H asked if we could do a bit of both – spend more on the holiday party this year, and then do a bigger thing like an in-town retreat or a bus trip another year. Her suggestion was met with much approval.
  - Anna W asked if we could take a poll.
    - Took a poll of hands: Retreat – 10; Holiday party – 32; Bus – 14

The final consensus was that the members would like a nice catered Holiday party this year, so the Board will adjust the budget to reflect this for the next meeting.

- ETC – Nancy Terwilliger-Grube and Jodi Bowser
  - Nancy agreed that ETC needs \$3000 for this year’s expenses.
  - \$1700 in ETC monies will be earmarked for next year, and will be set aside in a line below this year’s budget.
  - They have national/local teachers lined up
  - Nancy TG explained what they need money for this year
  - Susan Appelt asked if we could we give more monies to ETC to make member fees to make classes less expensive, and maybe get more national teachers in.

#### Appreciation gifts

- Meredith wanted to give something more personal and permanent to the show chairs and outgoing presidents.
- Joni asked the 2024 Quilt show chairs (Peggy Floyd & Susan Appelt were present) and presented them with engraved silver charms. (Marcene Cobern was not present.)

Door prizes – please donate if you have some nice spare items in your quilt rooms

Treat Sign-up – there is a sheet going around to sign up for treats all year – you will receive an email reminding you when you signed up and when to bring your treats in.

#### Annual Guild Challenge – Karen Winther

- Sustainability in Quilting
- Re-use/re-purpose/re-cycle
  - Millions of pounds of textiles end up in the landfill each year – on average of 70 pounds of textiles are discarded per person per year!
- Use only stash material for front and back
- Quilt size: 40-inch square up to full size
- Due: quilted and bound by May 2025 meeting

#### ETC – Jodi Bowser

- Class in November – Kristin Laura, Idaho
  - Borders/sashing
  - Trunk show at November meeting (November 13, 2024)
  - Class on Thursday November 14, 2024 - \$45
  - Will have option for another class on Friday November 15, 2024 if enough interest is shown
  - Atonement Lutheran Church on 34<sup>th</sup> Street
- Charisma Horton, Spokane
  - April 10,11,12, 2025
  - Sign-up will start next month
  - Trunk show at our April 2025 meeting
  - Thursday will be a ½-day class (4 hours) (\$30)
  - Friday and Saturday are full day (6 hour) classes (\$45)

#### 2026 Quilt Show – Suzanne Sterrett

- April 22, 2026 - Thursday – Saturday
- Wednesday prior is being negotiated for better preparation. This should make set up easier
- Signing up for committees will begin next month
- Theme is not yet determined

### Community Service Groups

- Quilts 4 Kids – Em Dix
  - Children in the Missoula County experiencing trauma– Birth – 18 years of age
  - Meet every Wednesday
  - Give out over 100 quilts/month
- Camp Mak-A-Dream – Joyce Auer
  - Will need ~ 300 pillow tops this year
  - Kid friendly
  - Just need the tops or blocks (14.5-inch squares)

### BREAK

### UFO challenge – Nancy TG

- Rules and form went out in September newsletter
- September – December
  - \$25 gift certificate drawing for everyone who completed a UFO
  - \$50 gift certificate for person completing most UFOs

### Librarians' Challenge – Louise & Vickie

- They are looking for suggestions for books to purchase
- Challenge – take one book from the library and use a new process or technique to make a quilt
  - Quilt must be quilted and bound by the March meeting
  - Quilt size: at least 12x12 inches
  - Can combine with the annual challenge

### Hostess – Jewel K

- Drawing winners (Vickie Christie, Judy Hastings, Audrey Nichols)
- Next month can you earn an extra raffle ticket if you come wearing something Halloween!

### Community Service quilts Show and Tell

### Regular Show and Tell

The meeting was adjourned at 09:00 PM