

2022-2023 Halton Hills Quilters Guild first executive meeting – Sept 6th, 2022 @ 7:00pm - Agenda

Held at: Via Zoom on HHQG Account

President – Ida Jenkins

-7:00 pm, start the meeting. Welcome Execs.

-Setting up the banking signing authorities. Booked appointment with Tandia to have Irene Rushworth and Margaret Newey added with Ida Jenkins. // Elizabeth Koc at the bank will look after things. Ida sent the Guild AGM minutes to initial everything. Irene is off on the 16th, so could go then and Margaret consented that she could make it work then too. Irene still having an issue with signing in online. In the meantime, Judy continues to direct the main and e-transfers to the bank for deposit.

-The ever-burning question...Can the Guild continue? // The committee are all revved up to go. Good flow of ideas to keep things going. We need to provide something to encourage the younger age group to get involved. Need events to offer. Speakers, young co-op.

-How are we going to try to get people to volunteer? // See below

-Any suggestions for any of the positions that need to be filled. It is not supposed to be the President who solicits for people to fill the position, due to conflict of interest and stacking the deck. In this case I am willing with so many positions open, I am willing to do anything to get some new faces on the executive team. // Irene brought up the fact that as there is no Past-President, the point is moot and would certainly fall on the next higher position to source out (ie President). Though the committee consensus was that we would all keep our ears open for possibilities and discuss them as we go.

Past-President – resigned – TBA

- Executive positions to be filled:

-Past-President -Will continue to be empty until current President ends her term.

-Vice president

-Secretary -Temporarily filled by Ida Jenkins

-Newsletter editor // Melinda suggested that the list of positions is overwhelming. So, we are going to concentrate on one at a time. Priority at the moment is Newsletter editor and secondly the Secretary. For the newsletter Melinda suggested we contact the local schools, speak to the student council, for volunteers to draft up the newsletter, which would help for people who are maybe not volunteering as they feel they don't have the computer skills required. Melinda volunteers to source this out. This position is important as we have advertisers that pay us, therefore we need a newsletter to provide the platform.

-Workshop convener

-Publicity convener

-Non-executive positions to be filled:

-None at the moment

Vice President – TBA

-Any ideas who we can get in touch with for this position? // No one at the moment. President had a discussion with Barbara Shien about positions available. She just finished running as President in another organization and needed a rest. Will approach her later.

Secretary – resigned – TBA

-Any ideas who we can get in touch with for this position? // No one at the moment.

-Prior to resigning Sue Luque has committed to supporting the Georgetown and Acton Fall Fair, with donations. Whether Milton contacted us for the same, is unknown at this time. // At this point, we have no word regarding Milton. Email sent out to Sue Luque to confirm from her end.

-Temporarily filling the position of secretary is Ida Jenkins until the position can be filled. Will have to get consent from the members to do it this way.

Treasurer – Irene Rushworth

-Anything that requires a review at this time? // The transfer of information went well. Other than the funds for the Fall Fair, there is nothing to look after at this time.

Outreach Convener – Joan Lovegrove

-Dodie Ryan has resigned

-What is the status of things currently // The Trinity Church has been emptied of all of the guild content, due to concerns with the uncertainty of the church. Everything that was there is now being stored in Joan's garage. She plans on setting up tables to review what is there, sort it and decide how to move forward.

-What are the road blocks // trying to engage the members to get involved, to take kits to make quilts.

-How can we get more people to get involved. // We did get 5 quilts come in, which are mainly going to Project Linus. Suggestion made by President to get people to gather (those that are comfortable enough due to covid), to do some sewing. People accomplish more motivating each other in groups.

-We do have a list of organizations, but they were not accepting quilts due to covid. Will have to follow up with them to confirm the situation remains the same.

Newsletter Editor - TBA

-Any ideas who we can get in touch with for this position? // No one in particular at the moment.

-Deadline for contributions is the 4th of the month (to be reviewed once the position is filled)

-We had 10 advertisers ending last year. // We need to fill this position or inform our advertiser...

-What are we going to do now that we do not have a newsletter editor? // Irene will be sending out a simple email, reminding members of our meeting. We are hoping, by not making a newsletter, that people will take it seriously that we really do need the position to be filled

-Currently the advertisers are our only source of income to the guild. // Hence the importance. No further comment, the message is clear and discussion tapped out at the moment.

Program Convener – Melinda Noble

-What is happening here? Where are we with the lineup? // Irene was able to secure speakers for September, October, and November. Melinda to organize speakers for Jan-May and June is the AGM activities.

Membership Convener – Margaret Newey

-Last year we had 58 members.

-So far 28 members have renewed their membership, a couple have chosen not to rejoin. A reminder has been sent out to the remaining members.

Website Administrator/Historian – resigned – TBA

-Susan Luque has asked Margaret Newey to manage the Website. Margaret accepted. Will have to get consent from the members to move forward with making it permanent for Margaret to take this position moving forward.

-Margaret has taken over administration and update of the HHQG.CA website. All necessary changes have been made up to date.

Librarian Convener – Sheilagh Yuschyshyn

-Couple more books were returned. What is the count now? // As of now, we only have the one book (Perfect Piecing) that remains outstanding. Sheila Barrington was the last to check out the book, but we are unable to get a hold of her.

Workshop – TBA

-Any ideas who we can get in touch with for this position? // No one at the moment.

-What about doing something? Taking turns? Suggestions? // Good reception to the idea of moving forward with some sort of workshop, combined effort. Need a venue. Suggestion made by Melinda to check out the Optimist Club in Georgetown. Joan suggested St. Andrews Church in Georgetown. Both parties will inquire further and get back to the group.

-General consensus is that the workshops are missed. // Committee agreed that we need to get back with socializing.

Publicity Convener - TBA

-Any ideas who we can get in touch with for this position? // No one at the moment

Any other business to discuss?

-Discussion around out mailbox. We need to continue to have all mail correspondence go to one central place, for the benefit of the guild. Less complicated should people move on to other positions or elsewhere.

-Question was asked about the BOM (being run by Melinda Noble). She is looking to do something around quilt as you go. Suggestion made by Margaret to consider the possibility of short zoom sessions as an instructional means of communicating the BOM or the quilt as you go method.

-We may need an additional meeting to collaborate all the information

Next executive meeting

-Currently scheduled for Tuesday, November 8th, 2022 @7:00pm. Collaboration meeting to be determined, as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

-On a side note, from the President/temporary Secretary, the energy level was high with great ideas and excitement to make this year a great one. Everyone on the committee offering their help to whoever needs it. We are moving forward as a team and I, as President, am looking forward to what is in the works and what is planned!