

LAMQG General Meeting

9/12/22

Welcome

Dena welcomed new member Kathryn McGuire

Lisa introduced Lizz Leral, Co-founder & Executive Director of Quilting for Community. "We all should know her & be friends with her."

- Goal is to build community through quilting, donating quilts to those who "need a hug," transitioning to different housing situations, hospice, etc.
- Relatively new to quilting, picked it up during the time when her father was ill.
- Friend, Ms. Wiggins, taught her to quilt when she needed it the most- felt safe, creative, with so many options, etc. Started with applique.
- Went to gatherings with Ms. Wiggins' friends, saw that they were donating fabric, quilts, etc and it just opened her mind up to possibilities.
- When the group was about to lose their space, she was nervous about losing the connection. As time passed & she dealt with her father, she got the idea to open a spot where people could be exposed to this creative outlet and build community.
- Had the opportunity to display at a festival. She came up with a block printing station with fabric, ink & printing and within a few days, she had these blocks ready to put together. She brought them back to her group and they began to put them together, found a spot to meet and eventually created a kit for how to learn the basics.
- People showed up & kept coming back, they became a non-profit organization, got HS kids involved in service hours making quilts for NICU.
- In March 2020, there was going to be a city wide outdoor quilt walk & show with many retail & orgs willing to display the quilts but then everyone shut down.
- They pivoted to meeting on zoom, focused at first on mask making and trying to connect while in isolation.
- Got an investor who gave money for a space, partnered with Kingdom Sewing & Vacuum, developed a reservation system and received donations of furniture.
- Moved to Chatsworth, west end arts district this year shared with another org.
- Applied for and won a grant to produce the valley artisan event (to produce & pay artists) which happened this past weekend (Sept 10-11). Their event coordinator suggested the event open up to all different sorts of arts & artists.
- Moving again soon to their own space in Chatsworth with a 2nd long arm, a large design wall & more space
- She has found that this experience has brought together people of all ages, cultures and local government has been very supportive.
- Shared images of their first block print quilts and their activities as they have evolved over the years as well as QuiltWalk 2021, their various spaces, tools, workshops, and partners (HS, senior living, etc), free quilting classes, will soon expand into some other sessions

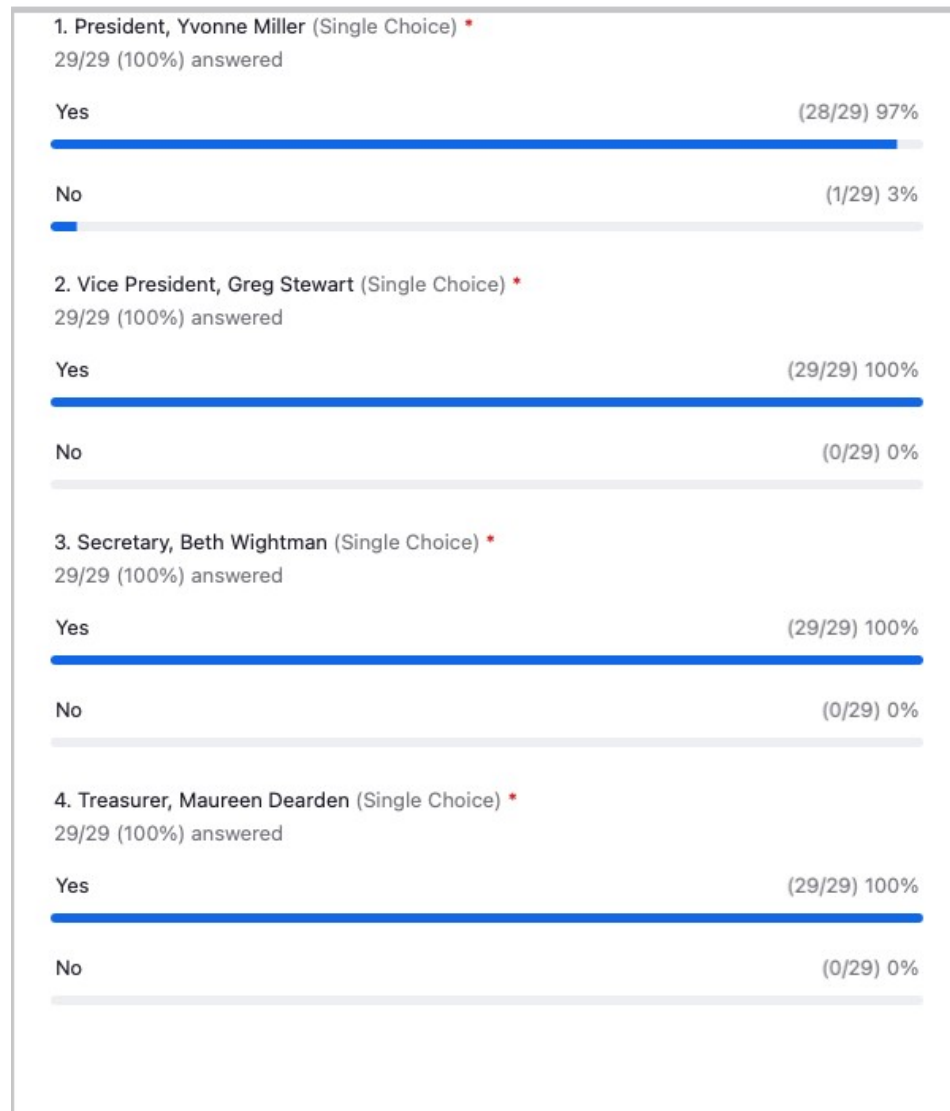
- Members asked questions about managing vs doing, the new space, the future of the organization and how members might get involved (cash, fabric or time) and we shared contact info & social media.

Meeting announcements: next meeting- 13th anniversary, in person 10/10, upcoming social sews

Elections- Lavielle presented the board candidates (Yvonne as President, Greg as VP, Beth as Secretary and Maureen as Treasurer). Greg opened it up for floor nominations. Dena moved that we vote on the ballot as is & Ann R seconded. We voted via zoom poll and all were elected with a majority vote.

2023 Board Elections

Poll ended | 4 questions | 29 of 30 (96%) participated



Community quilt update from Dena, we are close to finishing the top and will need to submit by Dec.

Reminder of Road2CA opportunity for the quilts in the entry way- interested folks should submit the form in newsletter. Submission deadline is Nov 10. More info to come on collection, etc. How to add a sleeve: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NO70_ENjQk We will also try to set up a guild booth.

Retreat- 2nd payment due date is coming up. We now have 2 spots available. Leasa talked about all the fun activities we normally put together for the retreat.

Talked about the in person anniversary meeting a bit as well as the special Saturday lecture on Oct 1 about Quiltcon judging.

Leasa mentioned that we are still looking for committee volunteers

Members shared show & tell

Rhonda suggested we have single zoom links for the social sews instead of unique links- board will discuss

Ann H mentioned that we will need more Miriam's House quilts for Dec. Greg mentioned that we will have a charity committee person and we can strategize at our next meeting. Will send a reminder in the next newsletter that donations are still needed.