

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF QUILTERS UNLIMITED
SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017**

Joyce welcomed those in attendance.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Christine announced that David Taylor will be the speaker at the Fall Event on Thursday, October 19, 2017 with a workshop scheduled for Friday, October 20. Centreville will be in charge of details for this event. Jinny Beyer will be the speaker at the 2018 Annual Meeting, and she will hold two 4 hour classes at the quilt show.

BOARD GOALS: Joyce briefly described the goals and progress made by the Board during the past year. One of the objectives was to put the organization on a more sound financial basis. This involved looking at facts, especially as pertains to the guild's sources of income which are twofold: (1) dues and (2) the quilt show. The Board made hard choices based on the facts that were gathered.

MEMBERSHIP, DUES, & PHYSICAL LABOR: There are a significant number of members who currently pay reduced dues or no dues which led to a proposal to examine the categories of membership along with the dues paid by each category. Also, because the membership as a whole is aging, it was decided to reduce the level of physical involvement by members in the set up and take down of the quilt show poles and drapes. The money to pay Hale for performing these functions was taken from the Donations line of the budget and resulted in set up being completed by 2:00 p.m. with much less physical labor by QU members.

MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING & FINANCIAL UPDATE: The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were approved as submitted. Treasurer Janet Tasker indicated that year-to-date our revenue is \$81,000, \$71,000 of which is from quilt show vendors. We have a total of \$135,000 in cash as of this date with outstanding expenses from the show. Show expenses will not be fully available for a few weeks as some bills are not sent until after the show. There will be complete treasurer report in early July.

Quilt show attendance through Saturday this year was 2841 compared to 2679 for the same time period last year.

IN MEMORIAM: Joyce read off the names of QU members who had passed on during the last year. There are quilts from some of those women in the In Memoriam section of the show.

INTRODUCTIONS BY JOYCE: Joyce introduced the Chair for the 2018 Quilt Show - Donna Hosek. She thanked Kath Heslep for all her help during the past few days when Betsy Stone had to be looking after her father who suffered a heart attack. Joyce introduced the Members of the Quilt Show Committee, the Chapter Presidents, the QU Executive Board Members. She thanked all and especially Christine Shaefer who is leaving the Board as she is moving out of town and Janet Tasker who is finishing out her second term as Treasurer.

PRESENTATION TO JOYCE: Christine presented Joyce with a gift card in appreciation for her work this year as President of QU.

ELECTION OF QU EXECUTIVE BOARD: Sue Heisler presented the nominations for the 2017-18 QU Executive Board in the absence of Nominations Chair Linda Keithley. The nominees are:

Joyce Bounds - President
Rosemary Ryan - Vice President
Mary Ansoff - Treasurer
Trudi Sommerfield - Secretary
Linda Keithley - Nominations

There were no nominations from the floor. Kath Heslep proposed the acceptance of this slate of officers. There was a second, and the motion passed unanimously.

OUTREACH: It was decided that a concentrated outreach effort should be undertaken to recruit new members including some younger members. To that end, an Outreach Committee is being established led by Sue Heisler. Each chapter needs to appoint an Outreach Person to serve on this committee. They will develop a brochure to be used for informational/recruitment purposes and look at ways to attract new members. Sue Heisler spoke briefly about the Outreach Committee and its goals for the coming year.

BYLAWS CHANGES: The changes to Section III of the Bylaws were proposed, seconded, discussed and passed without dissent. The affected parts of **Section III** now read:

2. Membership classifications shall be Individual, Associate, Family, and Lifetime. (Only those who are Lifetime members as of June 30, 2017 will be grandfathered into that category and will be excused hereafter from the payment of dues.) A Family Membership shall be defined as two or more family members living at the same address. All members in good standing shall be voting members of QU and of the local chapters to which they belong.

Delete current #5 of Section III of the Bylaws.

[The amended #6 of the Bylaws becomes the new #5 and reads]

5. An Individual member from one Chapter may belong to additional Chapters. These members shall be Associate Members.

Respectfully submitted Trudi Sommerfield
June 7, 2017