

November 1, 2025

## **Meeting of the Board Members / Greenville Modern Quilt Guild** St. Giles - Following the Membership meeting

**In attendance:** Dawn Bianco (President), Michelle Giles (Outgoing V.P. / Programs), Diana Pickens (Incoming V.P. / Programs) Teresa Melonson (Outgoing Membership), Mandy Ruden (Incoming Membership), Dawn Holter (Treasurer), Suzanne Elswick (Web Master) and Cindy Brothers (Secretary)

### **Web Site:**

Dawn Bianco welcomed everyone and started the discussion with discussion about our guild web site. Suzanne Elswick has agreed to take on the position of Web Master for the guild, and has experience with building sites. Suzanne suggests changing to Word Press which is a more uniformly used platform that is also cheaper. Word Press can easily be transitioned to future volunteer leadership due to its familiarity.

Also discussed was the new web site design. A design to engage members, and make information easily found was discussed. Mandy suggested the web site be a place that attracts the new person looking for a Modern guild. She also mentioned Wild Apricot as a web site builder that she had experience with in other larger guilds. Suzanne has found pricing that is considerably less than what we are paying with Square. The board authorized Dawn and Suzanne to secure the domain, and begin building the site with Word Press. Final numbers will be reflected in the budget for the new year when presented by Dawn Holter, Treasurer. Questions and ideas for the web site can be communicated to Suzanne at [webmaster@greenvillemodernquiltguild](mailto:webmaster@greenvillemodernquiltguild).

Dawn also requested that all guild business be communicated via the Google (Gmail) guild addresses to leave documentation for future board members.

### **Programs:**

Diana Pickens made suggestions for programs in the new year. Ideas included:

- Incremental classes - 1 hour in length - 3 or 4 of these during the year immediately following a membership meeting
- \$5 classes - Gathering to learn a new skill or tool while building community within the guild
- Fabric Exchange - Solid colors
- UFOs - New ideas to make use of UFOs or turn them into charity quilts
- Challenges - Awards / Raffle tickets to be given. Ideas to take traditional blocks and make them modern
- Universal skills that apply to all quilting styles

All ideas were welcomed for consideration. Diana will reach out to quilters in her circle of influence to see who and what can be included in this year's calendar.

This year's (2026) budget for programs is \$2,000. It was suggested that we think of additional ways to bring revenue in so that we can have enough in the budget to project out 2 years. This allows the Program committee to know what is committed for the coming year rather than relying on the December luncheon to see what we have raised for programs. Better planning for better programs when we can commit to the budget ahead of the new year's beginning.

Some discussion was had about silent auction or buy it now items at the December luncheon to increase revenue. Dawn suggested that the luncheon committee be asked to set aside "better" items for a Silent Auction feature this year that would begin the process of shifting the building of the budget one year out for the coming fiscal year.

With programs and budget item changes, it was suggested that a committee be formed to review the by laws for the guild. Dawn Bianco, Cindy Brothers and Dagmar Theodore will make up that committee, and will review any changes that need to be presented to the membership for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.