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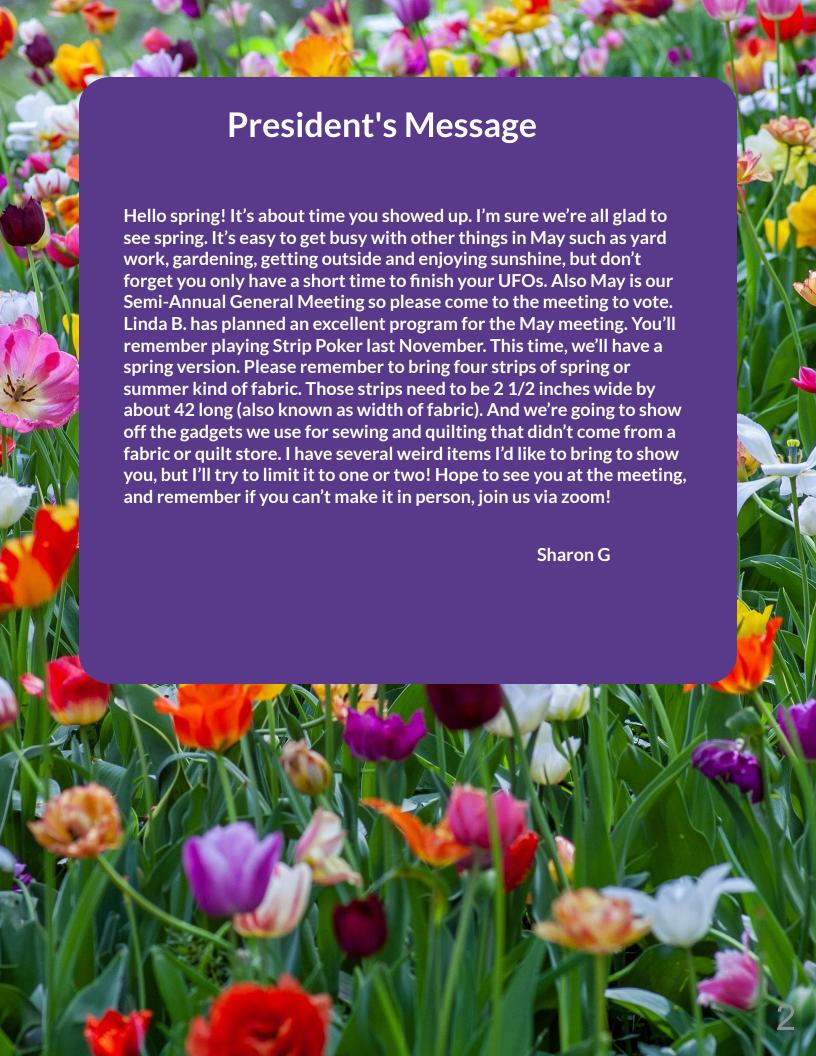
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Meeting Dates 2022-2023

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 3825 Hillsdale Street Regina SK

First Tuesday of the month at 7 pm: June 6, 2023



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# **Program Information**

Guild members are to bring a tool, gadget. etc that they use for quilting that was **NOT** purchased at a quilt or fabric store.

Members will show their item and explain how they use it.

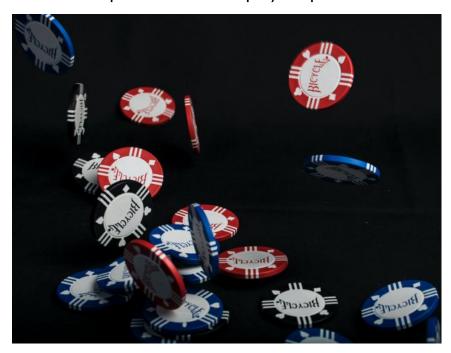


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Members are to bring 4 strips of fabric 2 1/2 " x WOF (40 + ) inches. The theme for the fabric is a spring/summer palette.

The strips will be used to play Strip Poker.



# **Workshop Information**

Want to put the finishing touches on this year's Mystery Quilt? Let's sew together and see how this fantastic quilt pattern comes together in so many different ways.

> Mystery Quilt Workshop May 27 @ 9:00 - 4:00 pm

Instructor: Tannis Fahlman

Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3825 Hillsdale Street

Workshop Fee: \$40.00 members/ \$50.00

non-members

Registration deadline: Tuesday, May 9th

See website for full workshop information

**Workshop Payment** To register, pay the workshop fee by the workshop deadline date and pay by cash or send an etransfer to <a href="mailto:ppmgtreasurer@gmail.com">ppmgtreasurer@gmail.com</a> or pay by cheque payable to The Prairie Piecemakers Quilters' Guild and mail to Box 33043, Cathedral P.O. Regina, SK S4T 7X2 Notification of attendance will be confirmed via email two weeks prior to the workshop.

#### Cancellation

If unable to attend, please notify a member of the Workshop Committee. You are responsible to find a replacement that can pay the Workshop fee and take your place. The Guild does not refund the registration fee when you are unable to attend nor provide a credit for a future workshop. If there is a waiting list for the workshop, the Workshop Committee will share the names on the waiting list for you to contact. If the Guild cancels, the Workshop registration will be reimbursed. The Guild abides by provincial health regulations as well as the regulations set by the facility we are renting. As such we may need to cancel face to face workshops. Masks are recommended, please do consider wearing a mask to protect yourself and others. You will find Workshop Lead contact information on the page 2 of this newsletter.



# rtepointes Canadian Quilter's Association

April 24, 2023

#### Hello Quilters,

Things are moving quickly along in anticipation of Quilt Canada 2023. Workshops and lectures are filling up. Along with planning for the conference, many readers are setting their sight-seeing itinerary as well. Beautiful Nova Scotia...can't wait to see you!

#### Coming up...

CQA/ACC would like your input on Webinars. Is there a quilter you would like to see in the upcoming year? Let us know.

This year's Quilt Along, "Sea You in Nova Scotia" is very popular. It's not too late to join in!

News about Quilt Canada 2023...

Registration is open, the class/lecture schedule is available.

Specially priced hotels are available until early May and are almost full, book your room soon.

Consider volunteering at Quilt Canada 2023 for a unique conference experience!

Teacher Kate Ward's work focuses on Shashiko stitching and mending.

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### **Quilt Along 2023**

East Coast Quilt Along CQA/ACC hopes you can join us in person for the Quilt Canada 2023 in Halifax, June 7-10.

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Great inspiration and plans for future creative projects! A break to plant, nurture and watch gardens and flowers grow! Backyards, barbecues and family and friends! RDMQG is excited about our new location with its breath of fresh air and wee bit of country at the Queen City Kinsmen Clubhouse at 5215 14 th Avenue. Our next meeting/sew day is Sunday, May 7 from 9:00-5:00 pm and second sew day is Sunday, June 28 from 9:00-5:00 pm. We are creating our Telemiracle 48 Raffle Quilt for Kinsmen and Kinettes.

Enjoy the inspiration from 'blossoming' May. Let your creativity and growth happen! Happy Mother's Day!

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# **Meeting Minutes**

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon at 7:04 pm.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion: Jacquie B/Lynn B that the minutes of the Nov 1st meeting be approved. Carried.

- 3. Fee Increase: Motion by Beth H/Carol G to increase the 2023-2024 membership fees to \$40.00. Carried. The new fee will come into effect on May 1, 2023.
- 4. Nominations: The nomination committee presented a proposed slate of officers to be voted on at the Semi-Annual General Meeting in May and nominations were opened to the floor. Nominations were as follows:

Vice President - Fay Holstein

Treasurer - Marlene Smith-Collins

Newsletter - Jill Nault

Workshop – Jacquie Berger

Membership - Judy Cormier

Carol G moved that nominations close and Sharon congratulated the new directors who will be acclaimed at the Semi-Annual General Meeting in May. Their terms will be July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025.

5. President's Report - Sharon

The 2024 Quilt Show is still in the preliminary planning stages. Carol G commented that if the guild members want a longer quilt show they need to be prepared to volunteer their time. She offered to be one of those volunteers.

6. Program - Linda

May's program will be the Semi-Annual General Meeting, so there will not be a guest speaker. Members are asked to bring their favourite tool that was not purchased in a quilt or fabric store. There will be a game of strip poker, and members are asked to bring four  $2\,\%$  by WOF strips of spring or summer fabric. It was also suggested that the winners of the November strip poker game bring whatever they made with their winnings.

7. Workshops - Aline

The May workshop will be the final preparation of the mystery quilt. It costs \$40 and will be held on May 27 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (same place as our meetings). Registration may be done using the online form on the web-site. Members were reminded that the pattern for the mystery quilt is one that is copyrighted to Tannis F and is a gift to the guild. The final pattern will not be on the web-site.

8. Library - Dianne

The catalogue is complete. 20 new books were donated to the library at the meeting.

9. Moose Jaw Quilt Show

The Moose Jaw Quilt Show will be April 21-22. It will be held at the curling rink which is in downtown Moose Jaw. Tickets will be available at the door or through SaskTix.ca. There will be over 250 quilts as well as 9 merchants in 16 booths. There is parking beside the curling club, but visitors are advised not to use the Safeway parking lot.

10. Government House Quilt Show - Bonnie

The guild has been invited to display quilts at Government House. Bonnie and her committee toured Government House so they could understand the space available. There is 100 linear feet of space for the quilts. The show will be Sept 22, 2024 – January 12, 2025. The theme will be Remembering the Past/Imagining the Future. The emphasis will be on our guild members and their contribution to the community. They are looking for one or two hand quilted quilts made in Saskatchewan to start the display. Bonnie is open to suggestions.

# **Meeting Minutes Con't**

11. Mystery Quilt - Darlene

The April block was presented. Tannis will display the finished product at the next meeting.

12. Zoom Sewing Days -Lynn B

The Zoom sewing days have been proving very positive with more people joining each time. They will be held on the second Saturday of each month with the next one on April 8th.

13. Monochromatic Quilt Challenge - Linda

Thirteen quilts were displayed in an amazing array of quilts – all in a monochromatic theme. Three prizes were drawn from all those who participated with the winners being Jacqui B, Lori T, and Iris L.

14. Show and Share

15. Program Presentation

Carol G and Zarin Z attended the Birmingham International Quilt Festival in September, 2022. Carol presented a slide show with many of the amazing quilts that were displayed at the show.

16. Membership - Cheryl

55 members were present in person, and 7 were online. In the past year, we have added 23 new members to the guild.

17.50/50

The pot was \$140, with the prize of \$70.

18. Door Prizes - Sharon

Door prizes were won by Zarin Z and Myrna P-B.

19. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm

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# PPQG Executive and Directors Reports 2022-2023 As of April 30, 2023

#### President Sharon G.

This year represented a big milestone for our guild as we celebrated 30 years since inception. In December we honoured three founding members and awarded them with lifetime memberships. Those members are: Nettie Saul, Darlene Stewart and Ellen Basler. Thanks to all three for their love of quilting and starting something that has lasted beyond three decades!

This past year, we met in person for all but three of our meetings. We've learned from the pandemic that zoom has its merits. And during those dark winter months of January, February and March, it's nice to be able to stay at home and still attend a meeting. It also gives those who are away the option to join us from afar. This year we had people join meetings from Hawaii, Arizona, and Florida. We've also tried to bring those who cannot make it in person a zoom option to attend those in-person meetings. Jymmi Kaye has been at the forefront of this, and I'd like to thank her for helping us through this process.

Zoom also gave us options for workshops. We had several in-person workshops, and one via zoom. Aline M is in charge of workshops and I'd like to thank her for her work and dedication as she steps off the board. Aline has also had a bit of an uphill battle finding us a low-cost or no-cost space that we can use as the situation changed for us in February when the Saskabilities Center decided they weren't allowing outside groups to use their space anymore. In the long run, her work paid off, and we've got a couple of options for the coming year.

We had an excellent array of programs in the past year, three by zoom, the rest in person, thanks to Linda B. She searched far and wide to bring us many new and interesting ideas. Our September program brought Donna Mirasty, the wife of Saskatchewan's Lieutenant Governor to us for an interview about her love of quilting. The Lieutenant Governor Russell Mirasty also joined us. It was a delight to have them attend. The April meeting was a technological first for us, as we provided a power point presentation on the Birmingham Quilt show to those at the inperson meeting while Jymmi Kaye D. was able to share her screen and offer the same presentation via zoom to those joining us from home.

Communications falls under the watchful eye of Jymmi Kaye D. She manages our website, blog and facebook page, receives and deals with emails, communicates with our membership, and sets up our Zoom meetings, be it for the executive, general membership, or workshops. She continues to bring us her experience and guidance when it comes to bylaws and procedure. She's not only great at her job, she's a visionary when it comes to the guild and our future.

Marlene SC keeps on top of our finances as treasurer, providing monthly and required annual reports. She also is in charge of our charity arm - Connecting Threads. I'd like to add that her long service and commitment to the guild were recognized in mid-April when she was presented with Saskatchewan's Volunteer Medal by our Lieutenant Governor. Last year some members of our board quietly gathered and submitted a detailed request that Marlene beconsidered for this award. She is so very deserving of this honour!

Our library crew under the watch of Dianne P. have been doing some spring cleaning in the library, clearing out the books people are not taking out anymore, and making room for new books. Thanks for your hard work Dianne and crew!

Our membership numbers are up over the past year, we've attracted many new members. I think this is due to the board's hard work, as well as the excellent work done to promote the Guild at our 2022 Quilt Show. It is something that we'd like to continue in our 2024 quilt show. And having the very warm and welcoming Cheryl A. being the first face you see when you come to the in-person meetings has been a big help as well. Cheryl is stepping off the board this year after several years on the board. I'd like to thank her for her years of service.

In the past year, we have voted and changed our nominations and board structure. This means that we ask people to serve for two years. We also split the leaving date so that we do not lose all our board members and experience at once. That means this year we had five positions open. We managed to fill all positions, and look forward to having some new members participate. Jymmi Kaye led nominations committee with the help of Renee B. Thanks to both of you for your hard work.

Our newsletter is still mainly online even though we are meeting in-person for 7 of the 10 meetings. We made the decision to only print what is absolutely necessary. This saves us a tremendous amount of money which we can use for programming, workshops and other things. Thanks for Lynn B. for her work on the newsletter. Lynn is another member who is stepping off the board this year. Lynn has also helped with the zoom aspect of the live in-person meetings. As well she's taken on, and has offered to continue to do Zoom sew days once a month. It is really

growing in popularity as we seem to have more members join us each month. Thank you, Lynn.

Tannis F. has been our vice-president for more than 5 years. She, too is stepping down after this year. We will missher creativity and knowledge as well as the June and December parties. She's also been bringing us a mystery quilt every year for the past few years. It is a tradition we hope will continue.

Our standing committees, namely 50/50, retreats, UFOs and Connecting Threads continued this year. Sheree S. and Betty U. are in charge of the 50/50. I thank them for their commitment to doing this. It can often mean that they do not really have a chance to participate in the meetings as much as they might like. Shannon B. and Jacquie B. did a lot of work and organizing for retreats, but sadly neither one happened. The fall retreat had to be cancelled due to too many participants being ill, leaving the number of participants too low. The spring one was cancelled after the facility drastically increased the fees with almost no warning. It put the cost for participants completely out of reach. Anyone who has ever organized a retreat will know that 90 per cent of the work happens long before the event occurs. And I'd like to thank Jacquie and Shannon for the tremendous amount of work they had to do even though neither retreat happened. Renee B. is keeping us all in line with our UFOs. She is doing a great job and last year put a lovely personal touch on her prizes. Thank you for that Renee. As previously mentioned Marlene SC is in charge of Connecting Threads. She will report separately on the tremendous work of the guilters making items for charity.

#### Looking ahead:

Our membership fees will increase for the coming year. They will go from \$35 to \$40. It's been at least a decade, possibly even 15 years since we've increased the fees.

We've already started planning for the next Quilt show in May of 2024. Tannis F and I will cochair.

#### Vice President Tannis F.

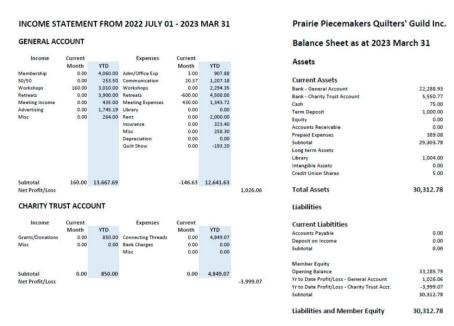
Our Christmas party was a huge success with games and treats.

The penny parade saw lots of winners and excitement.

I have invited Jaynie Hymsel to the June meeting to give a trunk show

We will also have a game, refreshments, and treats.

#### Treasurer Marlene S.C.



#### Nominations to the Board

The following people have agreed to let their names stand to serve on the board for the two-year term 2023-2025:

Vice President - Fay Holstein

Treasurer - Marlene Smith-Collins

Newsletter - Jill Nault

Workshop - Jacquie Berger

Membership - Judy Cormier

Completing their two-year term in 2024 will be:

President - Sharon Gerein

Secretary - Beth Hicks

Program - Linda Brumwell

Communications - Jymmi Kaye Demchuk

Library - Dianne Petrich

#### Workshop Aline M.

A total of seven (7) workshops were offered this year, however two (2) were cancelled due to lack of registration. All were face to face workshops except for the January workshop which was well received in a zoom format. Attendance ranged from 6 to 12 participants per workshop.

Our success was in offering workshops that appealed to a wide range of quilting abilities and interest. Three workshops out of the 7 were offered by instructors out of our city, while the other 4 continued to support the expertise of our very own members.

A great improvement has been online registration and e-transfer payments. Members appear to be comfortable with this friendly and easy process. Having a standard template describing individual workshops has been well suited to postings on the guild's website.

Challenges being faced are the lack of registrations for workshops regardless of topic or instructor. The bulk of registrations came from the same 5-6 members and a lot of consultation, planning and coordination are required, particularly for those workshops offered by outside instructors. Members are increasingly participating in online workshops outside of the guild. The cost of workshops, especially when offered by outside instructors is often prohibitive for members. In addition, we are now facing the need to find a new cost-effective location for workshops.

## <u>Library Dianne P.</u>

We received three donations of books this year that are still being added to the library. This will add about fifty books to the library. There is one more donation of books coming to us. We have not purchased many books but hope to add some new books before the summer. We have gone through the whole library and categorized the books. We hope to get the list onto the Guild website soon. We have also removed a small number of books that are older than 2000.

We sold 80 books at the April meeting. These were donated books that were either duplicates or were published pre-2000.

We are planning a Challenge in the fall to get people signing out more books.

### Membership Cheryl A. and Lynne R.

As of April 5th, 2023, there are 117 members, which is up from 114 paid members in the previous year. Since June 2022, we have welcomed 23 new members to the Guild. We were sad to lose one of our members to cancer. As we look to the future, we hope to welcome back former members and many more new members!

ATTENDANCE						
2021-2022			2022-2023			
Month	Members	Guests	Month	Members	Guests	
September	51	2	September	74	2	
October	58	2	October	74	4	
November	66	7	November	75	2	
December	60	1	December	50	1	
January	54	2	January	54	1	
February	64	2	February	49	3	
March	60	1	March	51	2	
April	71	3	April	63	0	

MEMBERSHIP		
Year	Year End Total	
2013-2014	159	
2014-2015	130	
2015-2016	141	
2016-2017	145	
2017-2018	149	
2018-2019	134	
2019-2020	134	
2020-2021	105	
2021-2022	114	
2022-2023	117	

Newsletter Lynn B.- editor and advertising co-ordinator

We are currently doing the full online version on the website every month as well as a scaled down version printed for the in-person meetings.

There are currently 16 advertisers.

Printing costs have been significantly reduced by having a very scaled back version for print available at the in-person guild meetings. The full version with advertisers' ads is available online on the website.

The advertiser's information page has been removed from the online newsletter as it is posted on the website under the newsletter tab. We are giving good value to our advertisers as the online newsletter reaches our membership and beyond. They benefit from the very wide exposure that a print edition cannot offer without printing cost limitations.

### <u>Program Linda B.</u>

We had a variety of presenters and some new games at our guild meetings during the year.

The presenters were: September 6, 2022- Her Honour Donna Mirasty

October 4, 2022- Judy Cormier

November 4, 2022 - Jacquie Berger spoke and we played a fun game of Strip Poker with a Christmas/winter theme. January 3, 2023 - Jennifer Houlden

February 7, 2023 - John MacPhail

March 7, 2023 - Cheryl Arkison

April 4, 2023 - Carol Geddes and Zarin Zavery

In April, the results of the guild challenge to make a lap size monochromatic quilt were shown.

Gift certificates were given to 3 of the participants by drawing names.

May 2, 2023 - Guild members are being asked to bring their favourite tool that was not purchased from a fabric or quilt store. As well we will play a game of Strip Poker with a spring/summer palette.

#### Communications Jymmi Kaye D.

In May 2022 the Director Website role was changed to Director of Communications. The communications role includes oversight of the following areas:

- 1. Website
  - a. Updates of photos, workshop information, general information
- 2. Facebook
  - a. Updates
- 3. Zoom
  - a. Scheduling zoom meetings, hosting zoom meetings.
- 4. MailChimp
  - a. Sending out the emails to the members
- 5. Email
  - a. Receiving and forwarding emails from members & others
- 6. Blog
  - a. Posting a blog to the website. This goes out to all members and other subscribers. 7.

#### Newsletter

- a. Posting the newsletter to the website
- 8. Executive member
  - a. Attend all executive meetings

We added online registration for Workshops and online registration for membership.

Every now and then a report will include Statistics & Fun Facts such as the following:

#### <u>Mailchimp</u>

Date	22-23		Notes	
	Opens %	Clicks %		
Jan 19 2023	85.1	14	On average 15-20 people do not open the email	
Jan 31	86.8	39.5		
Feb 7	91.2	52.6		
Feb 9			2 unsubscribed (one accidentally)	
Feb 12			1 new subscriber	
Feb 18	87.1	43.1		
Mar 6	90.5	61.2		
Mar 8	88.8	38.8		
Mar 31	82.8	26.7		
Apr 4	83.6	35.3		

#### Website

Blog	Scored 141 visits on Thurs Nov 3 for Quilting 101 & Sashing, Binding, Borders	
Connecting Threads	See the spike on the days photos are posted to Facebook	
Newsletter	ewsletter See the spike on the days the email goes out with a website link vs pdf link	

Facebook

Fun Fact – who made a visit to the website?

Canada USA China Austria Rep of Korea Philippines Singapore South Africa El Salvador Nigeria Turkey

Women		Men	
65+	49%	65+	0.3%
55-64	24%	55-64	0%
45-54	12%	45-54	1%
33-44	10%	33-44	0%
25-34	3%	25-34	0.3%
18-24	0	18-24	0

#### Other Guild Initiatives

50/50 (Betty U., Sherre S.) raised \$253.50 to buy new books for the library.

UFO (Renee B.) challenges guild members to finish their unfinished quilts Retreats (Shannon B., Jacquie B.) organized opportunities for members to "retreat" from the regular world and have a fun weekend of sewing.

Connecting Threads (Marlene S.C.) – the charity arm of the guild makes quilts to be donated to those in need. Connecting Threads continues to meet every Thursday from Sept – June at the Neil Balkwill Centre.

This year we received a \$500 grant from SaskTel's Share the Warmth program. This was put towards our commitment of donating 50 quilts to the KidsFirst program.

In 2022, we donated 667 quilts, 438 placemats and 195 pillowcases. Because of the decline in Meals on Wheels clients, we unfortunately will not be collecting placemats for donations in the future.

Zoom Sewing Days (Lynn B.) – a new initiative of the guild this year to allow quilters to work at home while sharing their time on zoom.

# Annual General Meeting Minutes September 6 2022

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Gerein at 7:04 pm.

A quorum was present.

1. Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented. Jacquie B/Tannis F

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the SAGM of 2022 May 4 distributed prior to the meeting.

MOTION: Jackie B/Tannis F that the minutes be adopted. Carried.

1. Financial Statements as at 2022 June 30

MOTION: Tannis F/Terri F that the Financial Statements as at June 30, 2022 be approved as reviewed by Glen Stewart. Carried.

1. Appointment of an Auditor

MOTION: Fay H/Betty U that the Guild have the 2022/2023 Financial Records reviewed rather than audited. Carried.

2. Changes to bylaws

Proposed changes to the bylaws were circulated prior to the meeting.

MOTION: Jymmi-Kaye D/Mary F that the proposed by-law changes be approved.

Carried.

1. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

# **Guild Officers and Directors**

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# **Guild Committees**

50/50 Draw Committee: Sheree S, Betty U

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Library Pat P, Mary O, Linda W, Debbie W