

BYLAWS

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MUSIC CITY QUILTERS GUILD

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be: MUSIC CITY QUILTERS GUILD (MCQG).

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

- Section 1. To promote the love and appreciation of quilts, to encourage preservation of quilts and the art of fine quilt making.
- Section 2. To encourage, sponsor, support and participate in quilting activities.
- Section 3. To share knowledge of quilt making and quilting techniques.
- Section 4. To provide friendship and mutual encouragement to Guild members.

ARTICLE III – POLICIES

- Section 1. The policies of this organization shall be in harmony with the published policies and Bylaws of the Tennessee Valley Quilters Association. (TVQA) (Current copy to be maintained by Secretary.)
- Section 2. The organization shall be nonpartisan, nonsectarian, and nonprofit.
- Section 3. Treasury funding, In addition to annual dues and individual contributions, may include fund-raising events which MCQG votes to conduct to benefit MCQG treasury.
- Section 4. The programs of the organization shall be developed through meetings, conferences, committees, and projects. Any exchange of funds in association with the above shall be approved with a majority vote of MCQG members present at any regular meeting.
- Section 5. No candidate or commercial enterprise shall be endorsed by this organization, except as outlined In ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES.
- Section 6. In the event of a dissolution of the organization, the assets will be disposed of to a nonprofit organization(s), by suggestion of the Executive Committee and with the approval of 2/3 of the membership voting, due notice published in MCQG Newsletter or with a 15 day written notice prior to vote.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

- Section 1. MCQG regular meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month at a place and time set by the Guild members.
- Section 2. Special meetings may be called as needed by the President or three Executive Committee members.
- Section 3. Regular meetings shall be cancelled when Davidson County schools are closed due to bad weather.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS (continued)

- Section 4. A person may visit up to a maximum of three (3) times and then must make a decision on whether they want to join the Guild or be added to the current waiting list if an opening is not available. (5/2010)
- Section 5. Anyone under the age of 18 years may attend the monthly guild meeting with a current member as space allows and as long as the child is not disruptive. This excludes all other Guild functions. (As per St. John's church policy all children must be accompanied by an adult at all times in all areas of the property.) (5/2010)

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- Section 1. Membership shall be composed of persons interested in the objectives of the organization set forth in ARTICLE II. Current dues must be paid to be considered a member in good standing.
- Section 2. Voting body of this organization shall consist of all members in good standing. MCQG members present will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting with a majority vote ruling, (except where specific voting requirements are set forth in other parts of the MCQG Bylaws.)
- Section 3. Annual dues for membership shall be \$45 per calendar year. Dues shall be paid in November with \$15 going to TVQA and \$30 remaining with the Guild. After July 1 dues for new members shall be reduced to \$33.75 (\$15 to TVQA and \$18.75 remaining with the Guild). After September 1, dues for new members shall be reduced to \$22.50 (\$7.50 to TVQA and \$15 remaining with the Guild). (10/2011)
- Section 4. A Membership Cap of 150 members shall be maintained. (5/2010)
- Section 5. To become a member of the Guild, a person shall be at least 18 years of age or older. (5/2010);

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND ELECTION

- Section 1. Officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian.
- Section 2. Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at the September meeting. The committee shall present their slate of officers at the October meeting and publish their slate of officers in the Newsletter preceding the November meeting. Voting for officers shall take place at the November meeting, with opportunity for nominations from the floor. (Prior consent is required from any proposed nominee). (11/2011)
- Election shall be by a majority vote of those members present and in good standing.
- Installation of officers will be conducted at the December meeting and new officers assume their duties at the close of the December meeting. Officers shall coordinate the transfer of duties with their counterpart to insure smooth transition.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND ELECTION (continued)

- Section 3. Officers must be members in good standing at the time of their nomination, and they shall have been members of MCQG for at least one (1) year.
- Section 4. The officers are elected for one (1) year and may serve only two (2) consecutive years in the same office, except the treasurer's tenure may be retained from two (2) years to six (6) years.
- Section 5. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by an appointment from the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and Executive Committee meetings. The President shall be a representative of this organization to TVQA. The President or their appointed representative shall be a liaison between MCQG and meeting place representatives. All special committees and/or chairmen shall be appointed by the President or Executive Committee.
- Section 2. The Vice President will preside at meetings in the absence of the President and will serve as chairman of the Program Committee.
- Section 3. The Secretary shall keep records of all regular meetings and any other records required by the organization and be responsible for keeping all permanent records from prior years. Will also be responsible for sending articles to the TVQA Newsletter.
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall collect and dispense dues and all monies collected by the organization. The Treasurer shall keep an up-to-date record of all members in good standing and provide new member information to the Newsletter Editor. The Treasurer shall be a member of or an advisor to committees involved in MCQG expenditures. The disbursement of funds over \$50 shall have prior approval of MCQG, except for TVQA dues. Should a situation arise between regular meetings requiring disbursement of funds over \$50, prior approval shall be obtained from the Executive Committee.
- Section 5. The Parliamentarian shall advise MCQG of proper parliamentary procedures on an as needed basis. The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order. Newly Revised shall govern this organization in all cases in which they are not consistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1. Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President.
- Section 3. The President or three (3) members of the Executive Committee may invite members to present to the Executive Committee a pertinent matter and allocate time for this.

ARTICLE IX - STANDING COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The President and Nominating Committee, jointly, shall appoint all Standing Committees and/or Chairmen to serve from the appointed date until new appointments have been made.
- Section 2. Hostess Committee and/or Chairman shall be responsible for securing volunteer hostesses to provide and serve refreshments for meetings and co-ordinate refreshment required for special events.
- Section 3. Library Committee - The librarian and/or the committee shall be responsible for preparing materials for circulation. Maintain a master list of all materials in the library, bring library items to regular meetings for members to check in and out. Make recommendations to the Executive Committee or MCQG regarding purchase(s) and removal of materials as funds and/or needs arise. Purchase approved new material to add to the library and publish new titles in Newsletter. Receive and acknowledge library donations.
- Section 4. Hospitality and Membership Committee shall keep a permanent attendance roster of MCQG membership monthly and notify Secretary of number of members and visitors present at each meeting. This committee shall implement a plan for greeting visitors (and making them recognizable to Guild members), and a plan for assisting in the orientation of new members.
- Section 5. Newsletter Editor and/or their committee shall collect all news items and new member data, to compile and mail a monthly newsletter to every member in good standing and others deemed necessary. The Editor will provide an updated membership list at least twice yearly.
- Section 6. The Publicity Committee and/or Chairman shall be responsible for informing MCQG members about upcoming quilting activities and for promoting MCQG activities. When possible, shall provide upcoming activity to the Newsletter Editor.
- Section 7. The Sunshine Committee and/or Chairman shall be responsible for sending cards to the appropriate person when sickness or death touches the lives of MCQG members and their families. When possible, she shall provide this information to the Newsletter Editor.
- Section 8. The Historian shall be responsible for compiling and preserving historical documents of MCQG.

ARTICLE X - SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Section 1. Committees, other than the Standing Committees above, shall be appointed by the President as needed by MCQG. Committees may be discharged when activities of such committees cease or are no longer required.
- Section 2. Committees shall record activities and make report(s) as needed. All documents to be filed with the Secretary upon completion of their objectives.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended or revised at any regular meeting of MCQG by a 2/3 vote of the members present, in good standing and voting. Proposed amendment(s) or revisions must be distributed to each member using the following methods:

- A. At Guild meeting preceding meeting for vote and notice being mailed to those not present at least 15 days prior to vote.
- B. Published in or mailed with the Newsletter prior to vote, or
- C. Written notice given 15 days prior to vote.

The above is a current copy of MCQG’s Bylaws (revised 11/1/11)

The Bylaws Committee made numerous efforts to obtain the opinions and suggestions of the entire Guild in an effort to reflect the voice of the membership in their proposal. They, also, used TVQA’s current published Bylaws and other guilds’ Bylaws in their work sessions. The only voting requirements are a member’s presence and being in good standing. (This means your dues must be current.

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