

Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting
October 8, 2013
Westside Community Center
Meeting Minutes

President Carla Toczek called the meeting to order and had a number of announcements to share with the guild members.

Pam Thomas was present to collect quilts from guild members for Threads Across Nebraska at tonight's meeting.

The bus trip to Des Moines was pronounced a success.

Our scheduled speaker is not able to speak at our meeting due to her mother-in-law's death.

The guild has received a request from the National Quilt Museum in Paducah asking for donations. They would like to receive quilts from guilds across the country for their "Quilt for Quilting Campaign." Quilts donated will be raffled at several events with proceeds going to the museum's general fund with the purpose of advancing the art of quilting. Their deadline for receiving quilts is April 1, 2014. OQG will receive a plaque if anyone from our guild donates something to this cause.

A newsletter chairperson is still needed.

Children's Hospital here in Omaha is requesting hand made bags for their fundraiser, "Art in the Bag." Their raffle will be held on October, 20, 2013.

Omaha Visitor's Bureau has contacted the guild inviting us to host a Ricky Timm's seminar. Tammy Magill has volunteered to be the liaison. The seminar may not be held for 2-3 years. It would be a 2 ½ day seminar. Attendees would receive a 100 page notebook. The cost would be \$224. Members were asked to indicate their interest in pursuing this idea with a show of hands.

Approval was noted. Bev Adams, Judy Sellers and Barb Van Trump volunteered to help Tammy.

Committee Reports:

Programs – Judy Sellers reported that we hope to have Betty New speak and hold her class in the spring. The class size can include up to 27 quilters. Next month, Dawn Heese will teach a class on wool appliqué on cotton. Cost is \$40. Dawn designs patterns for Linen Closet Designs, vintage patterns for today.

Home of the Brave – members were encouraged to continue to turn in blocks.

Caring Friends Auction – Elizabeth Kannady reminded members that the challenge this year is that the item must include the color, pink, and a button. She encouraged members to be creative. She will accept items at the November meeting and would like to know at that time if any other items will be donated.

Holiday party – Carol McCann is selling the tickets. Contact her or come to the meeting next month.

Santa's Workshop (mini raffle) – Becky Draper is collecting items. You may still donate next month but Becky would appreciate a call informing her what items members will be bringing. She will also have raffle tickets for sale and items displayed at the November meeting.

Children's Emergency Fund – This is the 21st year that the guild has participated in this project which benefits children of all ages. We are helping children struggling with emotional issues, those who may have been mistreated, children being moved from one foster home to another, etc. Pat Sears showed several stocking samples and announced that she has a limited amount of fabric still available. Angel bags will be available for members to pick up at the November meeting. They should be filled and returned at the Holiday Party. The OQG website has a list of items that would be good to include in an angel bag.

Block Exchange – Jeanette announced 2 winners for this month. She informed members that this same pattern will be expanded on for next month.

Quilt Show – Yvonne Wilson enlightened members with several "rules for quilting." She reminded members that challenge projects must include feathers and may have a perimeter no larger than 100 inches.

Quilts of Valor – Sandy Pihlgren showed sample labels and informed guild members that quilts are personalized for the service person. Two quilts were turned in tonight. She reminded members that "sew-ins" are generally held on the 4th Saturday of the month at A Quilting Place, Jackie Heyne's shop, from noon to 4 p.m. Quilts are distributed to service persons here in our area in April or May. Up to this point, 45,000 quilts have been donated nationally. Sandy has been in charge of this project for the last 5 years and is looking for a replacement at the end of the year.

Bus Trip – The trip was enjoyed by members who were able to go. However, only ¼ of the riders were guild members. Next year a smaller bus will be requested. It was decided to skip the Fons and Porter warehouse next year.

Camp Wannamakeablankie – Room assignments will be sent out soon. There is one available space due to a cancellation. Call Cheri Vossberg if interested.

Doorprizes were handed out and the meeting concluded with "Show and Tell."

Since our speaker was unable to attend, the members were invited to watch "Why Quilts Matter" narrated by Shelly Zegart.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish