## Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting November 12, 2013 Westside Community Center Meeting Minutes

After calling the meeting to order, President Carla Toczek welcomed members and quests. Members who brought "show and tell" items were asked to present them. Carla informed the members that our quilt show chairman for this year, Yvonne Wilson, had to unexpectedly resign. She welcomed Nancy Peters as the new guilt show chairman, thanking her for stepping forward to help out. All previous plans will remain in place. Cindy Erickson asked the members to think about the future and hoped that someone would decide to "shadow" Nancy this year for a smooth transition the following year. The guilt show is an important event for the guild bringing in much needed revenue. Cindy reminded members that we all need to work together to strengthen the guild and that many hands are needed for the show. Carla reminded the guild members that we have had no one volunteer to take over the newsletter. She then informed the guild that our webmaster, Roberta Willit, will be retiring at the end of the year. The guild would like to have a webmaster-in-training to work with Roberta for the rest of the year and agree to a 2 year commitment. If no one volunteers for this position, we may have to hire a company to do this work for us. A short discussion was held. The following points were presented: it is possible that we could use the money previously spent on the newsletter to pay for this service, the guild would need to provide 2 contacts, the website could be updated twice a week and there should be no interruption in service. A final decision will have to be made soon.

There was one winner for the block exchange.

A needle plate was found at Camp Wannamakablankie.

Cindy Erickson asked members whether they preferred to have judged quilts in the show. A show of hands showed that judging is preferred.

Tammy presented a number of door prizes. She asked members to be sure to use the note card provided to thank the donors for their generosity.

Judy Sellers introduced our speaker, Dawn Heese. Dawn is from Columbus, MO. She is a teacher and hand quilter who has her own pattern company, Linen Closet Designs. She has written four books and is working on her fifth. Dawn entertained members with her quilt story and shared many of her beautiful quilts.

Respectfully submitted by, Carol Nish