

Omaha Quilter's Guild Board Meeting
April 1, 2014
Lutheran Church of the Master
Board Meeting Minutes

President Carla Toczek opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with 15 members present: Tammy Magill, Bev Adams, Carla Toczek, Linda Holman, Nancy Peters, Judy Sellers, Corinne Mittag, Roberta Willet, Mary Zagozda, Connie Pratt, Gerry Cordes, Angie Reed, Jeanette Podwinski, Darcy Jorgensen and Carol Nish.

Correspondence

Carla announced several requests for fundraising quilts. The first request came from "Shakespeare on the Green." A representative would like to speak at the meeting to request quilts for this summer's performances. Camp Carol Joy Holling is having a fundraising auction on Saturday, July 26, 2014. They have requested a quilt. It was decided that the donation would continue to be the quilt that is made at camp each year. The Sports for Kids Foundation is hosting a fundraiser for special needs children. They would like a quilt to auction. Angie has a number of skateboard quilts that have been made this year. One of those will be donated.

Old Business

The "Last Supper" quilt event is coming this month, April 17 and 18 to Pacific Hills Lutheran Church. Around 15,000 people are expected to view this quilt. The board decided to take 300 bookmarks advertising our quilt show to the church to be distributed.

Linda informed the board that we still need a volunteer for president-elect, quilt mom, and quilt show chairman for 2015.

Committee Reports

Spring Fling - The dates and location for Spring Fling 2015 are February 13-15 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center.

Programs – Judy Sellers informed the board that the class taught by Deb Warren of "Material Girls" in Grand Island along with Sandi McMillan will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2014 from 10 – 4 p.m. They will have a trunk show featuring "modern" quilts at the April meeting.

Carolyn Jones is the scheduled speaker for May. The class will feature a "tile inspired" block and will be held on the Wednesday following the meeting.

Gerry and Judy have a number of speakers lined up for the future including: Sue Daly in May, 2015 (English paper piecing), Lyric Kinard in March, 2016 (art quilter), Cindy Lautenbach in February or April, 2015 (hand dyeing fabric).

Corresponding Secretary – Connie received a check from DMSI. They gave a charitable donation of \$100 for the Children’s Emergency Fund.

Treasurer - Bev Adams presented the treasurer’s report.

Membership – Tammy reported that membership has remained at approximately 230.

Special Events – Tammy reported that she has a meeting planned with Vanessa Denny from the Omaha Visitor’s Bureau. She will ask the Visitor’s Bureau to collaborate with the Guild in planning and hosting Ricky Timm’s possible visit.

Quilt Show - Nancy informed the board that she has a judge. The cost will be \$400 plus travel expenses. After some discussion, the board decided to ask Lorraine Fitzgerald to be the “Featured Quilter” at the show this year. Additionally, Quilts of Valor will display some of their quilts, the small quilt auction will have a “buy it now” option and the guild will be selling water bottles with the OQG logo.

Bus Trip – The bus trip is planned for Saturday, October 4 and will take members to the AQS Show in Des Moines, Iowa. The plan is to arrive at the show at 9 a.m., leave at 2:45, travel to Winterset to shop, eat and drive by a covered bridge. The board decided to request a 47 passenger bus with the idea that a larger bus could be obtained if needed. Last year’s cost was \$40 and the price should be similar this year.

Helping Hands – Angie reported that a quilt was donated to the Josie Harper Hospice House due to a personal request. Helping Hands will also donate 10 – 12 table runners for the small quilt auction.

Opportunity Quilt – The quilt has been displayed at Braided River as well as a number of local quilt shops.

Webmaster – Roberta reported that Jeff Acklie previously hosted OQG’s website on his server. Because he will no longer provide this service, Roberta contacted a new company to host our website. ETN Creative will now host the website. The rate has dropped from \$300 per year to \$106 for 3 years. The transfer will cost approximately \$800 to \$900. This cost will be made up in the reduced hosting rate. The website will be condensed as most visitors tend to look at only about 15 of the current 64 pages. Roberta will continue temporarily as “Webstitcher” until her replacement is found.

Historian – Darcy reported that she met with Lorraine to get an idea of how much material Lorraine has accumulated over the years. After some discussion,

the board decided that they would like to convert the old photos, etc. to a digital format that would be easier to store. The original photo albums that Lorraine made could be donated to the International Quilt Study Center if they are interested. Some or all of these albums will be displayed at the Quilt Show this year for members to enjoy. Darcy will continue to shadow Lorraine this year.

Judy moved to adjourn. Roberta seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish