Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting May 13, 2014 Westside Community Center Meeting Minutes

President Carla Toczek opened the meeting. Carla thanked everyone for their support this year and passed the "gavel" on to our new president, Linda Holman.

Linda welcomed members and greeted guests. She introduced Elizabeth Kannady to present this year's "Golden Thimble" award. The award is given to a guild member who displays exemplary leadership, community outreach and service to others. Jackie Heyne and Elizabeth served on this year's committee. The 2014 recipient is Michelle Craig. Michelle has been involved in various guild committees including: Helping Hands and the Boys Town Mother's Guild. She promotes quilting at her church, has worked to promote Project Linus, teaches quilting to children and has helped provide quilts for veterans. Congratulations to Michelle!

Linda presented the officers and committee chairs for 2014/15.

Judy Sellers, standing in for Gerry Cordes, presented the programs for 2014/15.

Quilt Show – Nancy Peters asked for men who would be willing and able to help load and unload the truck on Wednesday, June 18. Cindy Erickson provided information about the labels for the quilts: labels should be big enough to read easily, the quilt number should cover the quilter's name on the back of the quilt, and the label should be placed on the lower left corner on the back of the quilt. According to Nancy, quilt numbers will be emailed to members by the end of next week. Volunteers are still needed for a variety of jobs. CD's will be available after the show. Thanks to all who have already donated to the small quilt auction. More items are needed. Scissor-sharpening and quilt appraisals will be available at the show along with about 35 vendors.

There has been a slight change in the turn-in time. Quilts may be turned in to Mary Dudzinski (3505 South 105^{th} Street) on Wednesday, June 11 from 6-8p.m. and on Thursday or Friday from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Quilts may also be turned in at More Sew For You on Friday from 2-5 p.m. and on Saturday from 1-4p.m. Members will receive a receipt when quilts are turned in. This receipt must be presented in order to pick quilts up from the show on Saturday, June 21.

Block Exchange – There was one winner for the set of blocks turned in this evening. A winner was also chosen for the quilt that was displayed all year. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan next year's block exchange was invited to a planning meeting on July 8 at the Village Inn at 108th and L Streets at 1:30 p.m.

Membership – A new membership chair is needed since Tammy will be taking on the duties of quilt show chairman next year. A number of door prizes were awarded from the following shops: More Sew For You, Bela Fiore, The Quilt Studio, Sew Creative and JoAnne's.

Carol Gilham Jones was the speaker. Her lecture was titled "Tile Quilts, Then and Now."

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish