

**Omaha Quilter's Guild Board Meeting**  
**September 2, 2014**  
**Lutheran Church of the Master**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

OQG president, Linda Holman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with 21 members present including: Tammy Magill, Bev Adams, Carla Toczek, Linda Holman, Amy Robertson, Janelle Reed, Mary Zagozda, Frances Williamson, Darcy Jorgensen, Andi Chakravarti, Dorothy Muse, Janet Hall, Carol McCann, Brenda Reid, Jackie Heyne, Michele Jons, Angie Reed, Cherry Ping, Jeanette Podwinski, Kathy Mainelli and Carol Nish.

**President's report**

Linda handed out an updated list of officers and committee chairs to all present. She asked all board members to introduce themselves.

Linda informed the board that Claudette Lee will be coordinating a project, "Quilts of Conscience," at Benson High School beginning on September 19.

**Committee Reports**

Corresponding Secretary – Brenda has received flyers for the October AQS show in Des Moines.

Treasurer – Bev presented the report. The report was approved.

Programs – According to Gerry, there is only one person signed up to take the class next week. A discussion was held regarding possible causes for the low registrations. It was also reported that Gerry is now booking the Holiday Inn Express (I80 and 370) for guest speakers.

Holiday Party – Carol McCann informed the guild that the German American Club will once again be the site of our "Holiday Party" on December 9. Doors will open at 5 with dinner at 6:30. The menu will include 2 meat dishes, with a variety of pies for dessert. There is space for 16 tables of ten. Guests are welcome. Carol will sell tickets at next month's board meeting as well as at the general membership meeting. Tickets are \$20 per person. Checks should be made payable to OQG.

Historian – Darcy proposed a calendar fundraiser using pictures of quilts from this year's quilt show. She would like to include as many guild-related dates as possible. After some discussion, the board approved this idea. Calendars will sell for \$15. They will run from September 2014 to August 2015.

Membership – Fran asked that the online forms indicate that members should send their checks (for payment of dues) to her. She also informed the board that

membership cards will be handed out at next week's meeting. Visitors at this meeting will be charged the \$5 national speaker fee.

Quilt Show – Tammy reminded the board that the theme for next year's show is "Quilting is a Work of Art." She reported that Nancy would like to sell leftover water bottles (\$3 each) at the general membership meeting. She will also have several leftover decorations to sell. Tammy noted that she is beginning to purchase items for the show. After hearing that a printer was needed, Darcy volunteered to supply one. Tammy informed the board that the 2014 judge suggested having a demo or lecture on what judges look for when judging a quilt. The online volunteer sign-up will be provided again. Committee positions still needed include publicity, small quilt auction and special displays. Tammy is considering selling charms at the show. Amy Robertson and Merrilee Hansen will coordinate the challenge. The challenge is to make a quilt inspired by an artist or work of art. The maker must provide the name of the artist and a picture of the piece of artwork that inspired them. Size dimensions: minimum of 18 inches across, maximum of 150 inches around the outside edges. The piece must be a quilt. Amy and Merrilee plan to provide checkpoints and incentives throughout the year to encourage and inspire quilters to make a challenge quilt.

Block Exchange – Jeanette informed the board that her committee decided to do a "mystery" quilt this year. There will be three options for members to choose from.

Bus Trip – The bus trip is planned for Saturday, October 4 and will take members to the AQS Show in Des Moines, Iowa. The cost is \$42. Mary has arranged for a 47 passenger bus. She presented the agenda and meal arrangements. Mary informed the board that after Tuesday's meeting, the bus trip will be opened up to nonmembers.

Quilts of Valor – Mary Zagozda and Kerby Selmer are the new chairs.

Community Connections – Kathy Mainelli is the new chair. She announced that a quilt will be donated to the Scottish Rite Center. Angie is providing a quilt from Helping Hands.

Helping Hands – Angie Reed asked for her new form to be provided online.

Librarian – Janelle Reed is working on updating books. She proposed using the website "Library Thing" to give members access to our books online. After some discussion, the board agreed to her proposal and approved the \$25 cost of a lifetime membership to this site.

Properties – Andi is still looking for a new storage facility that can accommodate the height of our tall items. She asked for any changes needed for the meeting.

Quilt Mom – Jackie informed the board that the opportunity quilt is currently hanging in her shop and that 135 tickets have already been sold. She proposed that we ask each

member to support the guild with their purchase of 10 tickets. The tickets will be in an envelope with each member's name and available at the October meeting. After some discussion, the board approved this request.

Rising Stars – Cheri reported that Lynn has arranged for an insurance agent to speak on Tuesday night regarding insuring quilts/fabric/supplies. The program will begin at 6 p.m. in the north commons.

Small groups / Ambassadors – Dorothy reported that the "Bias Babes" will be the ambassadors for the September meeting. She has asked small groups to contact her and so far she knows of 18 small groups, with 5 or 6 that are currently open.

Webmaster – It was noted that Corinne will update the website on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### **New Business**

A chairman is needed for the mini raffle at our Holiday Party. It was noted that Becky Draper did so much for this raffle and her shoes will be hard to fill. A discussion was held on this chairman's proposed responsibilities.

The next board meeting will be on October 7.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish