

Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting
October 14, 2014
Westside Community Center
Meeting Minutes

President Linda Holman welcomed new and returning members as well the visitors in attendance. She introduced Micah Evans. Mr. Evans spoke to the guild about the Scottish Rite and their mission to help children with speaking disorders. He thanked the guild for the quilt donation and invited members to attend their auction on Friday. Linda then thanked the volunteers who have offered to help with the mini-affle and announced that Liz Fleming will be the new coordinator. She then asked members to approve the budget for 2014/15 as it appears online. The motion was made and seconded and members voted to approve the budget. Linda announced that Pam Thomas returned quilts from our guild that were displayed at Threads Across Nebraska in Kearney.

Carla Toczek informed the guild that the December issue of American Patchwork and Quilting includes a very nice article about our "Boys Town Mother's Guild." She complimented them on the great work that they have done and continue to do for Boys Town.

Committee reports:

Camp Wannamakablankie – Cheri Vossberg reported that all is ready for campers. Checkin will begin at noon on Friday at Camp Carol Joy Holling. Campers should look for sign-up sheets for massages and Tai Chi.

Block Exchange – Jeanette Podwinski announced that the response to the mystery quilt has been great. She asked members to call her if they are having any trouble with the blocks. Two groups of blocks were distributed to winners, Amy Robertson and Joan Workman.

Quilts of Valor – Mary Zagozda reported that this group meets on the fourth Saturday of every month (except November and December) at A Quilting Place. All are welcome.

Mini-Raffle – Liz Fleming announced that donations are now being accepted for the Mini-Raffle. If possible, the committee would like members to drop off items that they would like to donate at one of these three homes:

Liz Fleming – 15927 Dorcas Circle, Omaha
Bev Adams – 922 Shenandoah Drive, Papillion
Carol Nish – 3617 Westgate Road

If anyone has baskets that they would be willing to donate to display items at the Holiday Party, these would also be appreciated. Tickets for the raffle will be available at the November meeting and at the Holiday Party.

Programs – Gerry Cordes announced that Mary Fons is next month's speaker. She informed the guild that the cost to bring her to Omaha is \$1200. She will be teaching 2 classes, Churn Dash and Rolling Stone. Her lecture will be "A Thirty Something Quilter Tells All." She encouraged members to sign up for the classes. She also announced that members from the area guilds will be invited to take the classes.

Quilt Mom – Jackie Heyne reported that tickets are now available for each of the guild members for this year's "Opportunity Quilt." We need the support of all members and are asking each member to purchase 10 tickets for our quilt. The quilt is currently displayed at A Quilting Place.

Quilt Show 2015 – Tammy Magill announced water bottles from last year's show will continue to be sold. She told the guild that her inspiration for this year's theme, "Quilting is a Work of Art," was the news that Joslyn Museum discovered that they owned a true Rembrandt. Tammy announced that Cheri Vossburg will be working on decorations and could use some help, Jan Koch will once again be in charge of vendors and an auction chair is needed. Tammy asked Amy to explain the rules of the challenge and encouraged all to enter. A drawing will be held at the November meeting for members who bring their ideas for their challenge quilt to the meeting. Be sure to bring your inspiration picture.

Children's Emergency Fund / Holiday Party

Pat Sears thanked Liz and the other members who have volunteered to help with the Mini-Raffle. She encouraged members to participate in the stocking challenge. This year's theme is "Cozy, Comfy Christmas." She noted that the proceeds from the Holiday Party go to help children in Douglas and Sarpy counties who are taken into protective custody. Pat indicated that she still needs help with the "Angel" bags.

Pat reminded members about the Caring Friends Auction at our Holiday Party. She noted that items must have some blue and white. She asked members to have items turned in to Elizabeth by December 1. Elizabeth asked that items be labeled and come with a description.

Historian – Darcy Jorgensen announced that a small number of calendars are still available.

Membership – Janet Hall and Frances Williamson announced that 154 members were present at the meeting. This included 25 new members. Membership booklets were handed out tonight and will be available again next month. Check

the website for a listing of the new members. This information will be available for members to print out and add to their booklet. A number of doorprizes were distributed.

After "Show and Tell," Gerry introduced our speaker, Donna Lynn Thomas. She entertained the guild with her lecture, "What in the World is On-Point Patchwork?" Books, patterns and rulers were available for sale after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish