

Omaha Quilter's Guild Board Meeting
October 6, 2015
Lutheran Church of the Master
Board Meeting Minutes

OQG president, Amy Robertson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with 20 members present including: Angella Arndt, Bev Adams, Linda Holman, Amy Robertson, Carol McCann, Tammy Magill, Maureen Cass, Janelle Reed, Andi Chakravarti, Frances Williamson, Carece Harstad, Angie Reed, Kathy Mainelli, Kerby Selmer, Mary Zagozda, Gerry Cordes, Corinne Mittag, Cindy Erickson, Darcy Jorgensen and Carol Nish.

President's report

Amy reported that Westside Community Center has informed us that they are turning the Community Center into a grade school in April. We will lose our storage space at that time. We can continue to meet there, at least temporarily, but the room will be a cafeteria during the day.

Amy also reported on the ribbons that we sponsored at the state fair this year: best portrait quilt awarded to Peg Pennell, best quilt by a group awarded to the Sunbonnet Sues and best hand quilting for a large quilt awarded to Ann Bade.

Committee Reports

Programs – Gerry reported that she has 16 quilters signed up to take Joe Cunningham's class. She is still accepting registrations as the class can hold 25. Gerry talked about our November speaker, Shelly Burge and her class offering, "Not Your Grandmother's String Piecing." Classes continue to be held at A Quilting Place although speakers are now staying at Fairfield rather than the Holiday Inn Express. Gerry read the email and note that she received from Theresa Duryea Wong thanking us for hosting her visit. Theresa would appreciate comments on her website, if anyone would like to do that. Gerry was contacted by Cindy Lohbeck, one of last year's speakers, who offered to teach a class. Cindy would pay her own travel expenses. The board decided that they may consider that option at a later date. Lastly, Maureen reported that she has 2 speakers already on the agenda for next year: Nicki Waller for October and Joen Wolfrom in November.

Treasurer – Bev sent her report out before the meeting. No discussion was needed. Bev asked that any committees or groups that donated quilts last year please let her know how many quilts were donated and what organizations received the quilts. She also reminded board members to use the form available for deposits and requests for reimbursements.

Historian – Darcy reported that she is checking into a calendar again this year, but is unable to get the same deal that she received last year. The board discussed options and decided on a January to December 2016 calendar.

Membership – Fran reported that we currently have 195 paid members. She took the membership information to the print shop and expects the directories and membership cards to be ready to hand out at the October meeting. 250 books have been ordered along with additional membership forms.

Quilt Show – Tammy Magill announced dates for this year's show: forms will be due on April 12, 2016, drop off will be June 9 – 11, verification will be June 12 and the quilt show itself will be held on June 23 – 25.

Block Exchange – Amy reported for Carla that the October blocks are ready.

Bus trip – Mary Zagozda reported that the bus trip to Des Moines was cancelled due to lack of interest. The board discussed other options for the spring.

Camp Wannamakablankie – Carol McCann reported that currently 52 campers are registered. She is letting campers know that Target sells pink pajamas with a "sewing theme" and thought they might take a picture of any who wear them to camp on Friday after dinner.

Holiday Party – Carol McCann collected money from board members for the dinner tickets. She will give out the tickets at the meeting next Tuesday. There will be sixteen tables of 10 with the remaining tables seating eight. Two hundred and forty can be seated on the main floor.

Santa's Workshop – Guild members may bring donations to the guild meetings in October and November or to the homes of Liz Fleming, Bev Adams or Carol Nish. Tickets will be sold at the October and November meetings.

Helping Hands – Angie Reed has received some partially completed tops and fabric for her helping hands group.

Library – Janelle Reed has added 22 new books to the library.

Long Range Planning – Cindy Erickson reported that this group is actively looking for a new meeting location. It was noted that we can continue to meet at the Westside Community Center at least through the end of the year.

Properties – Andi reported that Rising Stars will not meet in the north commons, but will need to meet in the regular meeting room this month. She asked board members to email her with any property needs for next month as she will not be able to attend the board meeting.

Quilts of Valor – Kerby reported that they have quilts ready to donate and are currently waiting to hear from the VA about the actual donations.

Small Groups – Carece has decided to call a meeting for anyone interested in a small group in the hopes that some new small groups will be formed since most

current small groups are closed. She will announce details at the meeting on Tuesday.

Webstitcher – Corinne is working with our web provider to try and iron out any remaining problems with our website. She asked for newsletter articles by Friday. She encouraged members to check for updates and reminded members that updates are also available on the guild's Facebook page.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish