

Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting
February 9, 2016
German American Center

Meeting Minutes

After calling the meeting to order, President Amy Robertson welcomed all members to our new location at the German American Center.

President's report: Amy reported that due to health regulations, members are not allowed to bring in any outside food or drink to the meetings. Water is available.

Committee reports:

Spring Fling - Angella Arndt reported that the retreat is all set for this weekend. Checkin will begin at 1 p.m.

President-Elect - Angella Arndt announced the nominating committee for next year's officers. Committee members are; Jackie Heyne, Lori Lemmers, Fran Williamson, Janet Hall and Merna Bowman. Members were asked to consider one of the open positions on next year's board. Some of the positions open include treasurer, recording secretary and corresponding secretary.

Programs - Gerry Cordes thanked this month's "holders and folders" for helping out with showing the quilts tonight. Members may still sign up for Lyric Kinard's class in March. This class will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church. Members will need to purchase a kit and supplies. Check the website for details. Lyric's lecture is titled "Living Lyrically." April's class and speaker is Doris Deutmeyer. May's speaker and class instructor is Teresa Coenen. Gerry encouraged members to sign up for these upcoming classes.

Community Connections – Kathy Mainelli offered "Shakespeare on the Green" panels to any member who would like to make a small quilt for their productions this summer. There are no size requirements for the quilts, but it is recommended that the quilt be large enough for four people to sit. She noted that this is the 30th anniversary of Shakespeare on the Green in Omaha.

Quilts of Valor – Kerby Selmer invited all interested members to "A Quilting Place" to help sew on the 4th Saturday of each month. This group begins sewing at 9 a.m.

Quilt Show – Tammy Magill had her first meeting with this year's committee on January 28. They will meet on the third Tuesday of the month at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Papillion. Anyone interested in helping is invited to attend. As of this date, 7 vendors have signed up. The quilt entry forms are available online. Tammy encouraged members to take part in the challenge.

The decorating committee could use donations of silk flowers, garlands, ribbons, wreaths, mini items for fairy gardens and 1 ½ - 2 inch fabric strips. Items are also needed for the auction. Donations for the auction may be quilt or craft related, jewelry, gift baskets or other fun items.

NSQG – Nancy Peters is our local representative to the Nebraska State Quilt Guild. She invited members to attend this year's convention which will be held in Lincoln. She informed members that this year's state fair theme is "Fun...made in Nebraska." Nancy announced that National Quilting Day this year is March 16. She also invited members to consider entering the statewide quilt contest celebrating Nebraska's 150 years as a state. For more information check the NSQG website.

Block of the Month – Linda Holman collected 16 blocks for February and gave 8 to each of the two winners. She also handed out the patterns and focus fabric for next month's block.

Home of the Brave – Windy Benigno asked for help preparing quilt tops. She has 2 sets of blocks ready to be sewn.

Rising Stars – Lynn Doyle announced that Cindy Erickson would be the speaker in March. She will talk about getting quilts ready for the quilt show. In April, Jackie Heyne will talk about different types of batting. Lynn is planning a special program for May.

Membership – 103 members were present (including 2 new members). A number of door prizes were distributed.

Program – Peg Pennell presented the program, "Confessions of a Challenge Junkie." Fourteen members attended her class this past Sunday and Monday. They brought their projects to show our group!

Show and Tell – Several members brought quilts to show.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish