

**Omaha Quilter's Guild Board Meeting  
May 3, 2016  
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, Kerby Selmer, Bev Adams, Linda Holman, Amy Robertson, Darcy Jorgensen, Tammy Magill, Janelle Reed, Janet Hall, Carece Harstad, Corinne Mittag, Andi Chakravarti, Gerry Cordes, Cindy Erickson, Carla Toczek, Pat Sears, Frances Williamson, Kathy Mainelli, Carol McCann and Carol Nish.

New Business – Amy reported that “Threads Across Nebraska” has asked for quilts to display at their show from our guild. Amy will select 8 large and 8 small from those entered into our quilt show in June. Amy also received a request to display quilts at Welcov Assisted Living in Papillion. No decision was made on that request. The Heritage Quilt Guild from Nebraska City and the Lincoln Quilt Guild asked to sell tickets for their raffle quilts. The board decided to allow each of those guilds to bring their raffle quilt to a general membership meeting to sell tickets.

**Committee Reports**

Nominating committee – Angella reported that the committee positions still open include webstitcher, newsletter, bus trip and small groups. The new chair for the Children's Emergency Fund will work with Pat Sears this year and take over the following year.

Treasurer – Bev asked Tammy to check with Embassy Suites to see if a credit card is needed for the quilt show.

Historian – Darcy reported that she is ready to begin working on the calendars for next year. She will check on pricing and look into doing presales at the quilt show. The board discussed sales of the quilt show CD and decided not to offer them for sale due to the lack of interest. Darcy will still create 1 CD for historical purposes.

Membership – Currently we have 237 members. Fran reported that 250 membership forms for next year have been ordered. The committee decided that members must be paid and registered by the 25<sup>th</sup> of September to be included in next year's booklet. Fran also asked for donations for door prizes.

Quilt Show – Entry fees for this year are \$7 per person, \$4 for ages 3 – 12 and \$5 for seniors or groups. Two hundred and four quilts are registered. Tammy noted that several past vendors have retired and additional vendors are needed. The quilt show will be publicized on Channel 6 at Midday, in the Omaha Magazine, 55+ and the Country Register.

Block Exchange – Carla reported that the block exchange was successful this year. She began the year with 45 – 50 participating. The year ended with about 25 still participating. She pointed out that an increase in the budget may be needed for next year especially if fabric is provided with the monthly patterns.

Camp Wannamakablankie – Twenty campers are registered at this time.

Children’s Emergency Fund – Pat Sears led a discussion on the way that our donations have been distributed by DHHS and whether the guild should give the money and gifts directly to NE Families Collaborative, the agency contracted by the state of NE to take care of kids coming into foster care. DHHS has not been as accountable as we would like and it is not clear that our donations have been distributed in a timely manner. The board decided to give the money directly to NE Families Collaborative this year with the understanding that they must provide a semi-detailed accounting of our donation in January. The board decided to table donations to other programs by NE Families Collaborative until we see how this year goes. Guild members will be asked to participate in the “Booties for Cuties” program. More information will be given at a later date.

Golden Thimble – The winner of this award will be announced at the general membership meeting next Tuesday.

Library – Janelle reported that a number of new books have been purchased.

Properties – Andi noted that round tables will be needed for this meeting. She will ask that 16 tables be set up. Rising Stars will meet under the stage.

Programs – Gerry reported that 16-18 members are signed up for the class with Teresa Coenen on Tuesday. Members will be playing a dice game on Tuesday night and one person at each table will receive the game dice. Members are to bring twenty 2 ½ inch squares of fabric for the game. Teresa Coenen will provide a pattern for all members. Her presentation will focus on religious quilts.

Newsletter – Corinne asked for entries for this month’s newsletter by Friday.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish