

**Omaha Quilter's Guild Board Meeting
September 3, 2013
Lutheran Church of the Master
Board Meeting Minutes**

President Carla Toczek opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with 13 members present: Tammy Magill, Bev Adams, Carla Toczek, Linda Holman, Yvonne Wilson, Judy Sellers, Corinne Mittag, Roberta Willet, Andi Chakravarti, Connie Pratt, Brenda Reid, Angie Reed and Carol Nish.

Old Business:

A copy of the budget with changes suggested at the August board meeting was presented. Judy moved that the budget be accepted, Andi seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the budget passed. The membership will be informed that the budget is available for viewing on the website.

A corrected copy of the 2013-14 guild officers was distributed.

New Business:

Carol McCann will have tickets for the Christmas party available to the board members at the October board meeting. The cost is \$20 per person.

Members are reminded that Quilts of Valor meets on the 4th Saturday of the month at A Quilting Place.

Katie Haubrich is in charge of the greeters at the general meetings this year. A newsletter chairman is still needed.

The guild received a letter from the Friends of the Scottish Rite requesting a donation quilt for their auction on Friday, October 25. This group provides diagnostic and rehabilitative services for children. The board decided to donate an existing quilt from the collection that Angie Reed has on hand.

Linda Holman reported that a quilter has been found to make the guild's "Opportunity Quilt" for next year.

Judy Sellers reported that Candy Hargrove will be the September speaker. The topic of her lecture will be "I am a quilt designer and you are too." Candy is a sample maker for Andover Quilt Company and Jo Morton. She will also present a trunk show. The October speaker, Betty New, will present a lecture, "Free Motion Machine Sewing" along with a trunk show on October 8th. She will be teaching a class on October 9, "Beyond the Basics-Free Motion."

A discussion was held regarding the meeting space for classes and hotel room for speakers. The board approved changing the location to the Holiday Inn Express at

108th and L. The guild will now be charged \$75 for a meeting room that will seat 20 and \$102 for the hotel room for the speaker. The guild is allowed to bring in coffee and snacks to the meeting room.

Carla thanked Connie Pratt for filling in as recording secretary in August.

Bev Adams reported that the CD has been rolled over to a money market account.

Tammy Magill reported that as of today there are 150 guild members, 19 of which are new members this year. Other membership topics including greeter's duties, collecting door prizes from area quilt shops, etc. were discussed.

Yvonne Wilson asked the webmaster to open a tweeting account for the guild to help advertise the quilt show. The guild also has access to Instagram and Facebook accounts.

It was decided that board members do not need to speak at general membership meetings unless they have something new to present.

Angie Reed reported that the "Opportunity Quilt" will be at the Mormon Center next month.

Webmasters are transitioning from Roberta Willet to Brenda Reid.

The board discussed the membership booklet. It was decided to keep the amount of information in the book similar to what was done last year. A card will be included.

Andi Chakravarti reported that she and Connie will be cleaning out the guild storage room at Westside on October 8 at 3 p.m. Anyone who wishes to help is welcome.

Connie Pratt moved to adjourn. Roberta seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish

Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting
September 10, 2013
Westside Community Center
Meeting Minutes

President Carla Toczek called the meeting to order. She welcomed back old members along with new members and guests. Her message to members this year is that just as "it takes a whole village to raise a child, it takes all the members to run a guild." Changes to the board over the summer were announced: Linda Holman is president-elect and Carol Nish is recording secretary. Since a newsletter chairman has not yet stepped forward, we may need to phase out the newsletter. The news is available online on the website. The budget is also posted on the website.

Cathy White invited guild members to visit the Cathedral Cultural Center to view "Sacred Threads," a juried show that originated in Virginia. Quilts from 231 artists will be exhibited until November 10, 2013. There is no admission fee. The center is also hosting the Midwest Fiber Arts Alliance Show.

Judy Sellers invited members to take the class that our October speaker, Betty New, will be teaching, "Beyond the Basics-Free Motion Quilting." The cost is \$40 and will be held on October 9 at the Holiday Inn Express on 108th and L. A description of the class can be found on Betty's website, bettynew@comcast.net. Betty will present a lecture (Free Motion Machine Sewing) at the October meeting along with a trunk show.

Cheri Vossberg announced that there is still room for members and/or guests to attend Camp Wannamakeablankie October 18 – 20. She will accept registrations until October 1. Room and board is included in the fee. Members can opt to have a roommate. Cheri also thanked the ladies who attended last year and contributed to the quilt that was donated for the camp auction. The quilt raised \$220.

Yvonne Wilson, quilt show chairman, announced the theme for the OQG Quilt Show, which is "A Feathered Affair." Each month, the chairmen will be sharing "Cardinal Rules of Quilting" and "Wise Old Owl" advice. Members may receive this information by checking Facebook or tweeting. This month's "Cardinal Rule of Quilting" is to press, press, press as you go.

Janelle Reed is the Quilt Show Challenge chairman. To enter the challenge this year, a quilt must include feathers (either quilted or in the fabric) and have a perimeter that does not exceed 100 inches.

Sandy Philgren showed quilts that were turned in for Quilts of Valor. She reminded members that there are many ways to help. They can make blocks, quilt or bind a quilt.

Mary Zagozda reported that the bus trip to Des Moines on October 5 for the AQS Quilt Show still has plenty of seats available. The bus will leave from the College of St. Mary parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and return around 9 or 10 p.m. The \$40 fee includes the show entry fee. A dinner stop is also planned for The Machine Shed. Riders may participate in a pinwheel block exchange. Members must register for the trip by September 24.

Carol McCann announced that the Holiday Party will be held on Dec. 10 at the German American Club. Only round tables (seating 8 or 10) will be set up this year. The cost is \$20 and the event is open to members and nonmembers alike. Tickets will be available at the October board meeting and at the October and November general membership meetings.

Merilee Hansen invited members to the Fiber Funatics Annual Show at the Jewish Community Center from October 2 – 30. Admission is free. Hours are Mon – Thurs 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jeanette Podwinski announced that the block exchange for October is a Flying Geese block. Angie Reed won September's Disappearing Nine Patch blocks.

Wendy encouraged members to help with the "Home of the Brave" quilt projects.

Pat Sears announced that the fabric for the Christmas stocking challenge for the Children's Emergency Fund, the Holiday Party fundraiser, is available. This year the fabric selections are batiks. She also informed members that there is a brochure that explains the fundraiser.

Becky Draper, the mini raffle chairman for the Holiday Party announced that she will be accepting donations at the October meeting. You can also call Becky to make special arrangements as needed. The donations will be displayed at the November meeting. Raffle tickets will be sold at the November meeting and also the night of the Christmas party.

Membership chairman, Tammy Magill announced her helpers for the year, Amy Robertson, Dot Muse and Brenda Reid. Quilt members were encouraged to support the businesses that donated doorprizes. Door prizes were received from: Bloomin' Minds, Bernina Sewing Center, Country Sampler, The Quilt Studio, OQG's quilt show committee, Candy Hargrove and an anonymous member. Thanks to the Grateful Threads small group for being the greeters at this meeting. 110 members and 7 guests were present. 38 new or renewed memberships were received.

After show and tell, Candy Hargrove, a Kansas City quilter, presented her lecture, "I am a quilt designer and you are too" along with her trunk show. She also gave members her hints to improve accuracy in their quilting projects.

