

**Omaha Quilter's Guild Board Meeting
March 4, 2014
Lutheran Church of the Master
Board Minutes**

Members present included: Carla Toczek, Linda Holman, Judy Sellers, Bev Adams, Roberta Willet, Gerry Cordes, Darcy Jorgensen, Corinne Mittag, Nancy Peters, Connie Pratt, Angie Reed, Tammy Magill and Carol Nish.

President Carla Toczek called the meeting to order.

New business: Pacific Hills Lutheran Church (90th and Pacific) is planning to host an exhibit of "The Supper," a quilt created by Don Locke of Texas. This large quilt has been traveling around the country. It is a mosaic modeled after Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper." The church is asking for a donation to help sponsor the exhibit which will be held April 17 and 18, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The board decided to donate \$250 toward this exhibit.

Linda Holman reported that the steering committee is still working on filling the board and committee positions for next year. Positions still open include: president-elect, quilt show, newsletter and quilt mom.

Programs: Judy Sellers reported that Ellen Lessman will present a trunk show at the meeting next week. Her class will be held on Sunday, March 16. The class is "Beginning Quilting on a Domestic Sewing Machine." Judy was pleased to report that 16 members took Kandi Gallup's class. The April program will feature Deb Warner from Material Girls in Grand Island. Sandi McMillan will be her helper. Deb and Sandi will present a trunk show of modern quilts. The class will help members use new rulers and techniques. The board approved Judy and Gerry's attendance at the "Heartland Quilt Network."

Treasurer: Bev distributed an up-dated treasurer's report. A discussion was held on the cost of tax preparation for the guild. Bev will be looking into other providers for this service. Bev reminded members to submit a voucher form along with any bills they submit.

Membership: Tammy reported that current membership is approximately 240. Tammy will provide verification for the quilt show.

Corinne reported that some old bills are still going to the former treasurer. Corinne also asked the board for input on a possible community connections project. She suggested a program to make and distribute quilts to families in which a child has been murdered.

After some discussion, Corinne will do additional research and possibly present this idea to the general membership in April.

Historian: Darcy Jorgensen has agreed to take over as historian after Lorraine Fitzgerald retires at the end of this year. Darcy and Roberta will work with Lorraine to transfer the information that Lorraine has been housing. They will look into electronic storage. They will also check into what might be done with the older photos and memorabilia.

Tammy reported that she has been contacted by the Omaha Visitor's Bureau regarding the Ricky Timms' event. The discussion included selecting a location, asking for advertising partners as well as how to allocate the proceeds. No decisions have been made at this time.

Quilt Show: Nancy announced that as of today, there are 25 vendors. The quilt entry forms are available on the website. Quilts are needed for the small quilt auction. Help is needed making tote bags for the vendors. Lanyards and water bottles for the vendors have been ordered as well as the wristbands for guest entry. A discussion was held on a request by Embassy Suites to change ballrooms. The board also discussed printing and advertising for the quilt show.

Helping Hands: Angie reported that she has seen an increase in the number of members who have been coming to sew at "A Quilting Place." She said that quilts have been donated recently to Project Harmony and Youth Emergency Services.

Opportunity Quilt: Sales have been slow. Members will be encouraged to purchase tickets.

A discussion was held on the guild's policy regarding refunds for classes or events. The board decided to continue with the guild's current general policy. This policy has been that no refunds are given. If a member is unable to attend a class or event, that member needs to find someone to fill their spot.

Spring Fling: The contract for next year has been signed.

Roberta has been looking into a company to take over the guild website. She has narrowed it down to two companies. She is still evaluating their ability to handle the forms that are needed. Roberta will be the temporary "webstitcher" to help with the transition.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish