

**Omaha Quilter's Guild Board Meeting
May 6, 2014
Lutheran Church of the Master
Board Meeting Minutes**

President Carla Toczec opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with 15 members present: Tammy Magill, Bev Adams, Carla Toczec, Linda Holman, Nancy Peters, Judy Sellers, Corinne Mittag, Roberta Willet, Mary Zagozda, Lorraine Fitzgerald, Gerry Cordes, Angie Reed, Katie Haubrich, Andi Chakravarti and Carol Nish.

Correspondence

Carla announced that the guild received a letter from Chooty.com, a textile company in Council Bluffs. They are offering to donate scraps to anyone interested in going to their place of business to collect them. The donations are remnants, selvages and ends of whatever they have been working with. Carla also introduced a note from Sarpy County requesting entries for their show. The guild also received a note from Jennifer Morgan from Esprit Whispering Ridge. She has requested a quilt for their facility for use when a resident passes away. After some discussion, the board agreed that Angie would donate a log cabin quilt from Helping Hands.

Old Business

The board had previously approved an increase of \$2 in the prices per camper for Camp Wannamakablanke. It was pointed out to the board that this increase did not include tax. The board approved an increase to include tax. It was also noted that Cheri Vossburg has asked for a co-chair to help her.

Golden Thimble Award – Carla contacted this committee regarding this award. She will contact them again before the meeting to see if they have a nomination.

Linda Holman announced the new slate of officers and committee chairs:

President-Elect – Amy Robertson
VP Programs – Gerry Cordes
Corresponding Secretary – Jerriann Kutney
Recording Secretary – Carol Nish
Treasurer – Bev Adams
Advisor/Past President – Carla Toczec
Historian – Darcey Jorgensen
Membership – chair still needed
Newsletter – chair still needed
2015 Quilt Show – Tammy Magill
Block Exchange – Jeanette Podwinski
Bus Trip – Mary Zagozda
Camp Wannamakablanke – Cheri Vossburg
Children's Emergency Fund – Pat Sears
Golden Thimble Award – chair needed

Community Connections – Kathy Mainelli
Helping Hands – Angie Reed
Holiday Party – Carol McCann
Librarian – Janelle Reed
Long-Range Planning – Cindy Erickson
OQG Digest – Marge Bresel
Properties – Andi Chakravarti
Quilt Mom 2015 – Jackie Heyne
Quilts of Valor – Sandi Pihlgren
Rising Stars – Lynn Doyle
Small Groups – Dorothy Muse
Spring Fling Retreat – Angela Pieper
Webstitcher – Corinne Mittag

The transition meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 8.

Committee Reports

Programs – Gerry announced the programs for the upcoming year:

September – Deanna Hodson from Rose Cottage Quilts

October – Donna Lynn Thomas from Pre-Furred Quilts

November – Mary Fons from Fons & Porter and Quilty magazine

December – Holiday Party

January – Helping Hands “Sew-In”

February – AccuQuilt

March – Lynn Hagmeier from Kansas Troubles

April – Cindy Lohbeck from “Hands on Hand Dyes”

May – Sue Daly from Australia

Gerry is also working on programs for the following year. Lastly, Gerry asked the board to approve having classes at “A Quilting Place” because the lighting is so much better than at the hotel. After some discussion, that request was approved.

Treasurer - Bev Adams presented the treasurer’s report. It was approved.

Membership – Tammy reported that membership has remained at 229. Tammy has had membership forms printed for the quilt show. It was noted that a new chair is still needed for next year.

Historian – Lorraine has the albums and other materials ready to pass on to the new historian. She will work with Darcy at this year’s quilt show.

Rising Stars – Carla will teach members how to use the “twister” ruler at the May meeting. Lynn Doyle is ready to take over next year.

Quilt Show – The board discussed with Lorraine their expectations for her as the featured quilter at this year’s show. Nancy announced that she has 172 entries

for the quilt show. (119 of these quilts are small quilts.) The board discussed hanging, rooms needed, setup, the time of the drawing for the Opportunity Quilt, and the date for next year.

Bus Trip – The bus trip is planned for Saturday, October 4 and will take members to the AQS Show in Des Moines, Iowa. Mary informed the board that the price has gone up and it will be more economical if we can fill the 56 passenger bus. After a short discussion, the board approved this request.

Webmaster – Roberta reported that the transition work on the website is about two-thirds complete. She detailed a number of items that have been completed and other items yet to be finished. Roberta noted that a “webstitcher” is still needed. After a short discussion, Corinne agreed to fill this position.

Small Groups – Katie will greet new members in May and work on getting small groups to be ambassadors for the meetings next year.

Tammy moved to adjourn. Roberta seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish

**Omaha Quilter’s Guild General Membership Meeting
May 13, 2014
Westside Community Center
Meeting Minutes**

President Carla Toczek opened the meeting. Carla thanked everyone for their support this year and passed the “gavel” on to our new president, Linda Holman.

Linda welcomed members and greeted guests. She introduced Elizabeth Kannady to present this year’s “Golden Thimble” award. The award is given to a guild member who displays exemplary leadership, community outreach and service to others. Jackie Heyne and Elizabeth served on this year’s committee. The 2014 recipient is Michelle Craig. Michelle has been involved in various guild committees including: Helping Hands and the Boys Town Mother’s Guild. She promotes quilting at her church, has worked to promote Project Linus, teaches quilting to children and has helped provide quilts for veterans. Congratulations to Michelle!

Linda presented the officers and committee chairs for 2014/15.

Judy Sellers, standing in for Gerry Cordes, presented the programs for 2014/15.

Quilt Show – Nancy Peters asked for men who would be willing and able to help load and unload the truck on Wednesday, June 18. Cindy Erickson provided information about the labels for the quilts: labels should be big enough to read easily, the quilt number should cover the quilter's name on the back of the quilt, and the label should be placed on the lower left corner on the back of the quilt. According to Nancy, quilt numbers will be emailed to members by the end of next week. Volunteers are still needed for a variety of jobs. CD's will be available after the show. Thanks to all who have already donated to the small quilt auction. More items are needed. Scissor-sharpening and quilt appraisals will be available at the show along with about 35 vendors.

There has been a slight change in the turn-in time. Quilts may be turned in to Mary Dudzinski (3505 South 105th Street) on Wednesday, June 11 from 6 – 8 p.m. and on Thursday or Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Quilts may also be turned in at More Sew For You on Friday from 2 – 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 1 – 4 p.m. Members will receive a receipt when quilts are turned in. This receipt must be presented in order to pick quilts up from the show on Saturday, June 21.

Block Exchange – There was one winner for the set of blocks turned in this evening. A winner was also chosen for the quilt that was displayed all year. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan next year's block exchange was invited to a planning meeting on July 8 at the Village Inn at 108th and L Streets at 1:30 p.m.

Membership – A new membership chair is needed since Tammy will be taking on the duties of quilt show chairman next year. A number of door prizes were awarded from the following shops: More Sew For You, Bela Fiore, The Quilt Studio, Sew Creative and JoAnne's.

Carol Gilham Jones was the speaker. Her lecture was titled "Tile Quilts, Then and Now."

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish