

Omaha Quilter's Guild Board Meeting
July 8, 2014
Lutheran Church of the Master
Board Meeting Minutes

OQG's new president, Linda Holman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with 15 members present including: Tammy Magill, Bev Adams, Carla Toczek, Linda Holman, Nancy Peters, Cindy Erickson, Amy Robertson, Roberta Willet, Mary Zagozda, Lorraine Fitzgerald, Darcy Jorgensen, Andi Chakravarti, Dorothy Muse, Connie Pratt and Carol Nish.

New Business

Linda handed out an updated list of officers and committee chairs to all present. She thanked Nancy for all of her efforts with the successful quilt show. Linda also thanked the outgoing board members for their service and welcomed the new members present last night.

Linda told the board that the 2014/15 contracts for: the quilt show at Embassy Suites, monthly meetings at the Westside Community Center, the Christmas party at the German American Center and board meetings at the Lutheran Church of the Master, have been signed. Linda noted that the representative that she spoke to at Westside indicated that there were no plans to change things for at least 5 years (at the Community Center) so our meeting place can remain at that location.

Golden Thimble Award: Dee Acklie was asked to return to this committee to help select the award recipient for 2015. She will work with Elizabeth Kannady and Jackie Heyne.

Linda informed the board that the makers of 14 quilts from our show were asked to represent our guild by displaying their quilts at "Threads Across Nebraska" in Kearney in October.

Committee Reports

Corresponding Secretary: Connie said that she was up-to-date with correspondence for the year.

Treasurer: Bev presented the report. Final totals in some categories will not be available until August. The report was approved.

Past President: Carla thanked everyone for their support and help while she was president.

Historian: Lorraine has updated the scrapbook on quilt shows as well as the book that she is keeping with photos of past presidents and opportunity quilts. She gave Darcy a list of several photos that are still needed to update those books. Darcy asked to be kept informed of agendas and timetables so that she can continue to keep a good photographic record for the guild. She will also be working on an electronic record of past scrapbooks for our records before the

originals will be given to the International Quilt Study Center in Lincoln.

Membership: Tammy reported that membership at the end of this year was 242. She was happy to inform the board about the new and/or returning memberships that were received at the quilt show.

Quilt Show: Nancy was please to note that our profit from this year's show was approximately \$8,000. She said that we could use more quilts next year and hoped that more members would consider displaying their quilts. It was noted that Friday evening was not well attended, probably due in part to the severe storm that passed through that night. A suggestion was made to have some sort of promo for that night next year. Only minor problems were noted. Nancy thought that a last volunteer shift to help vendors exit would be a good idea (4:30 – 6:30 on Saturday evening).

Tammy noted that next year's date is set for June 18 – 20. The board discussed the many good volunteers who stepped forward to help this year. The hope is that all guild members will pitch in to help at future shows since that is our one big fund-raising activity and it benefits the entire guild.

Tickets for the opportunity quilt are currently at the printer.

Bus Trip: The bus trip is planned for Saturday, October 4 and will take members to the AQS Show in Des Moines, Iowa. Mary said that she has 25 members signed up at this time. She presented the agenda and meal options.

Properties: Andi would like the guild to locate a new storage facility that can accommodate the height of our tall items. It was noted that a facility closer to Embassy Suites would be preferable. Moving to the new storage area after next year's quilt show would be ideal.

Webmaster: Roberta reported that the website conversion has been completed. She said that any information to be posted on the website should be sent to webstitcher@omahaquiltersguild.org. Roberta informed the guild that the web designer promised a 24–36 hour turnaround for posting information after it has been received from the webstitcher. The webstitcher will send information to the web designer approximately once a week.

OQG Digest: Marge will be working on updating the list of recipients to current members only.

Long range planning: A discussion was held regarding the rising cost of speakers. A motion was presented to require any visitor who is present at a meeting where a "premium" speaker is on the program to pay \$5 to help cover costs. The motion was seconded and passed. A "premium" speaker will be identified to the guild in advance of the program. Generally, it will be someone who is nationally known and

requires a higher fee for speaking. In addition, after reviewing the by-laws, the membership committee was made aware that guests to our guild meetings should be welcomed to meetings twice. After their second visit, they will be invited to join. The membership committee will diligently try to oversee this section of the by-laws at our meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish