Omaha Quilter's Guild Board Meeting October 7, 2014 Lutheran Church of the Master Board Meeting Minutes

OQG president, Linda Holman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with 21 members present including: Tammy Magill, Bev Adams, Carla Toczek, Linda Holman, Amy Robertson, Janelle Reed, Mary Zagozda, Frances Williamson, Darcy Jorgensen, Andi Chakravarti, Janet Hall, Brenda Reid, Jackie Heyne, Angie Reed, Jeanette Podwinski, Lynn Doyle, Corinne Mittag, Pat Sears, Liz Fleming, Gerry Cordes and Carol Nish.

President's report

Linda reported that Marge Bresel would like to donate books and magazines to the library. OQG sponsored three awards at the NE State Fair. The National Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY is sponsoring a "Quilts for Quilting" program and is asking for donations for this fundraiser. A pendant was found at our last meeting and is being held at the Westside Community Center. Andi will pick it up before the meeting next Tuesday.

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Bev presented the report. The report was approved. She also informed the board that she has contacted and arranged for a new tax preparer, John Smolski.

Programs – Gerry informed us that there are 8 people signed up to take the class next week from Donna Lynn Thomas, "Confetti is Fun and Easy." Gerry proposed and the board agreed to invite other area guilds to take the upcoming class with Mary Fons. Her cost is \$1200 and she will teach 2 classes: Churn Dash and Rolling Stone. Cost for either class is \$35.

Historian – Darcy reported on her calendar project. She ordered 50 calendars from Staples. Up to this time, she has sold 32. If all are sold, the guild will realize a profit of approximately \$550. Darcy is also looking into some other options (writing pads and pens) for future consideration.

Membership – Fran reported that we currently have 204 members. She received 9 additional forms today. Two hundred and fifty membership books have been ordered and will be ready to hand out at the meeting next week. In addition to info about our members, the booklet also includes a list of committee chairs, programs for 2014/15, area merchants and information about the 2015 Quilt Show.

Quilt Show – Tammy reported that she still needs help in a couple of areas. Amy and Merrilee will explain the challenge at Rising Stars at the upcoming meeting.

Block Exchange – Jeanette informed the board that she has received a good response to the "mystery" quilt blocks that she has planned for this year.

Bus Trip – Forty-one ladies rode the bus to Des Moines. Quilt blocks made by these ladies were entered into a drawing as well as donated fat quarters.

Children's Emergency Fund – Pat Sears reported that the sale of the fabric for the stockings has been down so far this year. She will have the fabric available at next week's meeting. Pat is looking for someone to help with the "Angel" bags. She noted that, in the past, we have been very fortunate to have great youth volunteers.

Helping Hands – Angie Reed reported that a representative from the Scottish Rite plans to attend the meeting to thank the guild for donating a quilt for their fundraising auction.

Librarian – Janelle Reed has signed up for the website, "Library Thing." This will give members access to a listing of our books online. The link will be named "OQGlibrary." The password will be Omaha1975.

Properties – Gerry requested 2 tables for the speaker's merchandise and another table to hold her quilts.

Quilts of Valor – Mary reported that this group meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at A Quilting Place.

Small Groups – Amy reported that she will take care of the ambassadors for this meeting due to Dot's recent illness. A card shower was requested for Dot. An email blast will be sent out to members.

Quilt Mom – Jackie informed the board that the opportunity quilt is currently hanging in her shop. She will remind members on Tuesday night that we are asking each member to support the guild with their purchase of 10 tickets. The tickets are in an envelope with each member's name and are ready to hand out at the October meeting. She will also have some pictures available.

Spring Fling – Prices are being confirmed and will be announced soon.

Rising Stars – Lynn announce the October program, "Making a challenge block for the Quilt Show." The November program will be "Holiday Joliday."

Webstitcher – Corrine will have the newsletter out before the meeting next week. She also informed the board that Michael Holland, program coordinator from Kaneko, would like OQG to collaborate on an exhibition which will be held next spring. Amy Robertson will talk to him and report back to the board.

New Business

Two volunteers have offered to chair the mini raffle at our Holiday Party. A proposal was made that perhaps these ladies could talk and perhaps work as co-chairs.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish