

Omaha Quilter's Guild Board Meeting
January 6, 2015
Lutheran Church of the Master
Board Meeting Minutes

OQG president, Linda Holman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with 13 members present including: Tammy Magill, Bev Adams, Linda Holman, Carla Toczek, Angie Reed, Darcy Jorgensen, Andi Chakravarti, Angella Arndt, Corinne Mittag, Amy Robertson, Jackie Heyne, Gerry Cordes and Carol Nish.

President's report

Linda reported that it is time for the guild to re-register as a non-profit corporation with the secretary of state. Due to illness, Dorothy Muse will be stepping down as small groups chair. A replacement is needed for the remainder of this year and next year as well. Linda also received a thank you note from Bonnie Kucera. The guild sponsored the award that she received at the NE state fair. Amy Robertson will soon be putting together a nominating committee for next year's officers.

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Bev presented the treasurer's report.

Membership – The check-in table is not needed at the January sew-in.

Quilt Show – Tammy reported that she will have her first meeting with the quilt show committee on January 20, 2015. She will meet with her committee on the third Tuesday of each month. She is working on a "featured quilter" for the show. Nancy Peters and Jan Fry are helping out as co-chairs. The following committees are listed with the chairman:

Jan Koch – vendors, Dee Davis – database, Nancy Wells – volunteers, Bev Adams – treasurer, Dorothy Lange – vendor bags, Angie Reed – Helping Hands, Cindy Erickson – judging, Merna Bowman – ribbons, Jane Fiala – quilt verification, Kerby Selmer and Mary Zagozda – Quilts of Valor, Amy Robertson and Merrilee Hanson – challenge, Gerry Cordes and Ann Beaty – publicity, Darcy Jorgensen – historian, Janelle Reed – quilt take-in, Cheri Vossberg – decorations, Wendy Benigno – security and vendor support, Corinne Mittag – webstitcher.

Programs – Gerry noted that she received a nice thank you from Mary Fons. Since Accuquilt will be presenting at the February meeting at no charge, the board discussed and approved the purchase of a gift certificate for the speaker.

Gerry presented the following speakers for next year's programs:

September – Theresa Duryea Wong will speak on the art of Japanese quilts.

October – Joe Cunningham – musician and quilter (a class will also be offered)

November – Shelly Burge – 35 years of collecting sewing machines (a class will be offered)

February – Peg Pennell (a 2 day embellishing class will be offered)

March – Lyric Kinnard

May – Theresa from Stitching Tree will speak and teach a class as well

For this year, the February class will be taught by Jackie Heyne. Members will be working on the hunter's star block. Lynn Hagmeier is teaching a class in March. The class is slightly different than what was proposed originally, but the website has the correct information available.

Helping Hands – Angie requested 3 tables for the January meeting. She noted that Jeanette wants the members who are working on the mystery quilts to bring their blocks so she can help them finish. Members may bring their own irons and ironing boards to the meeting. Angie noted that her Tuesday sewing group is accomplishing a lot. She has 16 "Sunbonnet Sue" kits ready for volunteers. Angie informed the board that Quilts of Valor also has kits for members to work on.

Properties – Andi will check on snacks for the January sew-in. Andi requested that any changes necessary for the general membership meeting in February be emailed to her.

Quilt Mom – Jackie reported that 126 members have purchased their tickets for the opportunity quilt. She turned in \$498 that was collected this month. A discussion was held on possible places to show and sell tickets for our quilt.

Spring Fling – Angella reported that 17 or 18 members are currently signed up. There is room for 35. The date is Feb. 13 – 15. The cost is \$5 higher this year due to an increase from the retreat center. She has booked the same location, the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, for next year. Meals served include: dinner on Friday, brunch and dinner on Saturday and brunch on Sunday. Cost is \$130 for a double room or \$150 for a single.

Webstitcher – Corinne is working on updates needed. She noted that she needs newsletter articles immediately. Corinne will work on having a form available for quilt donors for tax purposes.

New Business - A discussion was held on the fee for national speakers and how to make sure that this fee is paid. It was proposed that a sign be posted noting that a fee is required. Gary George has requested quilts for Hospice House.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish

