

**Omaha Quilter's Guild Board Meeting**  
**April 7, 2015**  
**Lutheran Church of the Master**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

OQG President, Linda Holman opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with 14 members present including: Amy Robertson, Darcy Jorgensen, Janet Hall, Frances Williamson, Carece Harstad, Janelle Reed, Angella Arndt, Mary Zagozda, Gerry Cordes, Tammy Magill, Andi Chakravarti, Bev Adams, Angie Reed and Lynn Doyle.

**President's report**

Rita at Heritage Quilt and Needlework Guild in Nebraska City requested that they be allowed to bring their raffle quilt to our May meeting to sell tickets. According to the by-laws, Rita is welcome to present the quilt at show and tell.

**Committee Reports**

President-Elect – Amy has not made any progress on the 3 open positions (President-Elect, Treasurer & co-chair for Vice President of Programs). Those who have shown interest in the position of president-elect have asked to be contacted in another year. Jeanette Podwinski is not interested in block exchange next year.

Treasurer – Mary requested additional funds in her Quilts of Valor budget. This will be discussed at Bus Trip/Quilts of Valor. A discussion was held regarding the addition of a column on the treasures report. Angie with Helping Hands received a \$500 check from Wal-Mart. There was a question regarding sales tax on small auction items. Since the price is not specified, the amount collected on small auction items is considered a “free will donation” and therefore not taxable.

Quilt Show – Tammy reported she has received 39 online registrations thus far. The deadline to enter a quilt is April 15, 2015. Quilt entry forms will be available at the general membership meeting next week. There is a change in judging and verification. Verification will be on Sunday, June 7, 2015. Judging will be all day Monday, June 8 & Tuesday, June 9, 2015. All quilts will be located at Janelle's house. Quilt drop off will be Friday & Saturday, June 5 & 6, 2015. The entry form might need to change to update the drop off dates. Drop off locations are; More Sew for You, A Quilting Place and Bella Fiore Quilt Shop. Sitting at the quilt shops previously listed, to collect quilts for the show, will count towards volunteer hours for quilt entries. Tammy will have supplies on hand for the drop off days including extra labels, pins, etc. Tammy asked Andi (properties) for keys to the storage area so that the wagon with a flat tire can be repaired prior to the quilt show. Any small groups that are willing to sponsor prizes need to contact Tammy. There are currently 22 vendors and applications have been sent out. Another cash box for the front desk is needed and we need to replace some black drapes. The sew-in March 14 was successful with 8 volunteers and multiple projects already completed. Janelle offered empty baskets that can be filled with donations for small auction table. Décor will be floral arrangements at the front of each row, entry table and volunteer table. Frames, size 18x24, are needed. Tammy shared that she will not be at the May Board Meeting. Nancy Peters has agreed to attend and provide updates in Tammy's absence. The OQG table will need membership forms. Special displays are: Quilts of Valor, Block Exchange, Home of the Brave, Fiber Works, Ruth Gregg, Knot Yet small group challenge, Burke H.S. “The Quilted Conscience” and a featured quilter. Quilt Show flyers available on the table to take and to distribute around the community.

Programs – April program with Cindy Lohbeck currently has 18 people signed up. The sign up for Sue Daly's classes in May will close next Tuesday, April 14, 2015, in order to insure that the kits will arrive in time for class. A reminder email will be send through the digest. So far, 14 have registered for the Monday, May 11, 2015 class and 10 for Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Helping Hands – Marcy O'Donnell with the Lymphoma Society is having a walk-a-thon on April 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be quilts auctioned. The Nebraska Children's Home needs the sun bonnet sue quilts. There are 18 kits out and they need to be completed by April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Library – Janelle shared that books donated by members last month (March) will be entered in the computer, carted and on shelves by next week's members meeting. Thank you notes were sent to AccuQuilt for their donation to the library (and also for the door prize).

Properties – Andi did not have any updates. She asked for any special needs for the next week's meeting. Gerry shared that the guest speaker will need a screen and will confirm if a projector is needed. Bev mentioned an update on the new storage location, Millard Air Park Storage (near Embassy Suites). Linda and Andi will sign a contract with them on Tuesday. We will have to pay for two places in June (old place prior to quilt show and the new place after the show).

Quilt Mom – In Jackie's absence Bev shared there is no update. Carol took the quilt to her school and sold \$50 in tickets. The quilt is back at A Quilting Place. We have permission to have the quilt to Sunshine Stitches.

Webstitcher – In Corrine's absence, Linda shared that any updates to the newsletter will need to be submitted by Friday 4/10/15.

Membership – Frances shared there are currently 267 members (this number will be updated on Treasure's report). In May, the membership committee can start taking dues for 2016. The date needs to be changed on the membership form. Frances will not be available at the May meeting (board & member). Janet Hall will share updates and be present at the membership table.

Quilts of Valor – Mary shared that there are 9 kits checked out. There is a need for batting. She has been piecing together strips. She needs white and cream fabric to break up and "cut" the red, white and blue fabric that has been donated. The budget shows \$500 designated to Quilts of Valor for 2015. They are currently over budget and would like to make kits this summer but they would need additional funds added to the budget. Generally, they have averaged 15 quilts a year. 30 quilts were donated last year at a ball game and that was two years worth of quilts. We will vote at the May meeting whether to increase Quilts of Valor budget. Mary donates the quilts locally. She will put together a proposal for the May meeting. Quilts of Valor will not be meeting during the summer months as indicated on the calendar. Updates will be shared via the newsletter and website. It was shared that Jackie can order batting at "charity pricing". She will need the TIN of OQG indicating 501 c (3).

Bus Trip – The date is the first Saturday in October 3, 2015.

Rising Stars – Lynn shared that Ellen is prepared for next Tuesday. There will be a Mr. Mic machine and should be lots of fun.

Small Groups – Carece Harstad is now in charge of small groups. She needs ambassadors for this month and next. She needs to confirm whether the small group helping in May will be Gone to Pieces or Knot Yet. She needs 3 to 4 people to help.

Spring Fling – Angella shared that 31 people attended. It was full and very nice. In the end, the budget came out \$128 ahead. The date next year for Spring Fling is February 12 -13, 2016 and is already reserved.

Open Discussion:

When a winner is announced for door prizes, please announce the name of the business who donated the item. Janet shared that she remind winners to send the thank you notes.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish (notes from Darcy Jorgensen)