

Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting
April 14, 2015
Westside Community Center
Meeting Minutes

President Linda Holman opened the meeting with a welcome to all members. She thanked the "Gone To Pieces" small group for being the ambassadors for the evening. Linda announced that Carece Harstad will take over as the Small Groups chair. Linda noted that the guild has acquired momentum this year and she would like to see that carried forward. Two positions are still needed for next year's board. Members were asked to consider volunteering for one of the positions.

Committee reports:

President-elect: Amy Robertson announced the board for 2015-16 as it stands currently:

President – Amy Robertson

President-elect – volunteer needed

Vice-President of Programs – Gerry Cordes (an assistant is needed for Gerry)

Corresponding Secretary – Bev Adams

Recording Secretary – Carol Nish

Treasurer – volunteer needed

Past President – Linda Holman

A motion was made and seconded to accept Bev Adams in her new position. Members were given information about the current positions. Current members noted that the jobs are not as time consuming as you might expect, that serving on the board is a wonderful way to meet other members and that others are always available for help when needed. Members were asked for nominations.

Programs: Gerry announced that sign-ups for Sue Daley's classes in May will close on April 15 in order that the kits needed be ordered so they will arrive on time. Classes will be held at A Quilting Place. Monday's class will be English Paper Piecing with a choice of kits and Tuesday's class will be a choice of either "Wagon Wheels" or "Basket For You."

Quilt Show: Tammy Magill led a mini pep rally to get members excited about the upcoming quilt show. 109 quilts have been entered to date, more are needed. There will be seven specialty displays at the quilt show. Tammy thanked all who came to the sew-in. She asked small groups to consider donating a project or a basket of goodies for the auction. June 5 and 6 will be the drop off for quilts at one of these locations: More Sew For You, A Quilting Place or Bella Fiori. Janelle Reed will also accept items at her house if needed. Verification and judging will take place June 7 – 9. Volunteer Spot is up and running for members to sign up to help at the show. The featured quilter this year is Peg Pennel. Jennifer Perkins will be doing quilt appraisals.

Community: Marcia Donovan showed members a quilt that will be raffled at the Nebraska Lymphoma Walk to be held at Mahoney State Park this weekend. The quilt was pieced and quilted by members of our guild.

Helping Hands: Angie Reed showed members 2 quilts that were to be donated to Hospice House and another 2 quilts that will be donated to the auction for the Nebraska Children's Home Society.

Quilts of Valor: Mary Zagozda thanked all those who brought donations to the meeting. She encouraged anyone interested to come and sew for Quilts of Valor. They meet on the 4th Saturday of each month except June and July at Jackie Heyne's shop, A Quilting Place. She has 2 tops ready to be quilted and would gladly accept fabric and batting donations.

Opportunity Quilt – Jackie Heyne reminded members to pick up their tickets for the quilt. There are 10 tickets in an envelope for each member. Members may buy them or sell the tickets to others.

Rising Stars: Lynn Doyle thanked Ellen Lessman for teaching members about needles and thread. Lynn announced that May's program will be an antique quilt show and "tea party." Hats may be worn. Roberta and her mother will be leading this event. It begins at 6 p.m. and gifts will be provided to all attending.

Home of the Brave: Wendy Benigno needs help with borders and sashing for some quilts. She also asked members to stop by the table in the back to sign blocks for these quilts.

Block Exchange: Jeanette Podwinski presented the blocks to one winner. She also announced that she still had kits for next month's block.

Camp Wannamakablankie: Vicki Hoskovec announced that the registration form is available online. Forms should be mailed with a deposit of half the cost of the retreat to LeAnne Killion. The remaining amount is due in August. Camp will be held on October 16 – 18. Check the prices online.

Membership: 114 members were present along with 1 guest and 1 new member. Janet Hall and Frances Williamson presented a number of door prizes. They asked members to please remember to write a thank you to the donors. This evening's door prizes were from: an anonymous donor, AccuQuilt, Bloomin' Minds, The Quilt Studio, Quilt and Be Happy and Bernina.

After a brief "Show and Tell," Gerry Cordes introduced Cindy Lohbeck from "Hands on Hand Dyes." She talked about her background and hand dying fabric. This also included a trunk show.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish