

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

OQG president, Amy Robertson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with 19 members present including: Angella Arndt, Kerby Selmer, Mary Zagozda, Bev Adams, Linda Holman, Amy Robertson, Kathy Mainelli, Fran Williamson, Darcy Jorgensen, Andi Chakravarti, Corinne Mittag, Carla Toczek, Carol McCann, Angie Reed, Lynn Doyle, Cindy Erickson, Tammy Magill, Carece Harstadt and Carol Nish.

President's report

Amy announced that she is still looking for a treasurer for the current year. She also asked board members to check their contact information for accuracy.

Committee Reports

Programs – Amy reported for Gerry that all is ready for the coming year.

Treasurer – Bev Adams emailed the report to all board members. No additional information was needed. Bev will check to see if Camp Carol Joy Holling has received the deposit for camp in October.

Corresponding Secretary – Bev Adams will receive the key to the mailbox shortly. Her primary duty will be to check the mailbox and send out cards as needed.

Past President – Linda Holman received some information from the national Quilts of Valor organization. She will be passing this information on to Kerby and Mary to address.

Historian – Darcy Jorgensen is working on editing and cropping pictures of quilts from the quilt show for the CD. She is also working on a calendar again for this year. She hopes to have it ready for the September meeting.

Membership – Fran Williamson reported that we currently have 111 members signed up for 2015-16. Thirty-three members signed up at the quilt show.

Quilt Show – Tammy Magill announced that the quilt show was a success. She noted that attendance was down this year (especially on Saturday), from 2,152 last year to 1,563 this year. The 36 vendors were well received. Forty-one booths were actually set up. There is room for 65 booths so Tammy is hoping to add some vendors for next year. Income from vendors covers the cost of rent charged at Embassy Suites. Tammy was happy to report that some of the new vendors asked to return next year. Tammy was told that Embassy Suites will probably be raising the rental cost next year. Guild members entered 196 quilts in the show. With special exhibits, there were 245 quilts on display. Tammy plans to offer the

remaining charms for sale at the general membership meetings. The auction was also a success. Final quilt show numbers will be available next month.

Block Exchange – Carla Toczek announced that she will be checking with last year's chairman, Jeanette Podwinski. Carla said that she welcomes new ideas.

Bus Trip – Mary Zagozda said that at this time she has 4 people signed up for the bus trip to the Des Moines Quilt Show on October 3. She has arranged for a 47 passenger bus. This year's theme will be "Star Wars in the Iowa Sky" and members will be encouraged to make a star block for a block exchange. The cost will be \$45 and will include admission and snacks for the return trip. The plan is to be at the quilt show from 9 – 3 and then head back to Omaha with no further stops. Claudette Lee has offered to help. Registrations are due in September.

Camp Wannamakablankie – Carol McCann reported that she has 35 paid campers at this point. The deadline for registrations will be October 1. Camp will be held October 16 – 18 at Camp Carol Joy Holling. It is not necessary to be a guild member to attend. There is no plan to ask members to make a block for a donation quilt.

Community Connections – Kathy Mainelli announced that 14 quilts were presented to Shakespeare on the Green. After some discussion, the board decided to limit the number of quilts donated next year. A final decision will be made after talking to the representative from Shakespeare on the Green.

Helping Hands – Angie Reed reported that she is already planning for the January sew-in.

Holiday Party – Carol McCann is currently working on the contract with the German American Center. The cost for members to attend will be \$20. The party will be held on the second Tuesday of December. There will be room for 14 tables of 10. Carol will have tickets for sale at the October board and general membership meetings.

Long Range Planning – After some discussion about our current meeting space at Westside Community Center and whether that space will continue to be available, Cindy Erickson was asked to look for alternate sites. She will be gathering a committee to help her in that search. The board also discussed ideas for a donation to Lutheran Church of the Master for allowing us to hold our board meetings at their site.

Properties – Andi Chakravarti announced that the quilt show frames and other items were moved to the new storage facility at Millard Airpark. She noted that the space is bigger, close to Embassy Suites, easier to get into and cheaper than our previous location.

Quilts of Valor – Kerby Selmer announced that they are working with the VA to come up with a distribution date for the 32 quilts that they have ready to hand out.

Rising Stars – Lynn Doyle is thinking about the programs for the upcoming year. She welcomes any new ideas. At this time, she plans to do one program on batting and also another on holiday ideas.

Spring Fling – Angella Arndt has the Archdiocesan Retreat Center booked for February 12 – 14. The cost should be the same as last year (around \$135 and \$145). There will be room for 30. She is looking for someone to take over after this year.

Webstitcher – Corinne Mittag asked board members to go on the website, review the information available and let her know what changes may be needed. She will remind members that they may sign up for the newsletter by going on the website. She would also like to add some pictures.

Old Business – The Sue Daly class that had to be cancelled in May was discussed. Board members were disappointed with the situation but all felt that Gerry did a good job representing the guild. Members who signed up for the class received a refund for the class. They also received the kits that they ordered.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish