

Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting
April 12, 2016
German American Center

Meeting Minutes

President Amy Robertson opened the meeting at 7 p.m. at the German American Center.

President's report: Amy introduced Angella Arndt, President-elect to present the slate of officers for 2016-17. Angella thanked her nominating committee (Jackie Heyne, Lori Lemmers, Fran Williamson, Janet Hall and Merna Bowman) for their help. The slate of officers for 2016-17:

President-elect – Tammy Magill

Treasurer – Carece Harstad

Recording Secretary – Molly Phillips

Corresponding Secretary – Lori Lemmers

Vice-president of Programs – Maureen Cass

After asking for any additional nominations, a motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers. Guild members voted to approve the slate.

Angella noted that there are several committee positions still open. If anyone would like to chair one of the open committees, please contact Angella.

Lorraine Carter spoke to the guild on behalf of the Douglas County Fair. She is asking for quilts to be entered to that fair. The fair has been moved to July 21 – 23 so that it takes place before the state fair and will now be separate from River City Roundup. This year, the quilts will be judged. They will be secured in the Crossroads Mall in the former "Gap" store. The deadline for entry is July 20. Entry forms will be online at www.douglascountyfair Volunteers will be needed to help with this exhibit.

Committee reports:

Helping Hands – Angie Reed has 3 kits that need to be quilted. She also has several "Hunter's Star" kits ready to sew. Angie informed members that she recently donated 10 quilts to a family as a result of a Liberty School request. Another quilt was donated for a young girl with a tumor.

Block Exchange – Carla handed out 2 sets of blocks to 2 lucky guild members. She encouraged members to sew the May block which is another house block. Next month, members will receive finishing directions for the quilt. Carla was happy to let the members know that a new team has volunteered to take over next year.

Quilt Mom – Mary Lou Zdan reminded members to pick up their tickets for the opportunity quilt. The quilt will be displayed at several different quilt shops during the next couple of months.

Rising Stars – Lynn Doyle thanked Jackie Heyne for her presentation tonight on batting. May's program is titled "Grandma's Surprise."

Golden Thimble – The past presidents need nominations for this award. Nominations may be sent to Dee Acklie.

Camp Wannamakablankie – Kitty Bailey informed members that reservation forms are available at the camp table tonight or online. The cost is \$158 - \$295 depending on the number of campers in a room. Half payment is due with registration and the remaining half should be paid by August 1, 2016. Campers will be asked to make 2 blocks for a quilt to be donated to NE Lutheran Ministries for their auction. Instructions will be available online. Campers or any other interested guild members are asked to donate 2 blocks and a strip of fabric for this quilt. The blocks should be constructed out of either red or green Christmas fabric. Anyone who makes 4 or more of the blocks will be eligible for a drawing.

Quilts of Valor – Kerby Selmer noted that the next sew-in will be on April 23 at A Quilting Place. The date for May's sew-in is the 28th.

Quilt Show – Tammy Magill informed guild members that the committee has received 124 online entries for the quilt show. The deadline for entries has been extended to April 23, 2016. Turn in for quilts will be in June. The quilt entry forms are available online. Tammy encouraged members to complete the challenge quilt. This year's judge is Carol Brooks. Members may volunteer to help online. Tammy announced a new children's display this year to recognize young and upcoming quilters. Any child who is 16 or younger is eligible to enter a quilt. These quilters must have a member to sponsor them. The children's quilts will not be judged but will receive a participation ribbon. Donations are still needed for awards. Jennifer Perkins will be available to do evaluations. The auction committee is still accepting donations. The show will be publicized in Omaha Magazine, 55 Plus, Country Register, on billboards and on TV.

Home of the Brave – Windy Benigno has 3 new quilts that need to be bound. She informed members that Puerto Rico has requested 46 quilts by the end of August.

Membership – 103 members and 2 guests were present. A number of door prizes were distributed. Members were encouraged to send thank you notes to the donors.

Programs – Gerry Cordes informed members that at next month's meeting, Teresa Coenen will lead members in a "trading" dice game. To play, members

must bring twenty 2½" squares of bright fabrics. Gerry thanked tonight's "holders and folders" before she introduced Doris Deutmeyer. Doris is a fiber artist, designer and art educator living in Dyersville, Iowa who owns Fabrications.

Show and Tell – Several members brought quilts to show.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish