

Omaha Quilters Guild  
August 7, 2018  
Lutheran Church of the Master  
Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

OQG President, Windy Benigno called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Attendance

Angie Reed, Amy Robertson, Andi Chakravarti, Maureen Cass, Joe Cass, Windy Benigno, Frances Williamson, Carese Harstad, Helen Nance, Molly Phillips, Barbara Andrysik, Nancy Wells, Cindy Erickson, Debbie Burchard, Darcy Jorgensen, Debbie McMillin

Welcome

President Windy Benigno welcomed everyone to the 2018-2019 quilt year.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes

July's minutes were not available online yet for members to see. Minutes will be posted ASAP and approved next month.

Correspondence – Lori Lemmers

No report.

Treasurer Report-Debbie Burchard/Carece Harstead assisting

No Report for July presented. Report will be posted online and presented at the September meeting. Budget was reviewed line by line, each chairperson verifying their monies needed for their committee, as currently listed.

Officer Reports

President- Windy Benigno

Windy picked up a donation of fabric samples from Open Door Mission they had received from NFM : polyester/ rayon/ acrylic; no cotton, none of the fabrics indicate they are washable. Suggestions made for other local groups that might be able to make use of them. Some groups were Omaha School for the Deaf, Missy Merriman who is putting together a beginning sewing class, maybe they can be used for walker bags. The donation will be posted on Facebook and GroupsIO, asking if anyone was interested in these goods.

President Elect-Maureen Cass

Maureen is looking for candidates for a nominating committee. She is also looking for board position and volunteers for committee chairs

Vice President Programming-Janelle Reed with Angella Arndt assisting

1. We were reminded that classes will be held at the Comfort Inn at 108<sup>th</sup> and "F" Street beginning in September. The September speaker will be Peggy Martin: Beyond Tradition.

2. Reminder that the Bonnie Hunter classes and trunk show will be at Trinity Lutheran Church. Classes are at the old location of the fellowship hall; Trunk show is to be at Trinity Life Center on Lincoln St, Papillion.
3. Proposal was made to boost the programming budget to \$18,000 for future speakers. Proposal made by Amy Robertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Andysik. Motion carried unanimously.

Advisor/Past President- Tammy Magill

No Report at this time. Always available for a consult.

Recording Secretary – Tammy Magill

Minutes from July's meeting are not yet available online. We will go thru them at the next meeting and edit/approve them at the September board meeting.

#### Unfinished Business

Discuss the survey results for the possibility of changing the calendar for guild meetings. (Janelle wasn't able to be there with results. Tabled until September.)

#### New Business

There was no new business to bring before the committee at this time.

#### Committee Reports:

2019 Quilt Show- Nancy Wells

Nancy reported the theme for the 2019 show is: Showers of Color. Dates for the show are June 20-22, 2019, at the LaVista Conference Center. The challenge will be revealed at the September meeting.

Newsletter Editor/GroupsIO -Amy Robertson

Amy reported she is planning to send out the OGC newsletter this Friday and every Friday prior to the general meeting. Send her any information you would like included. She needs articles by Thursday evening.

Amy will be going thru the new membership roster to edit people who have access to GroupsIO. This site is current members only privilege and she intends to revoke nonmembers' access.

She would like to close the Yahoo Groups chatroom. It is no longer supported and is outdated. She will make an announcement at the general meeting in September to let members know who still utilize the site. She will encourage them to join GroupsIO. Marge Bressel has current ownership and monitors the Yahoo Groups.

Other weblinks: Michelle Craig monitors our Facebook Pages.

Webstitcher: Corinne Mittag

If you have not sent your updates yet for the website, please do so as soon as you can. She will have you verify your page once your revisions are posted. (Corinne, via Windy Benigno)

Historian/Photographer-Darcy Jorgensen-

Darcy asked that if we order calendars this year, we sell them as prepaid to reduce waste. She will take orders thru October/November meetings. Calendars will be available for pick up in January. She will also place a message in the newsletter letting membership know about pre-ordering.

Membership Data-Molly Phillips

As of this meeting, we have 176 registered/paid members. Expecting more in September.

Membership-Patricia Epps

Patricia reported for members to have their information in the 2017-2018 Membership Directory it must be to membership by September 25th. Boks will be printed and available at the October meeting.

Committees (appointed and dissolved by President)

Camp WannaMakeaBlankie-Corinne Mittag, Amy Robertson

Amy reminded us camp dates are October 26-28, 2018. Camp is now open to nonmembers. Amy reported the quilt from last year's camp sold at the Camp Carol Joy Holling auction for \$350!

Children's' Emergency Fund-Debbie McMillin-

Debbie was contacted by PromiseShip about future donations to the organization. Instead of giving them a check/gift cards for funds raised at our holiday party, it was suggested we use a voucher system that limits what money can be spent on and provides a record of each transaction. Debbie will look into the process and get back to the board once she has more information. They also asked if we were interested in expanding our target group to include youth who are about to age out of the system. This was tabled for further discussion until we have resolved the previous proposal.

*Caring Friends Auction: Susan McDonnell*

*Santa's Workshop: Liz Fleming*

Holiday Party-Angella Arndt-

Angella couldn't attend but requested to keep the Holiday Party budget at \$6000. She is already working on making the dinner arrangements.(Angella, via Windy Benigno)

Helping Hands-Angie Reed-

Donations: Quilts for Kids – 12

Boys Towns Unwed Mothers – 6

NE Children's Home – 9

Angie has Facebook pages for each of her committees: the regular Helping Hands, Community Connections, and Hospice House. You can visit each page for progress, presentations and various other pictures.

Long Range Planning-Cindy Erickson-

No Report. Always looking for a new location to cut down on costs.

Home of the Brave – Windy Benigno

This committee is dissolved and removed from the budget. Project was closed 6/28/16 by the National Coordinator. All Nebraska and US Territory families who fit the project criteria and requested a quilt have received one.

Librarian – Helen Nance

No report. Some correspondence went to Janelle, MSQC renewal, but they've taken care of it.

Quilts for Hospice House – Pat Varner (resigned)

This committee dissolved. Angie Reed will take over coordination for quilts. Quilts for Josie Harper Hospice House will be provided through Community Connections.

Small Groups-Molly Phillips-

Molly will seek verification/updates for all small groups at September meeting.

Properties-Andi Chakravarti-

No Report

2016 – 2017 Quilt Mom- Nancy Peters/Anne Beaty

No report, tickets will be ready for the September meeting.

Quilts for Veterans-Kerby Selmer-

Kerby couldn't attend, but asked to keep Quilts for Veterans budget at \$100. (Kerby Selmer, via Windy Benigno) Board members thought her budget had been raised to \$500, we will verify this change thru minutes from last year. Once confirmed, the budget will be adjusted as needed.

"QOV" is listed on the previous year's budget paperwork. Committee name was changed last year to QFV due to conflict with the formally registered QOV organization.

Rising Stars-Fran Williamson-

Fran listed the Rising Stars programs as: September/Debbie McMillin – Christmas stockings and CEF; October/no rising stars because of Bonnie Hunter; November/Lynn Doyle; February/Nancy Wells – Quilt Show; March/Cut Up & Quilt; April open/May open. Rising Stars meet at 6 pm.

Spring Fling Retreat-Angella Arndt-

Angella couldn't attend but she asked to keep the Spring Fling budget at \$4000 (Angella Arndt, via Windy Benigno)

Bus Trip- Susan McDonnell

A destination has not yet been chosen. She is still scouting potential location(s). More information when it is available. (Susan McDonnell, via Tammy Magill)

Block Exchange-Barbara Andrysik-

Block exchange is ready to go for the 2018-2019 year. The theme for this year is: Pets. It is a lot of applique. They plan to post patterns online to keep down the costs of printing patterns.

Golden Thimble-Amy Robertson/Elizabeth Kannady

Jan Fry is the outgoing member of this committee. She is in the process of choosing her replacement.

Miscellaneous Budget Item

Board approved continued support to the NE State Fair of \$150 (3-\$50 gift cards)

Announcements: Next board meeting will be September 4, 2018 at 7 pm

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Fran Williamson 2<sup>nd</sup> Cindy Erickson

Submitted by: Tammy Magill, Recording Secretary

August 27, 2018