

**OMAHA QUILTERS' GUILD  
BOARD MINUTES  
February 5, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order**                      7pm                      Windy Benigno

**Welcome**    Windy Benigno

**Members in attendance:**

Molly Phillips, Angella Arndt, Cindy Erickson, Corinne Mittag, Darcy Jorgensen, Barbara Andrysik, Nancy Wells, Amy Robertson, Janelle Reed, Debbie Burchard, Maureen Cass, Windy Benigno, Tammy Magill, Andi Chakravarti

**Approval of Minutes**    Windy Benigno

- January/February Board minutes to be approved in March

**Officer/Chair Reports**    See below

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Treasurer's Report**    **Debbie Burchard**

- Budget did not reflect Expense for Quilt Show, \$26,000 was entered which offsets \$26,000 listed for projected income. Board approval not needed
- The budget format will be revamped/scrubbed by the end of guild FY, e.g., additional entries for items that cross FYs such as Opportunity Quilt, Quilt Show, Fall Retreat; verify projected/budgeted income/expense is fairly accurate
- Approve Dec 2018 Treasurer's Report...pending
- Approve Jan 2019 Treasurer's Report...pending
- Bev Adams has been meeting with Debbie to verify treasurer reports. They have been trying to discover an error found by the auditor at the end of our quilting fiscal year.
- Collect any bills and deposits

**Corresponding Secretary**    **Lori Lemmers**

- Absentee ballots picked up from mailbox.
- Other assorted mail to include thank you notes, NSQG and National Quilting Day information.

**President**    **Windy Benigno**

- Pending... Committee chairs training manual/operating instructions
- Bellevue Medical Center fidget lap quilts – 1 done, 1 partial, met with chaplain.
- Quilt Moms are looking for suggestions on where to take the Opportunity Quilt
- Promoting our guild/show: Millard Library offered a locked display case to OQG; W. Dale Clark also interested; need members to contact their local library (or any library!) and ask if they have a locked display OQG could 'decorate'; we also need someone to coordinate who is doing which library, who has items for display (quilts- doll, fairy, or larger, doll or fairy bed/chair, personal books and/or quilt related books from the library, etc); who is willing to set up a display.
- Number of ballots needed for Feb guild meeting? It was determined to print approximately print 140 ballots. We normally have about 120 members attend. Who is printing those? Windy will take care of the printing. And she will send out a reminder note to membership.

**President Elect****Maureen Cass**

- Nominating committee identified:  
Past President: Angella Arndt  
Executive Committee: Janelle Reed  
Membership: Molly Phillips
- Executive officer positions, nominations: The majority of the positions have been filled. Offices still open are President Elect and Quilt Show Chairperson
- Committee Chair positions filled

**Vice President Programming****Janelle Reed/Angella Arndt**

- February: Diane Harris – papers were printed as approved. 5 seats still open for the class
- March: Mel Beach – arrives in town on Saturday. She is headed to Lincoln on Sunday/Monday, teaching the same class. Will return to Omaha for Tuesday's class: Walking Foot WOW. Class is full.
- April: Tiffany Hayes – class is Calliope. Seats still available. Janelle shared samples of the class project.
- May: Suzi Parron – still some unpaid members. First ones paid will make it into the class.

**Advisor/Past President****Tammy Magill**

- No report

**Recording Secretary****Tammy Magill**

- No report

**Unfinished Business**

- The topic of changing the months the guild meets, i.e., meet in August and not in January.
- Absentee voting deadline was Jan 30, 2019 and extended to Feb 2, 2019 due to weather and cancellation of postal services on the due date.
- Ballots will be handed out in February, members need to vote (for/against/abstain), then sign and print their name, and hand in the ballot before the end of the meeting.
- Ballots may be picked up at the membership table for all members who have not voted.
- Ballots will be called for prior to committee reports. (We will need a couple of runners to pick them up.)

**New Business**

- No new business at this time.

**STANDING COMMITTEES****Quilt Show 2019****Nancy Wells**

- We have 22 vendors signed
- Next meeting is scheduled February 21<sup>st</sup> @ College of St. Mary
- Two shops are lined up for drop-off points: Country Sampler and A Quilting Place
- Nancy Wells is the presenter for Rising Stars this month. Will go over new categories and other entry information.

**Newsletter/OQG groups.IO****Amy Robertson**

- Items for the newsletter are due by Thursday, before guild meeting
- Corinne offered to write up a 'How-to' for using groups.io...She will share her write up with a couple of members, to see if they are comprehensive enough to post.

**Webstitcher****Corinne Mittag**

- Corinne is working to continue updating our webpages. Updates were sent to Emma to be posted by the next meeting.

- Discussion was held in ways to link OQG Facebook pages with Angie's and Kerby's pages. Angie maintains 3 (Helping Hands, Community Connections, Hospice House) and Kerby had one for Quilts for Veterans. Both use their pages to post activities, presentations, etc. as a way of documenting their committee progress.

OQG Facebook

Michelle Craig

OQG Digest (yahoo)

Amy Robertson

- Amy has control of the account and plans to close the digest this month.

### **Membership Chair**

**Patricia Epp**

Membership Data

Molly Phillips

- As of Feb 5, 2019 we have 268 members.

### **Historian/Photographer**

**Darcy Jorgensen**

- Calendars – a few calendars left. There won't be a reprint.
- Need suggestions where/how to display pictures of guild member quilts
  - Instagram was discussed as an option, but there was concern of outsiders posting unwanted content. Also, as in the above tools, someone would have to open the account and maintain the updates. Instagram has been tabled for Darcy to do some investigation into the use of such an account.
  - Pinterest was also brought up. Again it would require a member to open the account and maintain it's content
- For now, Darcy will post pictures of winners on our current Facebook and Groups.io

COMMITTEES (appointed and dissolved by President)

### **Block Exchange**

**Barbara Andrysik**

- February's block to hand out is a bunny.
- Barbara revealed she is considering 9 patches for next year. There are so many ways to create different 9 patch blocks.

### **Bus Trip**

**Susan McDonnell/Jan Fry/Tammy Magill**

- Set for April 13, 2019.
- Visiting 2 shops: Piece Works in Winterset, IA and Creekside Quilting in Clive, IA
- Cost is \$60/person
- Itinerary/registration form will be sent to Corinne to post online and Amy to post in Groups.io

### **Camp WannaMakeaBlankie**

**Amy Robertson/Corinne Mittag**

- Corinne presented two options of ironing boards – one of plywood to be handmade. The other as a cover over an existing ironing board. After discussion she decided the cover could be removed and the ironing boards could serve a dual purpose.
- Treasurer resolved income and expenses for Camp W indicating that there are \$401.41 in funds available to purchase the irons and boards as Corinne had stated in an earlier board meeting.
- Corinne has been in contact with Camp Carol Joy Holling. Our new representative is Jessica. They have raised rates again. She has revamped the registration form. (see attached)
- She will post the new registration form online.

### **Children's Emergency Fund**

**Debbie McMillin**

- No new report for CEF
- Caring Friends Auction Susan McDonnell/Jan Fry/Tammy Magill  
Theme for next year is BIRDS

### **Community Connections/Helping Hands**

**Angie Reed**

- January Helping Hands guild meeting had an AWESOME turnout! Over 60 people! Many thanks to all who participated.

- Donations in January:
  - 21 quilts – Children's Hospital
  - 21 pillowcases – Children's Hospital
  - 2 hand puppets – Children's Hospital
  - 12 baby quilts – OHB
  - 12 receiving blankets – OHB
- A carryover from last month is the Fidget Quilt project. Angie has 16 Fidget kits ready for guild night – cut squares and a variety of tactile embellishments

### **Golden Thimble**

**Amy Robertson/Corinne Mittag/Elizabeth Kannedy**

- Committee will begin promoting the Golden Thimble Award this month.
  - Members can nominate any member of the guild.
  - Nominees must be a member in good standing.
  - Should have made significant contributions to the guild.
  - Cannot be a previous winner.
- You can email or hand-deliver your nomination to a Golden Thimble committee member.

### **Holiday Party**

**Angella Arndt**

- The holiday party took in approximately \$5600
- Food, tax, gratuity = \$5,493.59 per invoice from GAS

### **Librarian**

**Helen Nance**

- Two new books were purchased for the library:
  - Big Book of Lap Quilts – new publication, 51 quilt patterns
  - Block-A-Day – 365 quilting squares

### **Long Range Planning**

**Cindy Erickson**

- Pending: Looking for new location for guild meetings to potentially reduce costs. Has yet to find a venue that costs less than our current location.

### **Properties**

**Andrea Chakravarti**

- After doing some research on her own, and listening to what Corinne has found for our camp donation, Andi has decided to continue looking for sturdy ironing board at estate and garage sales. New boards don't seem to be a solid and durable.
- She confirmed speaker needs for the program, needs for tables for committees and settled what Rising Stars needed for their set-up.
- She got pictures of the donated shelving. Determined it can hold 5 bins. Possibly more to come if it works out as expected.

### **Quilt Moms 2018-2019**

**Nancy Peters/Anne Beaty**

- Update on tickets sold...
  - The quilt spent the day at Country Traditions, Fremont, during Frolic Frenzy
  - Sold \$50 in tickets
  - Quilt will be at Country Sampler in February
  - Let Nancy Peters or Anne Beaty (or Windy) know of any craft show or other venue where we may be able to get a free table/space for March or April.
  - Cindy Erickson offered Bernina Omaha for its next destination.

### **Quilts for Veterans**

**Kerby Selmer**

- no report

### **Rising Stars**

**Frances Williamson**

- Fran will not be attending guild, need someone to introduce Nancy Wells, quilt show chair, who will discuss the quilt show entry application, categories, challenge, attaching a label, and a few definitions.

- March is Carol Coniglio formerly of Sunshine Stitches presenting her take on adding piping to bindings
- April is Becky Draper, topic pending
- May is Kathy Thayer, the new owner of A Quilting Place/Fabric Bash

### **Small Groups**

**Molly Phillips**

- No report

### **Spring Fling Retreat**

**Angella Arndt**

Any change from last month?

- 26 people are signed up for Spring Fling. There is a maximum of 30 people. (25 people is the break-even point.)
- Dates are February 8<sup>th</sup> -- 10<sup>th</sup>
- Everything is ready and waiting for the weekend.

### **Pending Topics**

May 2018 – Resolution on changing guild meeting months from January to August

Nov 2018 – Brainstorm memorial for OQG quilters who have passed away, e.g., chatelaine, check ISQC (Molly Phillips, Tammy Magill, Jan Fry)

Nov 2018 – Committee Chair create written notes/procedures (Committee Chairs/Officers)

Nov 2018 – Irons/Boards for Camp Carol Joy Holling (Corinne)

Nov 2018 – Groups.io "How-to" procedures (Corinne)

Jan 2019 – Calendar of recurring/annual bills (Board members)- PO Box fee annual invoice in December?; Storage unit annual invoice in May or June; GAS rental monthly?; CPA fee for taxes annual in July; Nonprofit corporation biennial report due by April 1 in odd years (President); Heartland Quilt Network Newsletter every three years by June (Programs or President, what else??)

Jan 2019 – Purchase new ironing board, cover, and iron for guild use (Andi)

### **Announcements**

- Next board meeting will be March 5, 2019, Tuesday, 7pm, Lutheran Church of the Master.
- Next guild meeting February 12, 2019.

### **Adjournment**

- Time: 8:30pm                      1<sup>st</sup> – Molly Phillips                      2<sup>nd</sup> – Angella Arndt

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Magill

Attachments:

Camp Wannamakablankie registration form

Bus trip registration form