

OMAHA QUILTERS' GUILD

Transition Board Meeting

July 9, 2019

7:02 P.M.

Call to Order

Maureen Cass
(Windy Benigno was running late.)

Welcome

Maureen Cass

Members in attendance: Barbara Andrysik, Molly Phillips, Corinne Mittag, Amy Robertson, Angie Reed, Kerby Selmer, Nancy Wells, Janelle Reed, Lori Lemmers, Angella Arndt, Cindy Erickson, Carece Harstad, Debbie McMillin, Andi Chakravarti, Helen Nance, Windy Benigno, Darcy Jorgensen, Tammy Magill

Approval of Minutes

Maureen Cass

- May minutes were tabled to be approved at the August board meeting.

Unfinished Business

Website: discussion held on the promptness of posting to our current webpages. It was suggested we consider seeking additional bids to see what our options might be.

Raffle tickets are being printed for the new Opportunity Quilt. Maureen has requested 5000 tickets.

New Business:

Contracts:

The following contracts have been signed for the 2019-2020 OQG quilt year.

Lutheran Church of the Masters – Board meetings

German American Society – General Membership Meetings

The following contracts are still pending signatures:

Embassy Suites – 2020 Quilt Show

Ricky Tims – Quilt Luminarium (to be co-hosted with Cottonwood Quilt Guild)

Further discussion held, requesting more information about Bernina participation as a co-sponsor for the show. Tentative dates are July 18/19, 2020. We would like details on the number of volunteers they are expecting our guild to supply as labor and covering the retail shop.

Discussion held about the need for having board meetings in August and January.

It was determined that August meetings are necessary as the final budget must be approved before the guild meetings begin. As for January, we don't meet in December because of the holiday party. It would not be advised to go two consecutive months without having a board meeting.

Reports:

President Elect – Nancy Wells – a reminder was given for getting the opportunity quilt for the 2021 show going. Nancy says she is aware it needs attention, but she needs to close out all business with the current quilt show (she was the Chairperson) before she can devote time to the Opportunity Quilt.

2019 Quilt Show – At this time, Nancy does not have a complete report. The close out meeting is scheduled for next week and she will have more details after that. As a rough draft she says that attendance is down. We need to seek ways to cut corners and curb expenses as pricing is expected to rise 21% for next year. Angella Arndt and Tammy Magill have been looking at potential sites, but have nothing to report at this time.

2020 Quilt Show – Co-Chairs are Carece Harstad and Monica Gerhart. Theme for the 2020 show is:
Vision 2020: Looking to the Future.
Show dates are June 18-20.
They plan to incorporate Scrap Therapy back in as a booth space.

2021 Quilt Show – Co-Chairs are Andi Chakravarti and Vicki Hoskovic

VP Programs – Angella Arndt and Tammy Magill

Classes filled up nicely at the quilt show. Many are nearly full already; May's class already has a waiting list started. But a reminder was given that your place is not confirmed in a class until you have paid your registration fee in full.

September 2019 – Elizabeth Granberg Jerome

October 2019 – Kelly Ashton

November 2019 - Linda Poole

February 2020 – Ilene Bartos

March 2020 – Linda Hahn

April 2020 – Jenny Kae Parks

May 2020 – Cindy Grisdella

Corresponding Secretary – Lori Lemmers

A returned check was received and passed on to Corinne

A thank you note to Angie Reed for a donation was received.

Treasurer – Corinne Mittag

Corinne has been tweaking our budget report. She's removed old/unused budget lines.

Some categories needed further breakdowns of what sorts of financial activities occur such as Membership, Executive Board, Programs and Quilt Show.

Holiday Party is a special event and should be moved out of the Programs. It is a completely separate committee with its own budget and expenses. It is actually a special event and will be recorded as such under a new heading of special events.

Historian – Darcy Jorgensen

No historical news

Darcy is only willing to continue with calendars if we pre-order them. It is not economically sound to order more than 25 calendars as they didn't all sell. It is not a money maker project but it does pay for itself. However, a lot of work goes into creating, editing the photo layouts, etc. It was suggested doing an online form, but Darcy suggested orders should be prepaid before she orders.

Membership Data – Molly Phillips – Current membership as of this meeting is 275 people.

Membership – position still open

Discussion held again about the possibility of having junior guild members. It was reiterated that if we have more interest of junior membership, we will discuss terms at that time. The discussion then focused on whether or not to offer the option for junior category quilts in the quilt show to be judged, ensuring the judge is aware that these quilts are in a junior category, no additional ribbons would be given besides the junior category ribbon they currently receive. It was suggested that if the quilter truly wants to be judged on par with the rest of the quilt show entries, then they should pay the membership fee. This topic will be discussed further at a quilt show meeting.

Newsletter – Amy Robertson

Amy requested all newsletter articles be submitted by August 1st for an early newsletter. She wanted to remind membership that our first meeting will be in August, for Helping Hands.

Committee Reports:

Block exchange – Barbara Andrysik

There will be 6 blocks this year. The theme will be patriotic. Blocks will be all pieced, no applique.

Bus Trip – Gerry Cordes/Shelly Hill

No report

Camp WannaMakABlankie – Amy Robertson/Corinne Mittag

Retreat dates are 18-20 October at Camp Carol Joy Holling

Currently there are 20-25 people registered

We need 35-40 participants to break even

Balance of fees due by 1 September

Spring Fling – Angella Arndt

The Arch Diocese is closing. She is looking for an alternate site

Children's Emergency Fund – Debbie McMillin

PromiseShip, our current sponsor for CEF has lost their contract. They are scheduled to close their doors on December 31st.

A new contract has been awarded to St. Frances, but they are out of Kansas, not a Nebraska entity. We discussed how our monies would be distributed – would they stay in Nebraska or be absorbed into their overall funds and possibly go to other places.

Debbie is watching the news and waiting to see what develops.

She wants to hold discussion with partners about how the transition will work and how distribution of monies will occur under the current terms. Will PromiseShip keep the funds or do they plan to hand them out before they close shop.

Stocking fabric has already been purchased. She plans to start handing out Angel Bags at September's meeting.

Caring Friends Auction – Susan McDonnell

No news to report other than the theme of the auction is BIRDS

Community Connections/Helping Hands/Quilts for Hospice – Angie Reed

Planned donations are as follows:

Lymphoma Society fundraiser quilt is ready to donate

Alzheimer's Association received a quilt donation

Habitat for Humanity – there are 7 quilts ready for donating.

Angie has lots of kits prepped and ready for the NICU @ Children's Hospital. She plans to bring them to the August meeting for members to make.

She has lots of bindings that need to be sewn on. She will also bring these projects in for the August meeting.

Angie was contacted by Jerriann Kutny of the Nitetime Needlers, a Kansas City quilt guild. They would like to support the Nebraska flood victims by donating quilts. They would like to give them to us and we would pass them along to a charity organization that would see the quilts would be distributed properly. United Way was suggested as one organization.

Quilts for Veterans – Kerby Selmer

83 quilt tops are done for the Bellevue Veterans' Home. The goal is 125 – one for each resident of the home.

QFV meets the 4th Saturday of the month from 9am-1pm @ Fabric Bash.

Holiday Party – Angella Arndt
Nothing to report at this time.

Librarian – Helen Nance
Helen is looking for suggestions for new books to purchase for our library.

Long Range Planning – Cindy Erickson
Nothing to report

Mystery Quilt – Janelle Reed
This BOM is coming along. Plans are to provide a layout in April and do a reveal in May.

Properties – Andi Chakravarti
Andi has purchased a new light for the podium at the German American Society. One of our speakers had difficulty seeing in the dark to do her presentation. Cost: \$40
Ironing boards were priced at \$50 each.
This will be Andi's last year as properties chair. Mary Cave has volunteered to step in for the 2020-2021 quilt year.

2020 Quilt Moms – Nancy Peters/Anne Beaty
Opportunity Quilt will be on display at the Douglas County Fair.

Webstitcher – Corinne Mittag
Discussion was held about web content. Corinne would like to drop the calendar page and add a members' only section with a picture of each member. The password would be in our Groups.IO

Groups.IO – Amy Robertson
Amy is sifting through current IO members to reflect those who have renewed their membership for the upcoming year. Unpaid members will be deleted.

Rising Stars – position open

Golden Thimble – Corinne Mittag
Amy has rotated out of the committee. She is being replaced by Linda Holman.
No further information to report.

Budget discussion: Windy Benigno
Windy quickly went through the committees one by one to discuss their proposed/expected budget needs for the upcoming year. Corinne will update and edit as needed and present the proposed budget at the August meeting for approval.

Announcements:
August meeting is Angie's Helping Hands
Next board meeting is August 6th at the Lutheran Church of the Masters, 7pm
Next guild meeting is August 13 at the German American Society,

Adjourned at 8:55pm 1st: Andi Chakravarti 2nd Corinne Mittag