

Omaha Quilters Guild
BOARD MINUTES
August 6, 2019

Call to Order 7pm -Maureen Cass

Attendees: Kerby Selmer, Angie Reed, Andi Chakravarti, Mary Cave, Cindy Erickson, Debbie McMillin, Lori Lemmers, Angella Arndt, Nancy Wells, Carece Harstad, Frances Williamson, Barbara Andrysik, Amy Robertson, Helen Nance, Windy Benigno, Corinne Mittag, Maureen Cass, Tammy Magill

Approval of the Minutes

May minutes presented and approved. 1st: Carece Harstad 2nd: Windy Benigno

July minutes presented and approved. 1st Carece Harstad 2nd: Windy Benigno

Corrine Mittag

Treasurer – Budget presented and approved. 1st Kerby Selmer 2nd: Amy Robertson
Websticher Website – website is all up-to-date with current information she's been given.

Golden Thimble (Linda Holman & Elizabeth Kannedy) – No report

Nancy Wells

President elect – no report

Angella Arndt

VP Programming – Elizabeth Granberg-Jerome: Adventures with 60 Degree Triangles. Workshop: Mini-Hexified Panel Workshop – Turning Panels into Spectacular Quilts. 19 people signed up for our first class.

Holiday Party – will begin selling tickets at the October Board Meeting to committee members.

Spring Fling – the Arch Diocese has closed its doors. Looking for suggestions for alternative sites to hold Spring Fling. It may be too late already to book anything for February 2020. If that is the case, we will forgo Spring Fling this year.

Tammy Magill

Recording Secretary – No report

VP Programming – We have 2020 booked and beginning to fill dates in 2021

August 2020 – Tula Pink (will be a ticketed event.)

September 2020 – Helping Hands

October 2020 – Gudren Erla, Quilts of Iceland

November 2020 – Mickey Dupree, Hexies

March 2021 – Lora Kennedy, Farmland Quilting

Lori Lemmers

Corresponding Secretary – No report other than Lori distributed the mail to the appropriate committee members.

Amy Robertson

Camp WannaMakaBlankie – Campers must be paid in full by September 1st.

Approximately 40 people currently signed up.

Newsletter –Please have all newsletter articles to her by Friday

OQG Groups.io – No report

Michelle Craig

OQG Facebook – No report

Molly Phillips

Membership Data – no report

(This position is currently open)

Membership Chair duties include collecting door prizes for the meeting, greeting people & manning the membership table, collecting membership dues.

Angie Reed – Sew-in August 13, 2019. Angie will be there at 4:30 to begin set-up. Bring your machines and thimbles. She has lots of quilts that need their binding sewn down.

Community Connections

Helping Hands

Quilts For Hospice

Quilts For Flood victims – finished quilts need labels attached.

Kerby Selmer

Quilts for Veterans – No report

Susan McDonnell – (sent report in)

Bus Trip – mid April

Caring Friends Auction -- Theme is BIRDS. Your birds can be appliquéd, in the fabric, blocks with bird names, buttons, and the list is endless.

Debbie MCMillin

Children's Emergency Fund

HHS did sign a contract with St. Frances Ministries, Salina, KS. St Frances does an annual toy drive and are looking for an Omaha liaison. Goods collected here will stay in the Omaha area. We discussed toy drives are good but we would like to see winter clothing collected for the children, as we originally did.

PromiseShip currently has no plans to close down. They expect to make their regular distribution at the Papillion site. Debbie will continue to monitor the situation and report back to the committee as news happens.

In regards to the monies we collect at our Holiday Party, we will hold over any funds collected into January, if needed, until we know which organization will receive them.

Liz Fleming

Santa's Workshop – no report

Carece Harstad and Monica Gerhart

Quilt Show

The 2020 contract has been signed. After telling us they weren't going to raise rates, they raised the significantly. We used to get a break on Thursday – they charged us ½ price since our event didn't start until the evening. (\$1750 (Th), \$3750 (Fri) and \$3750 (Sat)) plus additional taxes and fees normal with hotel venues.

Our new rates will be \$4500/day plus additional taxes and fees. Just the venue rates will be \$13,500 before taxes.

We discussed various ways to possibly cut show costs. Also discussed ways to generate more income. Some suggestions were: multiple year discounts – signing up for 2+ years, raising entrance fees, selling more vendor space, cut back on advertising and other expenses.

Angella Arndt and Tammy Magill have already begun the search for a new venues have been discovered. We might have to compromise and do a

smaller show. They will continue to look for a suitable site. venue. So far no promising

Nancy Peters & Anne Beaty (sent in report)

Quilt Moms – have the quilt and tickets

Andi Chakravarti

Properties – Andi has two new ironing boards. We will get to try them out at Angie's meeting next week. We also have one wide board cover purchased from Sharon Harrison, 108" Wide Quilt Backings.

Andi has chosen to pass the Properties baton to someone else, beginning with next year's board. Frances Williamson has accepted the position already.

Andi has also decided to be the Host for the 2021 Quilt Show. She will follow Carece and Monica as they go through the current show.

Fran Williamson

Rising Stars – Frances has accepted Rising Stars for another year, She is in need of suggestions

Some suggestions given were: Cindy Erickson, Acme Quilts (Blair), Dwenette Valenti (Local long arm quilter), look for people who could share a technique or skill

Questions were raised about the presenters being able to sell products during their lecture. Would it conflict with local quilt shops? As long as the "shop" is related to the topic and done before the meeting starts, it would be okay.

Barbara Andrysik

Block Exchange – blocks are ready to go.

Janelle Reed

Mystery Quilt – good to go, the first installment is ready to release in a couple of weeks. It will be the fabric requirements for the mystery quilt.

Helen Nance

Librarian no report

Darcy Jorgensen

Historian/Photographer – no report

Calendars no report

Cindy Erickson

Long Range Planning – no report

Windy Benigno

Ricky Tims – the contract has been signed. We are waiting for them to secure a venue. Once they have a venue they can confirm the dates of the program.

New Business Maureen provided a calendar of guild events for the year.

Announcements

Open Positions-

Membership Chair

Hospitality Ambassadors/ HOLDERS & FOLDERS – Small Groups coordinator position was dissolved. We are replacing it with Hospitality Ambassadors.

New Webmaster – send informal resumes to me

Suggested interested parties submit a bid, sharing their qualifications, to include costs to maintain the website and the program they use. Would we have to pay a set-up fee to switch programmers?

It was suggested since Maureen's son might be a potential candidate; she could recue herself from being involved in the bidding process. Bids could

come to Tammy Magill (as recording secretary), to be forwarded to Corinne
(as webstitcher)

Next meeting

September 3, 2019

Adjournment

Calendar

August 13, 2019 5 to 9 PM

Angie Reed's Sew-IN – German American Club

September 10, 2019

Elizabeth Granberg-Jerome, *Adventures with 60 Degree Triangles*

October 8, 2019

Kelly Ashton, *Sixty Degrees of Inspiration: Hexagons, Diamonds, Triangles and More*

October 18 – 20, 2019

Camp WannaMakeABlankie -Camp Carol Joy Holling

November 12, 2019

Linda Poole, *A Quilted Journey Around the World – Part 2: Seeing the World Through the Quilter's Eye*

December 10, 2019

Holiday Party – German American Club

February 11, 2020

Ilene Bartos, *My Quilting Journey*

March 10, 2020

Linda Hahn, *New York Beauty State of Mind*

April 14, 2020

Jenny Kae Parks, *Every Quilt is a Learning Quilt*

April -Mid

Bus Trip

May 12, 2020

Cindy Grisdela, *Journey of an Art Quilter*

June 18,19, 20, 2020

OQG Quilt Show

Spring Fling ???

Ricky Tims – July 2020