

Omaha Quilters' Guild Board Minutes For January 7, 2020

Meeting called to order by Maureen Cass, President, at 7:02pm

Attendees: Maureen Cass, Windy Benigno, Barbara Andrysik, Nancy Wells, Helen Nance, Darcy Jorgensen, Corinne Mittag, Debbie McMillin, Kerby Selmer, Mary Cave, Andi Chakravarti.

No minutes were approved during this meeting.

- **Corinne Mittag**

- **Treasurer** – Treasurer's Report for Oct, Nov, Dec (on one spreadsheet) provided by Corinne to board members present at meeting. Corinne or Maureen will email to all board members for review and then approval at the next board meeting.

Corinne's reported on income for CEF, see Debbie McMillin, CEF report below.

W-9s were sent to the accountant who sent them to vendors and Emma/OQG Webmaster.

No taxes were collected last year for fundraising items. If we sell, for instance, OQG pins, then we would need to collect taxes on those items.

Corinne paid the invoice for the OQG PO Box. She also learned that only Connie Pratt, 2012 Corresponding Secretary, is the only person listed on the PO Box account who would be able to sign for a package. Corinne provided a PO Box form to Maureen Cass, President. Maureen will try to contact Connie Pratt, based on info in the 2011-2012 Membership book, so that Connie Pratt can sign the PO Box over to Maureen.

- **Webstitcher Website** – No report.
- **Golden Thimble (Linda Holman & Elizabeth Kannedy)** - No report.

- **Nancy Wells**

- **President elect** – Opportunity quilt is progressing.

- **Angella Arndt**

- **VP Programming** – No report (2020 programs listed below.)
- **Holiday Party** – No report.
- **Spring Fling** – No report. Maureen Cass reported she received an email from Sonlit Acres, formerly Knowles Mercy Center, with info on their retreat center. Corinne will post the info to the Resources section of the OQG Website along with any other retreat centers who provide their info for guild members who may be interested in setting up their small group retreats.

- **Tammy Magill**

- **Recording Secretary** – Tammy was unable to attend due to illness. Minutes were taken by Windy Benigno.
- **VP Programming** – Tammy provided updates via Windy (in **Bold**)
 - August 2020 – Tula Pink
 - September 2020 – Helping Hands (moved from August to September to accommodate Tula Pink in August.)
 - October 2020 – Gudren Erla, Quilts of Iceland
 - November 2020 – Mickey Dupree, Hexies
 - **February 2021 – Robbi Joy Eklow**
 - March 2021 – Lora Kennedy, Farmland Quilting
 - **April 2021 – Callie Hargiss, lecture and trunk show**
 - **May 2021 – TBD Cynthia England, landscape piecing**

- **Lori Lemmers, Corresponding Secretary** – Report provided via email. Mail received from:
 - St Francis Ministries, thank you and receipt for our donation.

- Reminder from Post Office dated Dec 20 regarding PO Box fee due 12/31. **Paid per Corinne.**
- Comfort Inn invoice. **Paid per Corinne.**
- Three (3) vendor forms for quilt show. **After meeting update: Tammy received forms from Lori the day after the board meeting.**
- **Amy Robertson** – Provided report via email, requesting articles for newsletter.
 - **Camp WannaMakaBlankie** – No report.
 - **Newsletter** – **Send information/articles no later than noon the Friday before guild meeting.**
 - **OQG Groups.io** - No report.
- **Michelle Craig-**
 - **OQG Facebook** – No report. Kerby Selmer will ask Michelle if we have a Facebook Policy to address what can be posted to the OQG site (or HH, CC).
- **Molly Phillips** – Molly was not present. However, Windy brought up the topic of whether the bylaws, policies, committee descriptions, event descriptions should be in the Membership Book or in a separate OQG Guild Info Book. The discussion seemed to be for two separate books. We should ask members if they want a printed Info book for next year because the info will also be on the OQG Website. The Info Book would not be printed each year, but a few will be kept on hand for new members for say, the next 5 years or whenever significant info should be updated. Members always have the option to view, download, print the info from the website.
 - **Membership Data** - No report.
 - **Membership Chair** - No report.
- **Angie Reed** – No reports.
Maureen read and indicated she had forwarded an email to Angie regarding donations offered by Sue Volkmer's estate.

Note: The Helping Hands Sew-in scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020, is not one of the nine official guild meetings. It was set up at the request of several members who attended the August guild sew-in and wanted to do another one. At Angie's request, the board agreed to cover the cost of Helping Hands sew-in during January.

- **Community Connections**
- **Helping Hands**
- **Quilts For Hospice**
- **Quilts For Flood victims**
- **Kerby Selmer**
 - **Quilts for Veterans** – A minimum of 120 quilts are needed for Veterans Home. Kerby has about 110 quilts completed. No date for delivery is scheduled as yet, she will let members know.
- **Susan McDonnell** – Report received from Tammy via Windy.
 - **Bus Trip – mid April** – Susan is leaning towards Kansas for the trip. Possibly shops in the Topeka area and maybe one along the way, possibly in Holton.
 - **Caring Friends Auction** – No report.
- **Debbie McMillin**
 - **Children's Emergency Fund** - Corinne reported income at Holiday Party for CEF as \$10,466. A check was written to St Francis Ministries (who replaced Promise Ship) for \$10,466. According to Debbie the total does not include the gift cards, since they do not go through the bank, and she did not have the total for gift cards available for this meeting. Corinne provided the following breakout:
 - Auction - \$5,375; Santa's Workshop - \$4,655; Stockings - \$436
 - Debbie has met with St Francis Ministries. Toy distribution in December was a little disorganized at first. This is St Francis Ministries first year receiving donations from OQG. Debbie will ask for more OQG volunteers next year and St Francis will need to communicate with case workers better.
- **Liz Fleming** –
 - **Santa's Workshop** – No report.
- **Carece Harstad and Monica Gerhart**

- **Quilt Show** – Report received via email. Quilt Show meeting scheduled for January 8, 2020 at 7pm. Corinne asked for updates to quilt show forms as soon as possible so they can be ready for posting to the website in time for quilt registration.
- **Nancy Peters & Anne Beaty** –
 - **Quilt Moms** – No official report on tickets sold, but the Quilt Moms were at Bernina in December and Country Sampler the beginning of January. Corinne mentioned that the Quilt Moms were having issues with the quilt frame so we may need to buy a new one if it can't be fixed. Andi suggested cannibalizing the quilt frame that's in the storage unit, which also has issues, to see if the one being used could be fixed.
- **Andi Chakravarti**
 - **Properties** – Andi needs to know what February's speaker needs. Andi and Mary Cave will have the ironing boards, extension cords, etc. at next week's sew-in for Helping Hands.

Andi/Mary noted that the door to the OQG storage unit can be hard to shut. The owner told them to raise the door and slam it shut! That should make it easier to lock.

- **Fran Williamson**
 - **Rising Stars** – No report.
- **Barbara Andrysik**
 - **Block Exchange – Theme red/white/blue** - No report.
- **Janelle Reed**
 - **Mystery Quilt** - No report.
- **Helen Nance**
 - **Librarian** - No report.
- **Darcy Jorgensen**
 - **Historian/Photographer** – No report, but the guild will need to find a new Historian/Photographer for next year. Darcy is stepping down. The job comes with several boxes of board documents, pictures, and photo albums. Climate controlled storage was suggested so the person in this position does not have to store so many boxes.
- **Cindy Erickson**
 - **Long Range Planning** – No report.
- **Windy Benigno**
 - **Ricky Tims** – Windy received a Valentine graphic for Quilt Luminarium which will be sent to Amy for the newsletter and to Corinne for the website. There are currently 30 people registered; Ricky Tims would like 250.
 - **Location: Dr. Stanley Trulsen Auditorium, UNMC – parking available**
 - **Costs \$219 (deadline July 3, 2020) or \$184 Early Registration (June 6)**
 - **Be sure to mention Omaha Quilters' Guild when registering online.**

New Business

Announcements

- **Next meeting**
 - **A Helping Hands Sew-In is scheduled for January 14, 2020 at German American Society**
 - **Next Board meeting - February 4, 2020**
 - **Next Guild meeting – February 11, 2020**

Adjournment - Corinne moved to adjourn, Nancy Wells seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Windy Benigno on behalf of Tammy Magill, January 8, 2020.

Calendar

January 14, 2020

Sew-In – Part 2 -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 – Embassy Suites

July 18 & 19

Ricky Tims – Quilt Luminarium