

**Omaha Quilters' Guild  
Board Meeting Minutes March 3, 2020**

**Call to Order** - Maureen Cass at 7:01pm

**Members in Attendance:**

Windy Benigno, Molly Phillips, Barbara Andrysik, Monica Gerhart, Carece Harstad, Corinne Mittag, Nancy Wells, Helen Nance, Angella Arndt, Angie Reed, Kerby Selmer, Janelle Reed, Mary Cave, Debbie McMillin, Andi Chakravarti, Maureen Cass.

**Approval of the Minutes** – No minutes approved. Board minutes have not been provided to the Webstitcher for posting to the website. Recording Secretary should review the OQG website and provide missing board meeting minutes to the Webstitcher for the current guild year. Minutes not yet approved should be sent to board members for review and then approval at the next board meeting.

- **Corrine Mittag**

- **Treasurer** – 18-month CD matured in Feb and was automatically rolled over for another 18 months, interest rate dropped from 2.2% to 1.84% on a \$10k balance. 24-month CD matures in August on \$10,300 plus interest; 30-month CD matures Feb 2021 on \$20k CD.
- Invoice for December 2019 Holiday Party was received and paid and payments were made to bring rental of German American Society current.
- **Webstitcher Website** – Board minutes need to be brought current; quilt show registration form was sent to Emma for posting.
- **Golden Thimble (Linda Holman & Elizabeth Kannedy)** – Elizabeth Kannedy's 3-year term expires at the end of this guild year. Linda and Corinne will find a past president to fill the position.
- **Camp Wannamakablankie** – Camp Calvin Crest near Fremont was toured as a potential replacement for Camp Carol Joy Holling (CJH). Camp Calvin Crest is priced lower, but CJH has better lighting and food as well as a shuttle to transport quilters from one building to another. Based on the research, the Swanson Building (same one used in past years) at Camp CJH was reserved for Oct 15, 16, 17, 2021. Max attendance for 2021 will be 85.

- **Nancy Wells**

- **President elect**
  - **Opportunity quilt** – should be turned over to the longarmer any day now.
  - **Nomination committee** – Almost all positions are filled; nominee for President Elect is pending final confirmation from candidate; Quilt Mom is still needed and a Historian/ Photographer. The option to break out the Historian/ Photographer position into three positions/three individuals was discussed, potentially a Historian, a Photographer, and an Archivist to handle

the process of archiving/digitizing historic photos and documents. Once a process is determined, initial archiving could be a team event.

- **Angella Arndt**
  - **VP Programming**
    - March – Linda Hahn
    - April – Jenny Kae Parks
    - May – Cindy Grisdela
  - **Holiday Party** – Invoice was finally provided - and paid. Report provided to Recording Secretary.
  - **Spring Fling** – No report
- **Tammy Magill**, absent, Windy Benigno is filling in. Tammy forwarded email from Yvonne Wilson with info on Jackie Brock's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Janelle checked with Kathy Cavanaugh about sending notice out in newsletter. Kathy said Jackie's small groups had been notified and not to send a notice in the newsletter.
  - **Recording Secretary**
  - **VP Programming**
    - **August 2020 – Tula Pink**

Janelle Reed (Programs chair who signed up Tula Pink for OQG) provided information on Tula Pink program for next year, Tuesday August 11, 2020. The program will be joint with Omaha Modern Guild (OMG). Revenue will be split 80/20 with 80% going to OQG and 20 % to OMG. Class is half-day afternoon lecture from 1-4, doors open at 12:30pm at German American Society (**NOT** Celtic Quilter). The class/lecture is limited to 200 attendees with the seats split 80/20; 160 seats to OQG members and 40 seats to OMG members. The class includes a meet and greet.

- Tickets for the afternoon Tula Pink class/lecture are \$25 and will go on sale at the April meeting. If a guild member cannot be at the April guild meeting, they can send money with a friend.
- Evening program is at GAS and is free to members of OQG and/or OMG, visitor fee is \$10. Attendees will need to check in on appropriate guild sign-in sheet, guests will sign the guest book and pay the visitor fee.
- Modern Quilter/Quilt Studio will have a pop-up shop of Tula Pink products at the class and during the evening program.
- There will be no Rising Stars preceding the night of the Tula Pink program.
- The usual tables will be set up around the room for the evening meeting.
- It's not a problem to have a short business meeting (e.g., vote on board nominees for 20-21).
- Tula Pink has asked that we not advertise outside of the guilds involved.
- Bernina may bring a Tula Pink machine, but will not be demoing or selling.
  - September 2020 – Helping Hands
  - **October 2020 – Gudren Erla, Quilts of Iceland**
  - **November 2020 – Mickey Dupree, Hexies**
  - January 2021 – Sew-in Part 2
  - **February 2021 -**
  - **March 2021 – Lora Kennedy, Farmland Quilting**
  - **April 2021 – Cynthia England technique**
  - **May 2021 –**

- **Lori Lemmers** – absent, Lori will distribute mail at next week’s guild meeting. Angie Reed will get the PO Box authorization form signed by Connie Pratt to Maureen Cass, which will remove Connie’s name as an authorized person on the box.
  - **Corresponding Secretary**
- **Amy Robertson**, absent, no report
  - **Newsletter** – send information before noon on Friday
  - **OQG Groups.io**
- **Michelle Craig**, absent, no report
  - **OQG Facebook**
- **Molly Phillips**
  - **Membership Chair**
  - **Membership Data** – 221 paid members, Nancy Wells and Windy Benigno will fill in at the Membership table at next week’s guild meeting in Molly’s absence.
- **Angie Reed** –
  - **Community Connections**
  - **Helping Hands**
  - **Quilts For Hospice**
  - **Quilts For Flood victims**
- **At guild meeting**
  - Will have more books to give away from Sue Volkmer.
  - Quilt presentation to Young Adults from College of St Mary Choir for their fundraiser; this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year OQG has provided a quilt.
  - Gentleman from Omaha Home for Boys will talk about Youth Mart. Angie will ask members to bring unused household items to guild meeting for Youth Mart. Youth mart items are free to the young people who graduated and need help in furnishing their apartment.
  - Angie will provide status on pillowcase request for CEF, goal 400, due Dec 2020.
  - A woman working for CPS (near Fremont) requested 12 quilts and backpacks, Angie offered pillowcases in lieu of backpacks.
- **Kerby Selmer** – no report
  - **Quilts for Veterans**
- **Susan McDonnell** – absent but provided info on Bus Trip.
  - **Bus Trip** – Will be April 18<sup>th</sup> to Kansas City area, info will be presented at next week’s guild meeting.
  - **Caring Friends Auction** – no report
- **Debbie McMillin**
  - **Children’s Emergency Fund**
  - Debbie provided a copy of a thank you letter from the St. Francis Foundation, which serves as a record of OQG giving for 2019 in the amount of \$16,621 in “cash gifts and in-kind contributions.” She provided the letter to the Recording Secretary in case it could be used to support future grants.
  - Janelle Reed was identified as next year’s chair for Stocking Challenge.
  - Nancy Wells requested that at next year’s Holiday Party, totals be collected by the CEF chair from the Auction, Santa’s Workshop, and Stocking Challenge chairs and the total estimate announced at the end of the evening following the auction.
- **Liz Fleming**, absent

- **Santa's Workshop**
- **Carece Harstad and Monica Gerhart**
  - **Quilt Show**- quilt entry form provided to Webstitcher for posting to website.
  - Deadline for entry submission is April 30<sup>th</sup> – NO EXTENSIONS!!
  - Quilt turn-in June 5 & 6; judging June 8 & 9.
  - Quilt judge is Kathy Eubanks.
  - Featured quilter is Carol Nish.
- **Nancy Peters & Anne Beaty**, absent but provided report
  - **Quilt Moms** – Tickets sold at following locations since last board meeting: Feb OQG guild meeting 130; Bernina store 228; Country Sampler 23; Sew Creative 16. March sites: Celtic Quilter and Acme in Blair, dates pending.
- **Andi Chakravarti**
  - **Properties** – Andi thanked Mary Cave for filling in last month in Andi's absence. Angella let Mary know what was needed for the next week's speaker.
- **Fran Williamson**, absent but provided following report.
- **Rising Stars** –
  - March: Carece Harstad and Monica Gerhart will speak about quilt show.
  - April: Fabric Bash. They have increased their services since previous visit.
  - May: Ellen Lessman. Ellen will discuss what needles are best for different fabrics.
- **Barbara Andrysik**
  - **Block Exchange** – Theme red/white/blue -
- **Janelle Reed** – see also Tula Pink under Programs.
  - **Mystery Quilt** – the next clue will go out the weekend before guild and provide the last instructions for sewing; April clue will provide the layout for the top; and May will be Show & Tell for finished tops – or quilts!
- **Helen Nance** – no report but looking for suggestions on books for the Library.
  - **Librarian**
- **Darcy Jorgensen**, absent
  - **Historian/Photographer** –
- **Cindy Erickson**, absent
  - **Long Range Planning**, Angella Arndt provided an update on search for new venue for quilt show. She and Tammy Magill are in communications with Beardmore Center in Bellevue to get more cost details. They will also check out Papillion Landing, Ralston Arena, and Baxter arena. Tara Plaza was suggested by a couple of board members, the center bays are currently vacant.
- **Windy Benigno**
  - **Ricky Tims**
    - Location: Dr. Stanley Trulsen Auditorium, UNMC – parking?
    - Costs \$219 (deadline July 3, 2020) or \$184 Early Registration (June 6)
    - Be sure to mention Omaha Quilters Guild when registering online.
  - Windy provided a list to the QL coordinator of 42 quilt shops in Nebraska (and several in IA KS SD and MO) willing to display a poster and brochures in return for having their shop info listed on Ricky's "shop hop" list that will be handed out to attendees. In addition a list of 58 Nebraska guilds and several in IA KS MO and SD was provided.
  - As of Feb 2020 there were 40 registrations, need 200 minimum.

## **New Business**

- **Omaha Gives!** Maureen signed up OQG, not yet approved by Omaha Gives!

## **Announcements**

- **Next meeting**
  - **General Meeting:** March 10, 2020 – German American Society
  - **Next Board meeting:** April 7, 2020

**Adjournment** – 8:28pm, Angella moved, Kerby seconded

Minutes respectfully submitted by Windy Benigno on behalf of Tammy Magill.

## **Calendar**

### **March 10, 2020**

Program: Linda Hahn, *New York Beauty State of Mind*

### **April 14, 2020**

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

### **April 18, 2020**

Bus Trip, Kansas City area

### **May 12, 2020**

Program: Cindy Grisdela, *Journey of an Art Quilter*

### **June 18, 19, 20, 2020**

OQG Quilt Show – LaVista Conference Center

### **July 18-19, 2020**

Ricky Tims Quilt Luminarium