

Omaha Quilter's Guild
Board Meeting
August 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Liz Fleming.

Attendees: Nancy Wells, Barbara Andrysik, Eilene Hengen, Kerby Selmer, Angie Reed, Helen Nance, Debbie McMillin, Yvonne Wilson, Amy Robertson, Angella Arndt, Andi Chakravarti, Cindy Erickson, Dorothy Lange, Windy Benigno, Tania Uram, Liz Fleming, Janelle Reed, Carol Nish.

Minutes from July 2021 board meeting: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Nancy Wells, seconded by Barb Andrysik. All approved.

Treasurer's report from June: Motion to approve the report was made by Amy Robertson, seconded by Angella Arndt. All approved.

Budget for 2021/2022: Several items were discussed. Motion to approve the budget was made by Eilene Hengen, seconded by Amy Robertson. All approved.

President - Liz Fleming

Liz thanked everyone for stepping up to serve on the board this year. She is looking forward to next week's meeting and beginning the year.

Treasurer - Janelle Reed

Janelle reported that the current balance in our account is \$41,613.19 which includes approximately \$1550 from Santa's Workshop last March for CEF. Those funds will be distributed this fall. We also have \$42,712.38 in CDs. The quilt show for 2021 netted \$1,642.23. The opportunity quilt raised \$2,791.85. This gives the guild a profit of \$4,433.08.

Programs - Angella Arndt

Angella presented the class and meeting schedule for the upcoming year.

Robbi Joy Eklow will be the August speaker. Her class, "Fusapalooza" currently has 13 members signed up. There is room for more.

September is a sew in with Helping Hands.

In October, Cindy Erickson will have a trunk show at the meeting. Her class is "Mini Flying Star."

Angella had a sample quilt to show. There is room in her class.

November's class "Half to Haves" and trunk show will be presented by Lynn Doyle.

February's speaker is Judy Fletcher. She is a certified Laura Heine instructor and will teach "Vino Collage Quilt" at Celtic Quilter.

March features Cindy Grisdela. Her class is "Fire and Ice Bargello." She will have a trunk show at the meeting. Her class is full.

May's class, "Delightful Season Wool Applique" will be taught by Deanne Eisenman. She will have a trunk show at the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary - Dorothy Lange

Dorothy reported that she received a letter from the IRS that she handed over to President Liz Fleming. The letter was asking for our tax form. Janelle reported that she mailed a copy to them in May and will call to determine if they have received that information and/or need additional info.

Recording Secretary - Carol Nish

Carol reported that she examined the books that she was given last year containing the hard copies of meeting minutes. She couldn't find hard copies for 2016-2020. The discussion that followed indicated that hard copies were not necessarily kept every year. The minutes from those years should be online.

Newsletter - Amy Robertson

Amy reminded the board that she will publish the newsletter this weekend and needs articles by Friday.

Membership - Molly Phillips

Nancy Wells and Windy Benigno reported for Molly that she will be out of town and they will cover for her at the August meeting. They will be accepting membership forms and payment. There will be several bundles of fat quarters leftover from Scrap Therapy at the quilt show that will be given as door prizes.

Photographer - Yvonne Wilson

Yvonne asked for a clarification of her role as photographer. She was told to take pictures of the speaker at each meeting, the speaker's quilts (with permission only), class projects that members bring to the meeting, and show and tell quilts. She will post these photos on Facebook. She will also post pictures from classes throughout the year.

Quilt Show 2022 - Eilene Hengen / Helen Nance

Eilene and Helen attended the wrap up meeting from last year's show. They will have their first meeting with the current committee members soon. They already have a featured quilter and a celebrity judge.

Block Exchange - Barb Andrysik

Barb reported that the theme for this year is "fussy cut." The fussy cut centers will be available at the meeting and members will choose their own fabric for the remainder of the block. She is going to try to get the instructions for the blocks online, but they will also be available at the meetings.

Camp Wannamakeablankie - Angella Arndt

Angella reported that 21 are currently signed up for camp, October 15-17. She said that there is room available and still time to sign up.

OQG Facebook - Michelle Craig

Windy Benigno reported that she and Vicki Hoskovec will be looking at what should be posted on Facebook versus groups io. They will be defining those parameters in the near future and share that information with the guild members.

Golden Thimble - Linda Holman / Windy Benigno / Nancy Peters

Windy reported that there is only 1 thimble left and no one seems to remember where they were purchased. A suggestion was made to check with Dee Acklie. Windy also noted that a box will be available at each meeting for comment sheets when someone notices another guild member doing something noteworthy. This information will be used to help select the future recipients of the award. She will inform members of this via a newsletter article.

Helping Hands - Angie Reed

Angie asked Liz if she could be first on the agenda for the meeting next week for a presentation. She also noted that quilts have been donated to Children's Hospital.

Properties - Andi Chakravarti

Andi thanked Mary Cave for her work on this committee last year. Mary created a sign up for the keys to the storage unit. Andi asked that outgoing members with keys return them to her so that she can account for the keys before handing them to the new officers / chairmen. She had some extra keys made and plans to attach them to a large key fob to prevent loss. Andi also said that Mary agreed to be available to meet members at the storage unit if needed when Andi is unavailable. Currently, keys have been given to the president and quilt show chairman. The properties chairman will also have keys. Andi asked for any special needs for the August meeting. It was suggested that tables be set up across the back of the room for the Scrap Therapy sale.

Mystery Quilt - Janelle Reed

Janelle plans a later start for the mystery quilt this year. She will begin in October.

Quilt Mom - Debbie Hanslip / Dorothy Lange

Dorothy reported that they took in \$407 at the Wolfe Outdoor Quilt Show. Dee Acklie also took the quilt to Quilt Nebraska and sold tickets.

Rising Stars - Eilene Hengen

Eilene is working on programs for Rising Stars. Scrap Therapy will be selling fat quarters and other pieces at the August meeting. Fabric Bash will be making a presentation at the October meeting. Some other ideas were discussed and suggestions were given for the remaining meetings.

Holiday Party - Angella Arndt

Angella reported that the party will be on December 14, with tickets available at the October meeting. She will be meeting with the GAC regarding the menu and other details.

Children's Emergency Fund - Debbie McMillin

Debbie is currently looking for a local charity involved in foster care for us to partner with. She would like to give out the money that we took in last year from Santa's Workshop to help children in foster care as soon as possible. She will do some research and present her findings at the next board meeting for a decision next month.

Santa's Workshop - Carol Nish

Carol reported that she will be asking members for donations. She will ask for new or nearly new items. Garage sale leftovers or items from grandma's attic would be better given away on the tables available at the back of the room on meeting nights. We would like to concentrate on items that members would like to receive, rather than older recycled items that you find when cleaning out your sewing room. It was suggested that members be told that we may combine items or give away donations if they are too old or outdated and to let them know that this was not intended as a "white elephant" event.

Stocking Challenge - Janelle Reed

Janelle had the fabric available for the stockings at the meetings in the spring. She reported that she has only 6 or 7 fat quarters left and will have those available to sell.

Old Business:

Windy will meet with Vicki regarding our Facebook page.

New Business:

Janelle noted that our guild was founded in 1975 and we will be celebrating 50 years as a guild in 2025. She noted that it would not be too early to begin planning for that event. After some discussion, Cindy Erickson, Angella Arndt, Yvonne Wilson and Amy Robertson volunteered to begin working on plans for a 50th anniversary celebration.

Announcements:

Next guild meeting: August 10, 2021

Next board meeting: September 7, 2021

Motion to adjourn by Windy Benigno, seconded by Cindy Erickson. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish