

Omaha Quilters Guild
Board Meeting
August 1, 2023

President Eilene Hengen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendees: Eilene Hengen, Mary Cave, Nancy Wells, Angella Arndt, Dorothy Lange, Janelle Reed, Patty Alexander, Tania Uram, Cindy Erickson, Barb Trochim, Windy Benigno, Yvonne Wilson, Kerby Selmer, Andi Chakravarti, Ona Steinauer, Fran Williamson, Jessica Selega, Angie Reed, Barb Andrysik, Melissa Peters, Carol Nish and Liz Fleming.

July board meeting: Eilene asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. Yvonne Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes as written and Kerby Selmer seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report: Cindy Erickson made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and Liz Fleming seconded the motion.

President: Eilene Hengen thanked everyone for coming; she said that this meeting would be about introducing cost cutting and trying for us to live within our budget going forward.

President Elect – Kerby Selmer - No report

Programs – Yvonne Wilson had questions about getting workshop art for the programs.

Corresponding Secretary – Dorothy Lange - No report

Recording Secretary – Tania Uram - No report

Treasurer – Patty Alexander reports that our revenue is basically the same from last year meaning we lost about \$4000. The proposed budget was presented and was open to discussion. In order to break even we need to increase our money by \$6000 per year or decrease our expenses by the same amount. The losses are primarily occurring in these 3 areas: Executive, Membership and Programs. We need to stop the spending overages and come up with some ideas to increase revenue as a guild. The question was asked if trims to any individual budgets are possible; Quilts for Veterans, Library and Block Exchange agreed to take a cut in their budget.

A concern is that the cost of having a national speaker with accompanying costs of travel, lodging, and fees is too much for us to provide every month. There was discussion for options for local speakers and other programming ideas to save money. Having the capability for credit card usage at the Mercantile would increase purchases by buyers.

It was decided to keep prices the same for this year and for ways to save and to increase revenue to the quilt show, etc.

Past president/Advisor – Tania Uram - No report

Newsletter – Amy Robertson says the newsletter deadline is Friday.

Membership Chair – Melissa Peters & Stacy Quandahl

Memberships were renewed at the Quilt Show and many paid with credit cards; that option was well received. There was discussion about how to charge guests visiting our meeting whether for regular meetings or for special national speakers. A vote was taken to increase the fee for visitors from \$5 to \$10. There were 12 Yes votes, 7 No votes and 1 abstained.

Photographer – Yvonne Wilson - No report

Quilt show 2024 – Liz Fleming - No report

Block Exchange – Barb Andrysik

The 6 blocks will form a Christmas tree with extras for trunk and star. The patterns will be ready next week.

Bus trip – No report

Camp WannaMakeaBlankie - Angella Arndt

Enough people have signed up to hold camp this year which be held October 19-22.

OQG Facebook – Nancy Wells, Amy Robertson - No report

Golden Thimble – Nancy Wells, Nancy Peters, Angella Arndt - No report

Helping Hands - Angie Reed

Donations to EPS this month for their boutique are 10 each of quilts, receiving blankets, burp cloths and bibs.

Librarian – Barb Trochim - No report

Properties – Andi Chakravarti - No report

Long Range Planning – Cindy Erickson - No report

Quilts for Veterans – Kerby Selmer says the group will resume sew-ins at the Fabric Bash on August 26 th .

Quilt Mom – Kerby Selmer & Tania Uram

So far a total of \$549 has been collected on our Opportunity quilt at the Wolfe Farm show and at a retreat.

Rising Stars – Zanteen Dean & Fran Williamson

The meeting for August may be to have people bring in troublesome projects for advice or tips

Webstitcher – Vick Hoskovec - No report

Holiday Party – Angella Arndt

The party will be held Tuesday, December 12 th .

Children's Emergency Fund – Debbie McMillin & Jessica Selega - No report

Live Auction - Nancy Wells

She has 1 quilt already.

Santa's Workshop – Ona Steinauer said that she needs to ask for more volunteers this year and to be more organized. There are quite a lot of donations coming in already.

Mystery Quilt – Janelle Reed - No report

Stocking Challenge – Molly Phillips - No report

OQG 50 Year Committee – Cindy Erickson, Amy Robertson, Angella Arndt

They are making plans.

Old Business – Some discussion was made about how to handle old documents and photos and where to store them.

New Business: no report

Announcements: none

Next Guild Meeting: August 8, 2023

Next Board Meeting: September 5, 2023

Motion to Adjourn: Angella Arndt, Nancy Wells

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:53 PM.