

Omaha Quilter's Guild
Board Meeting
February 7, 2023

President Tania Uram called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Attendees: Eilene Hengen, Janelle Reed, Nancy Wells, Angie Reed, Angella Arndt, Barb Andrysik, Zantean Dean, Amy Robertson, Debbie McMillin, Dorothy Lange, Yvonne Wilson, Patty Alexander, Tania Uram, Barb Trochim, Liz Fleming, Kerby Selmer, and Carol Nish.

October board minutes: Tania asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. Nancy made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Yvonne seconded the motion. All approved.

October treasurer's report: Janelle handed out the treasurer's report. Tania asked for additions or corrections. Liz made a motion to approve the report as written. Angella seconded the motion. All approved.

Treasurer - Janelle Reed

Janelle reported that the current balance is \$70,237.10. Our 18 month CD will be renewing. The interest rate will go from .65 percent to 4.52 percent. Janelle also informed the board that she has paid the insurance renewal, the advance deposit for the quilt show to Embassy Suites, and taxes, in the amount of \$1,235.37, for the quilt show.

President - Tania Uram

Tania informed the board that she received two copies of "Quilt Folk" magazine and a calendar. One copy of the magazine will go in the library and the other 2 items will go to membership for door prizes. Tania also signed up to promote the guild with quilts and information in a display case at Millard Public Library next August. Carol Nish will be helping her with the display case.

President-elect - Eilene Hengen

Eilene reported that after the nominating committee met, she has been contacting members to ask them about serving in the open positions on the board. Positions that remain open are: Recording Secretary, Newsletter, Quilt Show Chairman, Bus Trip, Rising Stars, and Quilt Mom. Zantean Dean volunteered to take the Rising Stars position.

Programs - Eilene Hengen/Yvonne Wilson

Yvonne reported that she is working on the remaining contracts for 23/24. As soon as she has finalized those contracts, she will work on 24/25. Some discussion was held on when to have the boards with the workshop/speaker information available at the guild meetings. It was suggested that they be ready before the end of the year. Eilene reported that the remaining workshops for this year are full except for May. There are one or two spots remaining in May.

Corresponding Secretary - Dorothy Lange

No report.

Recording Secretary - Carol Nish

No report.

Past President / Advisor - Liz Fleming

No report.

Newsletter - Amy Robertson

Amy needs all articles for the newsletter by Friday. The newsletter goes out on Saturday.

Quilt Show - Liz Fleming

Liz reported that the quilt entry form is online and available. Liz informed the board that a judge is now under contract, quilts must be entered by April 22, and the turn in dates are Sunday, June 4 and Monday, June 5.

Block Exchange - Barb Andrysik

Barb showed a sample of the next block. This block will be due in March. She has been checking on the possibility of offering an extra "buggy" block. She has attempted to contact the designer for permission, but has not heard back at this time.

Membership - Patty Alexander/Melissa Peters

Patty reported that we have 203 paid members at this time. Patty informed the board that she will have a handout available at the meeting which will include information for members who joined after the directory was published. She will also provide a new online file for Amy to publish. Dues for next year will be accepted at the quilt show or later.

Photographer - Yvonne Wilson

No report.

Camp WannaMakeaBlankie - Angella Arndt

Camp will be held October 19-22, 2023 and October 3-6, 2024. An extra, optional day has been added on Thursday for those quilters who would like a longer stay.

OQG Facebook - Nancy Wells, Amy Robertson

Amy and Nancy Wells said that everything is going smoothly.

Golden Thimble - Nancy Wells, Nancy Peters, Windy Benigno

Nancy Wells reported that the committee will be asking for nominations in the coming months.

Helping Hands - Angie Reed

Angie reported that she delivered 145 Christmas stockings and 145 pillowcases to Project Harmony on December 19, 2022. On January 25, 2023, she delivered 14 baby kits, 9 adult kits and 10 toddler kits to the Omaha Home for Boys. She also delivered 100 pillowcases on February 1, 2023 to the Least of My Brethren. Angie reported that they use 10 pillowcases per week and she will continue to help supply them with pillowcases. Angie then informed the board that some guild members have been asking her if they could have a second sew-in for Helping Hands in January. Angie proposed that she pay the room fee to Westside out of her budget. After some discussion, it was decided that since the guild voted to move the January meeting to August, it must be clear to members that this is not a guild meeting. It was decided that Angie is free to invite members to come and sew at this Helping Hands event. It will not be called a "Sew-In" so members won't confuse this event with the guild meeting in August.

Library - Barb Trochim

No report.

Properties - Andi Chakravarti

Tania reported for Andi that the security system at our storage unit has been upgraded. She asked to be notified of any special needs for the February meeting.

Long Range Planning - Cindy Erickson

No report.

Quilts for Veterans - Kerby Selmer

Kerby reported that 30 quilts were delivered to the Veterans Home before Christmas.

Quilt Mom - Zanteen Dean

Zanteen reported that \$100 in tickets were sold at Celtic Quilter on January 28 and \$48 at Fabric Bash on February 4. She is looking into taking the quilt to the International Quilt Study Center for National Quilters Day on March 18. She is also looking into displaying the quilt during the Kansas-Nebraska Shop Hop which will be held April 1 - May 31.

Rising Stars - Betty Harmsen

Tania reported for Betty that Deb Hysack will speak in February about labeling quilts, Deb and Robin from Country Sampler will speak in March about binding, and Joan Workman will present a program on "Accordion-Sewn HST."

Webstitcher - Vicki Hoskivec

No report.

Holiday Party - Angella Arndt

No report.

Children's Emergency Fund - Debbie McMillin

Debbie reported that \$3,000 to \$4,000 more was raised this year.

Live Auction - Nancy Wells

Nancy reported that there were 21 items in the silent auction and 24 items in the oral auction. \$7,904 was raised. The theme for 2023 is "Row Quilt." You may be creative in your interpretation of a "row quilt." The only stipulations are that at least 2 people must work on each quilt, and quilts must consist of at least 3 layers.

Santa's Workshop - Ona Steinauer

Janelle reported that Santa's Workshop raised \$4,228 at the Holiday Party.

Mystery Quilt - Janelle Reed

Janelle reported that she will send out the next set of instructions this week.

Stocking Challenge - Janelle Reed

Janelle reported that the stocking challenge raised \$1318.54.

OQG 50 Year - Cindy Erickson, Amy Robertson, Angella Arndt

The committee has met and is continuing to research and come up with ideas. Yvonne

volunteered to help with this committee.

Old Business:

Preserving photos and guild history information is still an issue that we need to deal with.

New Business:

No report.

Announcements:

The next meeting will be held on February 14, 2023.

The next board meeting will be held on March 7, 2023.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Angella. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish