

Omaha Quilter's Guild
Board Meeting
April 4, 2023

President-elect Eilene Hengen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Eilene Hengen, Janelle Reed, Nancy Wells, Angie Reed, Angella Arndt, Barb Andrysik, Dorothy Lange, Yvonne Wilson, Patty Alexander, Barb Trochim, Liz Fleming, Kerby Selmer, Andi Chakravarti, Ona Steinauer, Zantean Dean, and Carol Nish.

March board minutes: Eilene asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. Yvonne made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Liz seconded the motion. All approved.

Treasurer - Janelle Reed

Janelle reported that the bank balance is currently \$67,233.36. Janelle informed the board that the guild received a newly refurbished computer courtesy of A-Z Networks, Inc. This will replace the guild's current computer. Janelle had been having a number of problems with that computer. Janelle purchased a subscription to Quicken Online at a cost of \$38.63 per year. She renewed our web hosting contract with IPage. This is a 3 year contract. The cost is \$473.04. She noted that this cost needs to be added to the budget in the future. Janelle also signed up for a trial for Microsoft Office 365 for office programs for the new computer.

Treasurer's report: Janelle handed out the treasurer's report. Eilene asked for additions or corrections. Nancy made a motion to approve the report as written. Yvonne seconded the motion. All approved.

President - Tania Uram

No report.

President-elect - Eilene Hengen

Eilene reported that she still needs to fill several open positions on the board: Recording Secretary, Newsletter, Quilt Show Chairman, and Children's Emergency Fund. Patty asked that she also look for a helper for Melissa with membership.

Programs - Eilene Hengen/Yvonne Wilson

Eilene reported that there are 2 open spots in each of the April and May workshops.

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 we now have the address for the drop off location at Boys Town. This is also the location for the judging. We need quilt entries and volunteers. The ribbons are finished.

Block Exchange - Barb Andrysik

Barb showed a sample of the "Shoo Fly" block due this month. She and Sally are looking at ideas for next year.

Membership - Patty Alexander/Melissa Peters

Patty reported that we have 215 paid members at this time. Patty informed the board that she has done some research on accepting credit/debit payments. She discussed the Square reader from squareup.com. After much discussion, on the need, using the reader at various guild events, additional fees, and how to manage the app and information, it was decided to table it for now, but continue to look at the possibilities for accepting credit/debit payments. Patty will look more closely at the Square reader that Angella currently uses. Patty also asked board members for suggested changes to update the membership form.

Photographer - Yvonne Wilson

No report. Yvonne continues to take pictures and will begin posting quilt show information.

Camp WannaMakeaBlankie - Angella Arndt

Camp will be held October 19-22, 2023. An extra, optional day has been added on Thursday for those quilters who would like a longer stay. The registration form will be available soon.

OQG Facebook - Nancy Wells, Amy Robertson

No report.

Golden Thimble - Nancy Wells, Nancy Peters, Windy Benigno

Nancy reported that they have received a couple of nominations. They will ask one more time for nominations and information about the nominee.

Helping Hands - Angie Reed

Angie reported that Helping Hands donated 10 baby quilt sets to Youth Mart and 27 baby quilt sets to Omaha Home for Boys on March 27, 2023. She received a thank you letter from Mary Blakely at the Omaha Home for Boys thanking the guild for the baby quilt sets, stocking sets and toddler quilt sets. Mary Blakely noted that there is a continual need and they are most appreciative of the support they have received from the guild.

Library - Barb Trochim

Barb reported that she was contacted by Jen Fox, the Westside Facilities manager. Jen informed her that Ralston Public Schools will be using the Westside facility next year. She noted that we would still be able to hold our meetings in the cafeteria. She asked us to think about locking the library cabinets to secure those contents. After some discussion, Barb will look into a combination bike lock for that purpose. Jen noted that there might be a change in the room available for Rising Stars.

Properties - Andi Chakravarti

Andi told board members that she will not be able to attend the April meeting. Linda Holman will set up the signage for her. She will check on additional tables for Mercantile. Several members reported that, at previous meetings, the door had been locked just before 6 p.m. when they tried to enter for the meetings. Andi will check on this.

Long Range Planning - Cindy Erickson

No report.

Quilts for Veterans - Kerby Selmer

No report.

Quilt Mom - Zanteen Dean

Zanteen reported that she has collected around \$1780. Next year's quilt will be on display at the Wolfe Country Quilt Show in July. She will look into displaying the quilt during the Kansas/Nebraska shop hop in April and May.

Rising Stars - Betty Harmsen

Eilene reported for Betty that Joan Workman will be the speaker this month. She is looking for a replacement for the speaker she had scheduled in May.

Webstitcher - Vicki Hoskivec

No report.

Holiday Party - Angella Arndt

The space is reserved for Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

Children's Emergency Fund - Debbie McMillin

No report.

Live Auction - Nancy Wells

Nancy reminded the board that the theme for 2023 is "Row Quilt." Quilts will be due at the end of November.

Santa's Workshop - Ona Steinauer

No report.

Mystery Quilt - Janelle Reed

Janelle reported that she sent out the final instructions for assembling the quilt. She is hoping to see some finished quilt tops at the May meeting.

Stocking Challenge - Janelle Reed

Molly Phillips will be doing the stocking challenge next year.

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

No report.

Old Business:

No report.

New Business:

Patty suggested that we thank those businesses who continually support the guild with door prizes by possibly offering them an honorary membership. After some discussion, a motion was made to send a letter to those businesses who donate door prizes at 4 or more meetings to offer

them an honorary membership for the following year. Yvonne made the motion, Liz seconded the motion. All approved.

Announcements:

The next meeting will be held on April 11, 2023.

The next board meeting will be held on May 2, 2023.

Liz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Janelle. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish