

Omaha Quilters' Guild
Board Meeting
September 5, 2023

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

Attendees: Dorothy Lange, Liz Fleming, Amy Robertson, Nancy Wells, Barb Andrysik, Molly Phillips, Angie Reed, Cindy Erickson, Tania Uram, Eilene Hengen, Melissa Peters, Patty Alexander, Kerby Selmer, Jessica Selega, Mellissa Bowder, Debbie McMillin.

May board meeting: Eilene asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. Barb Andrysik moved to approve the minutes and Cindy Erickson seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: The report was passed around with only one slight correction made by Melissa Peters. The report was approved by Tania Uram and seconded by Liz Fleming.

President: Eilene Hengen - no report

President elect: Kerby Selmer - no report

Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Lange – no report

Programs: Yvonne Wilson reported that the class for November is full. The October class has only 4 people so far; she will put a signup on the FaceBook page to promote it. The spring classes are filling up. Yvonne will get the supply list from the presenters and send it to Vicki to put onto the website.

Recording Secretary: Tania Uram – no report

Treasurer: Patty Alexander reported that she is updating our finances. A 30-month CD matured so she renewed it for 12 months at 4.4% interest. The safe deposit box key was replaced. She is looking for other ways to reduce our costs. An attempt was made to get a non-profit discount on the Microsoft license but was declined.

Past President/Advisor: Tania Uram – no report

Newsletter: Amy Robertson – newsletter articles are due. She needs a list of the group.io members; that list needs to be updated.

Membership Chair: Melissa Peters – We have 185 members as of August 1, 2023. There will be membership forms available at the October meeting.

Photographer: Yvonne Wilson – no report

Quilt Show 2024: Liz Fleming announced the challenge quilt theme is Cut, Sew, Repeat. The design must include a CIRCLE and be no more than 100" around although it can be any shape. There will be a quilt meeting at 6 PM next month before the regular board meeting for anyone interested in being part of the quilt show committee.

Block Exchange: Barb Andrysik – no report

Bus Trip: Mellissa Bowder is looking for ideas as to the formation of a bus trip for next year. Suggestions were made as to having a 2-day bus trip rather than going to the usual closer quilt shop destinations. Melissa Peters offered to share info from her membership data bases.

Camp WannaMakeaBlankie: Angella Arndt – Camp will be held October 19-22. Registration forms are the website and payment should be turned in as soon as possible.

OQG Facebook: Nancy Wells, Amy Robertson – no report

Golden Thimble: Nancy Wells, Nancy Peters, Angella Arndt – no report

Helping Hands: Angie Reed – please bring your machines to the sew-in next Tuesday. It will be held at Westside Community Center.

Librarian: Barb Trochim – no report

Properties: Andy Chakravarti sent an email to Jen Fox, manager of Westside Community Center asking for 160 chairs to be set up for each of our meetings going forward. The set-up was not adequate or satisfactory for our August meeting.

Long Range Planning: Cindy Erikson – no report

Quilts for Veterans: Kerby Selmer says the sewing group meets the 4th Saturday of each month at Fabric Bash to sew on the Quilts for Veterans.

Quilt Mom: Kerby Selmer & Tania Uram - Our opportunity quilt will be displayed at Threads Across Nebraska in October. We are also aiming to display the quilt at local shops during the September Shop Hop. A question was asked if we could display our quilt at the IQS Center on the free day, the 1st Friday of the month. So far, 700 tickets have been sold.

Rising Stars: Zanteen Dean & Fran Williamson – no report

Webstitcher: Vicki Hoskovec reports that the website has been updated. A question was made about getting a quote from Emma about updating our system more often. A suggestion was made by Melissa Peters to get a bid from a young man she knows who might update our website more frequently than Emma. There is a question of liability insurance for the person who maintains the website.

Holiday Party: Angella Arndt – The party will be held at the German American Center on December 12th. She is hoping that the price will still be \$25. Tickets for board members will be sold starting at the October board meeting.

Children's Emergency Fund: Debbie McMillin & Jessica Selega – no report

Live Auction: Nancy Wells reports that several quilts have already been promised. The deadline for donations is at the first of December

Santa's Workshop: Ona Steinauer – no report

Mystery Quilt: Janelle Reed – The quilt mystery will start in October. 13 have signed up so far.

Stocking Challenge: Molly Phillips will be selling fat quarters for the stockings at the October meeting.

OQG 50 Year Committee: Cindy Erickson, Amy Robertson, Angella Arndt – no report

Old business: none

New Business: none

Next Board Meeting: October 3, 2023

Next Guild meeting: October 10, 2023

Motion to Adjourn: Kerby Selmer and Liz Fleming

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM