



Nebraska State Quilt Guild

NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD

Board and Committees

April 18, 2009

Material Girl, Grand Island, NE

APPROVED VIA E-MAIL

Merikay Gengenbach, 2009 President, called the meeting to order at 9:33 am CT. Each person in attendance introduced themselves and their position.

The following Board members and committee chairs were present:

Beryl Knotwell, Bylaws
Barb Hinrichs, District III Director
Sandy Hanson, President – Elect 10
Marty Kleppinger, Treasurer 09
Chris Steinke, Site Selection
LeAnne Killion, Threads
LeAnn Frobom, QNE 2009
Jan Hibbs, Library

Merikay Gengenbach, 09 President
Kandy Adams, Secretary
Carol Brandl, QNE 2009
Connie Phillips, District I Director
Elaine Moore, District III Director
Pat Varner, QNE 2012
Sheila Beins, Administrative Assistant

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes are available on the NSQG website under the Board of Directors tab.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved via email.

The minutes are sent via email or snail mail to *all* board members and committee chairman, whether present at the meeting or not, who may submit corrections or clarifications. An “approved” or “not approved” response to the minutes is required from the Board members present at the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: See handouts.

Treasurer Marty Kleppinger reported first quarter 2009 income of \$ 6,024.37; first quarter expenses of (\$ 5,990.72); net first quarter income of \$ 33.65. The first quarter 2009 sub-total for the IQSC Pledge Fund is \$ 382.19.

As of March 31, 2009, total NSQG 2009 assets, including checking, savings, and CD's is \$81,589.88; total IQSC Pledge Fund, including checking, savings, and CD, is \$ 131,674.95.

Questions concerning the handouts should be directed to Marty Kleppinger. The report will be filed for the auditor.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Region I: No report.

Region II: No report.

Region III: Barb Hinrichs and Elaine Moore reported that they are considering a one day workshop on introductory quilting topics in the Alliance area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Quilt Nebraska 09: Carol Brandl reported that the QNE 09 registration booklet is now available online on the NSQG website. Postcard notifications were mailed to alert members. Committees are on track for the event and auction items are coming in. The Charity Challenge, Project Linus, should receive statewide publicity through that organization and representatives from Project Linus will be on hand at QNE. The long arm classes being offered this year are receiving much interest.

LeAnne Killion stated that quilt related articles can be printed each month through her work affiliation and be distributed statewide. PR articles should/could be emailed to her at lkillion@agnet.net

Research will begin to gather information about having the complete registration process, including payment, done online.

Quilt Nebraska 10: Sandy Hanson reported that she has met with Phyllis Hamaker. Additional co-chairmen are needed for the event in North Platte.

Quilt Nebraska 11: Merikay Gengenbach has talked by phone with Sue Tillemans regarding QNE 11 in Kearney.

Quilt Nebraska 12: Pat Varner, "Head Mistress" for QNE 12, reported that QNE 12 will be held at the LaVista, NE, Embassy Suites Convention Center. The convention, "Quilt Majik", will all be under one roof with an Old World English theme along the ideas of an English Boarding School/Academy – a School of Quilting and Creativity. The vendor's mall will be entitled "Quilter's Alley." Many creative and entertaining ideas are in motion for this event (patterned after ideas from Harry Potter).

Awards: No report.

Merikay Gengenbach reminded members to nominate quilters for awards. The revised nomination form is available on the website, due to Dianne Thomas by April 30th.

Bylaws and Policies: No report.

Education: No report.

Sheila Green will be presenting a class during QNE 09, Children Discover Quilting, that will include training for the Discover NE project as well ideas for children's quilt related activities.

Historian: No report.

Members were reminded to send any quilting event information or PR to Jean Ford.

Library: See report.

Jan Hibbs reported that the book “Loose Change – Quilts from Nickels, Dimes and Fat Quarters”, by Claudia Plett and LeAnn Weaver, was sent in April to 291 public libraries in Nebraska. The Nebraska Library Commission provided address labels and Martingale & Company Publishers of Woodinville, WA, supplied the books for a discounted cost of \$ 10.72 per book, including shipping and handling. A sample book was passed around for inspection. Each book contained a letter explaining the library project and crediting Martingale & Company for their participation and a book plate indicating donation by NSQG. It was noted that prior to 1996 only 30 libraries received a book. Since 1996, all NE libraries receive a book. Total project expenses are \$ 3,875.11. Thank you notes are being received from the libraries.

Jan proposed that NSQG consider donating a book to the IQSC&M Mary Ghormley Reading Room, subject to approval by Carolyn Ducey, Curator of Collections, since the library project was completed significantly under budget for 2009.

Membership: See handout.

The report submitted by Darice Cecil, Membership Chairman, shows membership as of April 1, 2009, at 569 renewals and 25 new memberships for a total of 594 (not including 10 complimentary memberships). It was noted that this is a decrease of 152 members compared to last year at this time. As of April 1, 2009, 321 members from 2008 have not renewed their membership.

Newsletter: See handout (information on the bottom of membership report).

The April newsletter was sent electronically to 191 members with 420 printed copies mailed. Ten complimentary print copies are mailed along with seven copies to members who selected both print and email distribution. Failed delivery returns are investigated and resolved if possible.

Raffle Quilt 09: Merikay Gengenbach reported that the quilt has been at several recent state events including display at the IQSC&M and the Dawson County Museum. The quilt will be at the Curtis Spring Fling, an Omaha Quilt Guild event and Nebraskaland Days in North Platte. It has raised \$ 3,355.00 to date. 1,645 tickets remain and are available for purchase.

Anyone wishing to display the quilt should contact Linda Maloley, 75459 Rd 439, Lexington, NE, 68850. Phone 308-324-3662 or email: limaloley@yahoo.com

Quilt Nebraska Site Selection: Chris Steinke reported that Claudia Kiser, co-chair, has emailed the Valentine Chamber of Commerce regarding hosting QNE 2013 and Chris has made contact with Brenda Strecker, Fremont and Dodge County Convention and Visitors Bureau, in regard to holding QNE 2014 at Midlands College in Fremont.

Nebraska State Fair: No report.

Storage facilities in Grand Island still need to be located. Additional apprentices are needed for the 2009 State Fair. The names of Katie Wilson and Bonnie Kucera should be removed from the 2009 committee roster under White Glovers.

The President of the Grand Island Quilt Guild, Kay McCafferty, has indicated that they have six individuals wanting to learn/help with State Fair. Sheila Green has set an orientation session in Lincoln with Pat Clausen, NE State Fair, on May 22nd for those involved with judging, hanging, white glovers and take down. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to attend.

“Threads Across Nebraska”: LeAnne Killion has posters and brochures available for distribution. Printing costs were very reasonable and a bill presented to the treasurer. Vendors are signing up at this time and their fees will be given to the treasurer for deposit.

The quilt show during the event will feature quilts from around the state. LeAnne presented information on the need for special insurance riders for the quilts while in her possession/home and at the show. See attached information from Jeffrey Acklie.

It was recommended that LeAnne continue to investigate insurance policies/coverages, costs, and if such policies would/should be applicable for other NSQG sponsored events and the raffle quilt. An email vote by the Board will be conducted once information/costs are obtained.

IQSC Pledge Fund Committee: No report.

Marty Kleppinger read several letters with donations to the Quilt Study Fund. Local guilds are reminded to conclude their pledges to the IQSC Pledge Fund.

Information was shared on recent issues removing names from signature cards and service fees, etc., with the various banking institutions currently being used. Marty was instructed to investigate area banks for the best account options for our organization, especially since the accounts for the IQS Pledge Fund will close this year.

Website: No report.

Chris Wieggers has been asked to clarify the wording on the website to avoid confusion regarding the IQSC Pledge information.

The question was asked if it would be possible to have links to preliminary information for upcoming QNE events. It was decided to wait until after QNE 09 to place future QNE information on the website.

Surfin Stitches: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The five 2008 white-glovers whose names were drawn to receive \$ 50.00 towards their 2009 QNE registrations have been contacted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Assessment and Planning Committee: Merikay Gengenbach and Sandy Hanson met with the committee and request that individuals contact Sandy with any ideas to strengthen the NSQG, increase membership and meet educational concerns for the state.

Nominating Committee: Sandy Hanson, along with nominating committee members Linda Winters, Carol Kusek and Lois Wilson, are contacting candidates for state offices.

Discussion was held regarding a recent request by non-quilting businesses for advertising in the NSQG Newsletter for a quilt related event.

***Jan Hibbs moved that quilt related events may be included in the State Newsletter by approval of the President. Marty Kleppinger seconded. After discussion Jan Hibbs amended the motion as follows: That quilt related events may be paid advertising in the State Newsletter by approval of the President. Marty Kleppinger seconded – motion passed. Barb Hinrichs abstained.**

***Marty Kleppinger moved that funds in the amount of \$ 3,500.00 in the Quilt Vision Fund be transferred to the Quilt Study Fund. Barb Hinrichs seconded – motion passed.**

***Jan Hibbs moved that the NSQG, through its Library Project, donate a book, a value of up to \$ 50.00, to go towards the Mary Ghormley Reading Room. Sandy Hanson seconded – motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 am CT.

The next Board and Committee meeting will be Saturday, June 13, 2009, in St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 5th and Tilden, Holdrege, NE.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandy Adams, Secretary NSQG