

NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD
Board and Committees
June 12, 2010
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Holdrege, NE

Sandy Hanson, 2010 President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM CDT.

The following board members and committee chairs were present:

Sandy Hanson, President	Connie Phillips, Region I
LeeAnn Meduna, Secretary	Jan Hibbs, Library Project
Marty Kleppinger, Treasurer	Jean Ford, Historian
Beryl Knotwell, Bylaws and Policies	Pam Thomas, Region III
Susan J Weber, President Elect	Bonnie Kucera, Visitor
Pat Varner, Awards, QNE 2012	Darice Cecil, Membership
LeAnne Killion, Threads	Shirley Lavene, QNE 2010
Jan Sittler, State Fair White Glove	Linda Winter, State Fair, QNE 2010
Sheila Beins, Admin. Assistant	

Secretary's Report: Minutes 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. 2nd quarter income 2010 is \$8172.00. 2nd quarter expenses are \$6743.48. Net income \$1428.52. Total CD, checking and savings assets as of 6/1/10 are \$79,183.07. Report corrected as shown on handout.

Motion to accept corrected treasurer's report made by Marty Kleppinger. Second by Pam Thomas. Motion passed.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS' REPORT

District I: They are planning an Oct 9, 2010 Quilt Gathering in Auburn featuring Katy Coleman.

District II: No Report

District III: They are working on various ideas for a Quilt Gathering.

LeAnne Killion encouraged the District Directors to publicize their events in the publication Heartland Express, where she works.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Threads Across Nebraska: LeAnne Killion reports that the vendors have been organized, information has gone to the guilds in Nebraska, and advertising is going on.

QNE 2010: Shirley Lavene reports that 237 are registered for full packages and 12 are registered for 1 day. 47 jackets have been ordered. 75 are registered for Quilt History Day. Elsie Campbell (national teacher) has cancelled. Sheila Beins will be doing a one day class, Dee Acklie will teach a half day class and Bonnie Kucera will do a half day lecture as a replacement.

Discussion was held as to how to handle the lectures for those who have not registered. It was pointed out that the registration booklet noted that you cannot attend a lecture without registering. **Sandy Hanson appointed a committee to work on policy for handling those who would like to come for the lectures only.** The committee is Sandy Hanson, Pam Thomas, Bonnie Kucera and Susan Weber.

QNE 2011: Susan Weber reports that the theme is Quilt Fantastica featuring the fan block. It will be at the Holiday Inn in Kearney. The co-chairs of this convention are Sue Tillmans, Karen Krull-Robart, Sandy Griepen-Stroh and Phyllis Hamaker. The national teachers have been selected. They are working on a tote bag at a discounted fee that would carry quilts. Things they would like the board to consider are ala carte food and sending the registration booklet. They are also looking for corporate sponsorship and possibly a large item give-away.

QNE 2012: Pat Varner reports that the convention planning is going well. It is at the Embassy Suites Convention center in LaVista, NE. Alice Cruz is the vendor chair. They will have up to 25 vendors. All the classrooms will be on the same floor around the convention ballroom. Outside trips are being planned as well as ideas to entertain the attendees late in the evening.

Awards: Pat Varner reports there were 10 nominations, 8 members, 1 non-member, and 1 organization. 14 medals will be given in all.

By-Laws and Policies: No Report

Education: No Report

Historian: No Report

Library: See handout. 291 copies of "A Baker's Dozen" were sent out to all the libraries in Nebraska. Jan Hibbs reports that she received many thank-you notes from these libraries. There was one extra book left which will be given to the QNE 2010 for a door prize.

Next year the IQSC will donate a chintz appliqué book for the library project.

Discussion was held about asking the libraries for feedback on how much the quilt books are being used.

Darice Cecil reports that the James Foundation offers assistance for education purposes and that we might apply for that assistance for our library project or the Quilt History Day at QNE.

Membership: See handout. As of 6/1/10 there are 548 members. This is down by 71 from this time last year. Discussion was held as to why the membership is down and ideas on how to increase the membership.

An increase in the cost to advertising in the membership book from \$20 to \$30 was voted on via email. **Susan Weber made a motion to ratify this decision made via email. Pam Thomas second. Motion passed**

Newsletter: Newsletter costs discussed and we are reminded that the \$20 membership fee does not cover the cost of the newsletter. Discussion was held as to how to decrease the cost of the newsletter. Ideas discussed were going from 6 issues per year to 4 or decreasing the number of pages.

Raffle Quilt 2010: Sandy Hanson reports that the quilt has been at 5 events and has 6 more planned. \$2675 has been collected so far. The 2011 Raffle quilt has been completed and is ready for the unveiling at QNE 2010.

Site Selection: Sandy Hanson reported. They are brainstorming for other locations to have QNE. Chadron isn't a viable option any more. The site for QNE 2013 has yet to be selected and must be by the end of the year.

Nebraska State Fair: Linda Winter reports that the State Fair has hired a superintendent of quilts and added categories. Grand Island has a larger venue and is able to lock the doors to secure the quilts. Jan Sittler has volunteered to be the White Glove chair. 60 people have already been signed up. Jan will be at the QNE 2010 and talk to the chair of last year to get the names of guilds that volunteer on a regular basis. There will be pick up locations in North Platte and Lincoln. Chris Weigers will be asked to put a link to the State Fair on the NSQG website.

Website: No report.

Surfin' Stitchers: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Request for Sponsorship: A written request was received from the Lincoln Quilters Guild asking for help sponsoring the National Quilting Day in the amount of \$300-\$400.

Susan Weber made a motion to accept the request for up to \$400 for sponsorship if the National Quilting Day.

Marty Kleppinger second. Motion passed.

Proposal for Publicity Committee:

The Publicity Committee should include but is not limited to the current President and appointed Publicity Chair, as well as current member of: a) Quilt Nebraska committee, b) Threads Across Nebraska, c) Membership committee, and d) NSQG website committee.

The Publicity Committee will help publicize NSQG and its sponsored events maintaining contacts in the following areas: newspaper, radio, TV, guilds, list services, website, and other appropriate venues.

Each event committee will handle publicity as well as coordinate efforts with the Publicity Committee.

Susan Weber made a motion to accept this proposal for a Publicity Committee.

Connie Phillips second. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcement at Convention: The Friends of IQSC is being formed and would like to make an announcement regarding this at convention. Permission granted by consensus.

Marketing Request: Susan Weber would like to have note cards made of the 2011 raffle quilt and sold. They have enough orders already to cover the start up cost.

Susan Weber made a motion to have note cards made up of the 2011 raffle quilt to be sold. LeeAnn Meduna second. Motion passed.

Convention Liability/Contracts: Bonnie Kucera brought to the board's attention the need for a reserve for convention liability. We need a reserve to cover what we would owe if we cancelled our convention or the contracts of the teachers. This needs to be included in our budget. This should also be considered when the site selection is being made.

Convention Future Locations: Sandy is looking for new ideas for the location of future conventions and what needs to be considered. Possibly locating along the interstate for ease of use or colleges for lower costs. Discussion was held.

CVENT: Pat Varner reports that in looking into how other states handle their registration she has found a website that will handle this for us for a monthly fee. It would be easier for the QNE committee and for the members to sign up and register for classes instead of waiting until May. Pat Varner and Darice Cecil will look into the cost of this and the ease of use.

OTHER BUSINESS

June 25, 2010 is the deadline for articles for the next newsletter.

Sandy Hanson is working with the State Fair Board on a County Block Quilt. She is working on getting a block from each county in Nebraska. She is asking for names of those in counties who might be interested in making a block.

The meeting adjourned at 1:42pm CDT.

The next meeting is the annual meeting at the Sandhills Convention Center in North Platte, NE on July 25, 2010 at 8:30 am.

The next board meeting will be November 6, 2010 at Prairie Point Junction in Cozad, NE.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnn Meduna, Secretary NSQG