

## NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD

### Board and Committees

June 25, 2011

Fairgrounds, Kearney, NE

President, Susan Weber called the meeting to order at 9:28 am, CDT. The following members and committee chairs were present:

Susan Weber, President	Patty Young, Treasurer
Sandra Kosch, President Elect	Sheila Beins, Administrative Assistant
LeAnne Killion, Threads	Gloria Bernadt, Region I
Sharon Clark, Region I	Sandra Anderson, Historian
Sue Tillemans, Quilt NE 2011	Pam Thomas, Region III
Laura Franchini, Region II	

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the last meeting were corrected and approved via email.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report attached. Second quarter income of (3,383.44) and expenses of (6,262.44) and YTD income of 4,277.32 and expenses of (10,151.33) are reported.

Total assets including checking, savings and CD's are \$92,719.16.

Expenses for Region II not received yet.

**Sharon Clark made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, second by Gloria Bernadt. Motion passed**

### DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORTS

**Region I:** A Quilt Gathering will be on September 24 in Deshler at 1 p.m. Terry Melby from Mankato, Kansas, and Gloria Bernadt are presenting a program on Crazy Quilting and traditional as well as modern embellishments.

**Region II:** Report included.

A Quilt Gathering was held June 4, 2011 at College of St Mary in Omaha, NE with 78 women attending. A quilt show by Laura Franchini was given. Sandy McMillan also showed quilts and explained her progression in quilting. Peg Pennell shared her passion of challenge quilts during lunch. Pat Varner created interest in QNE 2012 with her talk and Susan Weber also gave encouragement about NSQG. Vicky Skoudas was there with the raffle quilt. The speakers donated their time, and were given some compensation for mileage, as well as a very nice book as a thank you.

The cost was \$12 per person, which included lunch, goodie bag and the speakers.

Many attending this event wanted the Quilt Gathering to be at the same location next year. The Region Directors are planning to do an event in the West Point/Dodge area in 2012. A second event may be planned in Omaha in 2012 and the directors are to bring a request to the board for additional expenses.

**Region III:** Report included.

A Quilt Gathering was held April 30, 2011 in Ogallala at the Senior Center with 23 people attending. Louisa Renchen presented a lecture on her recent travels to India with Jinny Beyer. Lori Baker presented a trunk show of quilt and specialty garments.

Bills: We need to order a new quilt stand for the raffle quilt. We do not want to take it out of the raffle budget. Bill presented for \$161 to come out of the "Other" category of the NSQG budget. Sue has the bill for four past QNE chairpersons to attend the current convention. Quilt History Day and membership are not included. This comes out of administration. LeAnne ordered more brochures for Threads.

**Sharon Clark made a motion to pay the bills. Second by Gloria Bernadt. Motion passed.**

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Quilt NE 2011:

Quilt Nebraska 2011 has 220 registrations including those signing up for one day. Sue Tillemans had to cancel one state instructor – only one student in her class. That instructor didn't have a problem. Another class only had two students so they switched to another class. All participants got their most wanted class. Sue delivered some brochures over to the Nebraska Fine Arts program at UNK. Maybe we can fill in some one day classes there. We will be advertising in an area newspaper. One day class for nonmembers is \$165. If they register after the deadline, they will not get meals. No break in price. Sue suggested looking in the future to the cost of renting the rooms for classes and to not include the meals at convention. A core meeting was held on Tuesday evening. The committee felt they were close to being on budget. A cutting table has been donated to QNE 2011. After reviewing the Nebraska charitable gaming laws the committee decided to raffle it. Since we are a 501(c)3, we can have more than one raffle. According to the Department of Revenue, we can have a second small raffle. Sue spoke with Cliff Thomas. Sue will pass phone information to Patty to file with her records. We can print 900 tickets to keep the proceeds under \$1,000 according to gaming laws. This would help cushion the bottom line for Quilt Nebraska 2011. The tickets would cost \$1 each.

**Sue Tillemans moved to proceed with the small raffle for the donated cutting table with the proceeds not to exceed \$1,000. Tickets will be \$1 at Quilt Nebraska 2011. Funds to be deposited into the QN account. Motion seconded by Sandra Kosch. Motion passed.**

One of the problems encountered is getting hostesses for teachers. Sue would like to have a hostess for each teacher. We have 9 national teachers and 7 state teachers. Articles have been in the newsletters asking for volunteers and Sue has had little response. President Susan Weber is not taking classes and will assist the hostesses. One of the concerns voiced is will people get to take their class? Yes. Quilt angels will accompany the teachers to lunch. Hostesses will attend dinner with their teachers. We need to review the convention book to make clarifications. The hostesses will be informed of their responsibilities when they check in. They are encouraged to attend the Meet and Greet on Thursday evening to meet their assigned teacher. They will be available to help them with any difficulties they might have.

**Quilt NE 2012:** Report included.

Vendor letters have been sent. The national teachers are now finalized. Sheila Green is chairing Quilt History Day and Terry Caffrey is the treasurer. A presentation is planned for Saturday night at this year's convention. When she's doing her presentation for 2012, Pat needs a pull down screen and a hook up for a laptop computer. Sheila will send the contact information to Pat. Susan will direct Pat to request her seed money for QNE 2012 and take the expense out of that money.

**Awards:** 6 awards will be given at QNE 2011.

**By-Laws and Policies:** Faye Kliewer has been reviewing past Board meeting minutes and then updating the Policies and Procedures. The attached report is included and the penciled/red areas are what should be added or changes. These were handed out and reviewed. They will be voted on at the November meeting.

**Education:** No report

**Historian:** No report.

**Library:** Barbara Caron reports that after a search of WorldCat, she found that that only 29 of the 53 public libraries that enter data in WorldCat had added last year's book. If that percentage held for all 293 Nebraska Public libraries, only about 55% added the book to their collection. That would be about 160 public libraries. She would like to ask the public libraries if they want a copy of the chosen book rather than send it to all libraries. She notes that she used to be a librarian and only a small number of books donated were added to their collections. A postcard will be sent with next year's donation asking "Do you want to continue to be on our mailing list?" Postage on this year's donation was \$806 – books were donated.

**Membership:** There have been 67 new members this year for a total of 591 members.

**Raffle Quilt:** On June 4, 60 tickets were sold at the region II gathering. June 18, Clarkson – 80 tickets sold. June 24, Omaha quilt show 144 tickets sold. There are only 166 tickets left. Events left are today in Omaha, July 4 in Seward, and the Alliance Civil War Event at Knight Museum event. There are 2 packages of note cards and 7 singles left for sale.

The 2012 raffle quilt – 4 quilters are working on it. The quilt traveled to an international show. The quilt received three awards: viewer's choice, honorable mention and piecer's award.

**Site Selection:** The Concordia College personnel have changed. They printed out a contract and are waiting for us to agree. The facility is handicapped accessible. 244 people can be accommodated. The housing is located across the street from classrooms. If the contract is agreeable, the Committee and President will proceed. Chairmen are lined up. If things are firmed up in time, an announcement of the location can be made at Annual meeting during the Site Selection report.

**Nebraska State Fair:** We cannot have our Threads brochures out at the State Fair. We can have a listing of upcoming NSQG events but not individual brochures. We can have our membership and save the date cards. Information only brochures will be allowed at the state fair. White glove volunteers from last year received e-mail request to sign up again.

**Threads:** To date we have 29 vendors signed up. Quilts of Valor will be there again. Omaha Quilt Guild does a CD of the quilts in their show, which they sell for \$12. LeAnne has a photographer in town that would do it for Threads. There were some concerns of copyright of quilts that were original patterns. Marilyn Rembolt's husband (a lawyer) found a Supreme Court ruling stating that you cannot control what happens to a pattern after it is sold.

**Patty Young made a motion that we pursue producing a CD of the quilts at Threads. Second by Sharon Clark. Motion passed.**

**Publicity:** The committee needs to have a month of lead time to get information out.

**Website:** No report.

**Surfin Stitches:** No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Quilt NE Registration:** An April 2008 motion stated that convention booklets be available only online at the NSQG website starting with 2009 due to the high cost of printing and mailing. QNE 2011 booklet was mailed at a cost of \$1300. Discussion was held weighing the different options of paying for the booklet.

Printing and mailing expenses of the QNE books are to be taken out of the NSQG budget not Quilt Nebraska. This will be on the November meeting agenda.

**Cost of Membership/Current Dues:**

**Gloria Bernadt made a motion that we raise the dues to \$25. Second by Patty Young. Motion passed.**

**Full membership dues will be \$25, half year \$15. Patty Young made a motion that half year memberships will be \$15. Second by Sandra Kosch. Motion passed.**

Members will need to check a box to receive your QNE registration booklet via e-mail or snail mail on the membership form. Date effective August 1, 2011.

**E-mail addresses in 2012 membership book/eliminate Surfin' Stitches** – tabled to January meeting.

**Pattern Right to Governor's Mansion and Homestead Monument Quilts:** In policies and procedures under the raffle quilt, it states that because the designer is not paid, NSQG does not have any rights to the pattern. NSQG does request that any pattern not be sold until after the quilt is raffled. This was reflected in the newsletter. To clarify the process, the designer is to be a part of the construction. Governor's mansion cannot accept a donation from one person. It has to be from a group.

**Policies and Procedures on webpage:** The board will strike words "for easy access to members" in policies and procedures so would be available to all. This, too, will be voted on at the November meeting.

**Convention Advisory Board** – Have not met. Tabled until November.

**Quilt Expo** – October 20-22, 2011 at Pershing Center in Lincoln. We can have as many quilts displayed as we would like. We can set up on Wednesday and tear down on Saturday. We need to let them know how much space we want and hang the quilts ourselves. We can have our raffle quilt and sell tickets. Sandy and her committee will oversee the raffle quilt. LeAnne will send an e-mail to board members requesting if they have a quilt to display. A size limit may be in order. Passes will be obtained for those who are volunteering in the booth.

**Quilt Nebraska Date:** -- Following the president's e-mail response about changing the date for QNE, the recipient wrote and asked again if we would consider moving the date from the last weekend in July. No further response will be given.

**Report on Homestead Monument Project:** The brochures are ready. The fan quilt from last year's NSQG Silent Auction (purchased by Susan Weber) is in a quilt frame donated to the Homestead Monument by President Weber. The fan quilt will be available to be quilted on by whomever is visiting the Homestead Monument. There is interest by local quilters in the Beatrice area to quilt at the monument on a fairly regular basis.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Quilt Quest Request:** See letter. Form on the back of the letter shows our sponsor fee at \$500 (not \$375 that we approved in January). Our budget for the current year is already set. We will pay our sponsor fee of \$375 and \$75 in prize money. Requests for funds need to be in written form before budget is formed.

The Electronic Banner request by them will state: Nebraska State Quilt Guild is a statewide organization of individuals who have sought a forum for the purpose of furthering education about quilts, promoting the art of quilt making, and expanding the friendship circle shared by persons dedicated to quilts and the fiber arts.

#### **NSQG Sponsorship on National Quilting Day at IQSC:**

**Sandra Kosch made a motion to continue sponsorship of the National Quilting Day in March 2012 at the IQSC of \$400. Second by Laura Franchini. Motion Passed.**

**Prairie Fire Publication:** This is a monthly newspaper focused on arts and humanities. It has a circulation of 80,000. They are asking if NSQG would like to advertise its events in their publication. NSQG will decline at this time.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm, CDT. : Part of the group accompanied Sue Tillemans to the Kearney Holiday Inn and Younes Conference Center to tour the facilities for QNE 2011.

The next meeting is Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 9:30am at the Seward Public Library in Seward, NE.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Thomas, acting NSQG Secretary