

NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD

Board and Committees

November 12, 2011

Seward Public Library

President, Susan Weber called the meeting to order at 9:30 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
SueTillemans, QuiltNE2011	Pam Thomas, Region III
Pat Varner, Quilt NE 2012	Fay Kliewer, Policies and Procedures
Sandy Hanson, Advisor	Linda Winter, State Fair
Darice Cecil, Membership	LeeAnn Meduna, Secretary

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report attached. Third quarter income of \$7,949.75 and expenses of (\$8,719.68) and YTD income of \$21,840.57 and expenses of (\$20,878.49) are reported.

Total assets including checking, savings and CD's are \$89,389.02.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORTS

Region I: Report included. A Quilt Gathering was held September 24th at the Thayer County Conference Center in Deshler. Thirty-six attended the event. Gloria Bernadt of Hebron spoke on crazy quilts and Terry Melby of Mankato, Kansas spoke on silk ribbon embroidery techniques. NSQG President Susan Weber was there and invited those attending to join NSQG. She also announced the winner of the design contest for quilt to be displayed at the Beatrice Homestead National Monument during the 150th anniversary of the Homestead Act. Door prizes were given and refreshments were served.

Region II: Report included. Plans are being made for a Quilt Gathering next year in the northeast part of the state.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

QNE 2011: Report included. There were 76 registered for the bonus package, 88 registered for the full package, 42 for a one day package and 45 for Quilt History Day. There were 12 cancellations, for a total of 241 in attendance. There was (\$1667.66) loss posted this year. An audit of the QNE 2011 books was done.

Out of the 500 quilt totes purchased as gifts for the bonus and full package registrants, there are about 250 left. They are being sold at \$5 at other events. The totes that are left will be sold at Quilters Cottage in Kearney.

Three requests for refunds for QNE 2011 were received by the board. Discussion was held.

LeeAnn Meduna made a motion: A Quilt Nebraska registration refund request due to extenuating circumstances after the convention deadline will be considered if a written letter is sent to the board by the fall board meeting of the same year. If granted, the refund will be less the \$25 cancellation fee and the cost of the food. Pam Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

Pam Thomas made a motion that after reviewing the extenuating circumstances of the 3 requests that their request be accepted. Sandy Kosch seconded. Motion passed.

Susan Weber directed the treasurer to make the requested refunds. Two refunds were \$145 (\$320-\$150 food + \$25 cancellation fee) and one refund for Quilt History Day was \$0 (\$40-\$15 food+\$25 cancellation fee).

QNE 2012: The website for QNE 2012 is up and running. The friendship block and exchange will be posted early on the website. Eleven regional teacher applications have been received and will be reviewed. Sixty percent of the blocked rooms at the hotel have been booked.

Discussion was held about the possibility of keeping two QNE books for future reference. Each one would be passed on to the chairman of QNE two years in the future. The 2010 book passed on to QNE 2012 chairman and the 2011 passed on to the QNE 2013 chairman, for example. This was approved by consensus.

Awards: No report.

By-Laws and Procedures: The By-Laws and Procedures were reviewed after going back over previous years' minutes. The report is attached.

Pat Varner made a motion to amend the Policies and Procedures mileage statement to "Allow the prevailing IRS reimbursement rate for round trip mileage for presenters at NSQG sponsored events." Sharon Clark seconded. Motion passed.

Pam Thomas made a motion to amend the Policies and Procedures Library Project to "NSQG shall send book(s) up to the budgeted amount to every Nebraska Library Commission accredited library in Nebraska." LeeAnn Meduna seconded. Motion passed.

Darice Cecil made a motion to amend the Policies and Procedures by striking the last statement dated 10/28/06 under Membership and change the second statement dated 10/9/04 to "The membership list and Surfin' Stitcher address and email list may only be used for NSQG sanctioned purposes unless board approved." Sandy Hanson seconded. Motion passed.

Pat Varner made a motion to amend the Policies and Procedures to dissolve the Surfin' Stitcher list effective August 1, 2012. Sandra Kosch seconded. Motion passed.

Darice Cecil made a motion to amend the Policies and Procedures under Memorials to strike the word February. Gloria Bernadt seconded. Motion passed.

Sue Tillemans made a motion to amend the Policies and Procedures under Newsletter to state "Non NSQG quilt related events may be advertised in the newsletter by approval of the President." Patty Young seconded. Motion passed.

The rest of State Fair Policies and Procedures review will be tabled until the January meeting.

Education: See report given at the annual business meeting.

Historian: Sandy Anderson reports that all the previous years' information has been archived. A notebook was found in Sara Dillow's belongings and was given to the NSQG. It contains pictures of state fair quilts. It will be archived with our records.

Library: No report.

Membership: See report. Our current membership is 620, up 10 members from last year.

Raffle Quilt: See report. There are about 500 tickets left out of 5000. Notecards were also printed and are being sold.

Site Selection: See report. Concordia College in Seward Nebraska was toured by the committee and has been signed for 2013.

Nebraska State Fair: See report. 467 quilts were entered this year, down from last year but a more manageable number. A nice addition to the room was the row of permanent pipes on the two outer walls for the hanging of large quilts. A new addition was the individual Quilt Blocks made for each county in the state. This project was organized by Sandy Hanson of Scottsbluff and people from each county made their county's blocks. They hung high on the walls just outside the Quilt Room.

State Fair ribbons for three categories, Pride of Nebraska, Junior Quilted Item, and Senior Quilted Item, are provided by NSQG. It came to our attention that ribbons were not provided in 2010 and were being requested for 2011. It was not certain how these had been ordered in the past. Enough ribbons were ordered for this year and the next 4 years. Ribbons were also sent to the 2010 winners. The NSQG treasurer will keep the ribbons and see that they get to the State Fair each year.

Volunteer Scholarship Winners: The white glove chair will contact the four drawn names for a \$50 discount to Quilt Nebraska. That letter should be sent along with the registration form for Quilt Nebraska. This will come out of the NSQG budget.

The board went into executive session for 20 minutes.

Susan Weber will draft a letter regarding concerns over the State Fair quilt Superintendent and will be sent to the board officers for final approval.

Threads: 851 people attended Threads with 32 vendors on hand. There were many good comments received regarding the location and quilt show. Profit of about \$6000 was shown. The vendor rent covered the expenses. If printing of brochures is donated, the donator's name will be put in that brochure.

Sales Tax Liability: See report. Tabled until the January meeting.

Publicity: It was reported that small town newspapers won't print a press release unless the event relates to a community member. Instead of press releases we may pay \$100 for Nebraska Statewide advertising.

Website: No report.

Surfin'Stitchers: This function will be dissolved as of August 1, 2012.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Site Selection Contracts: A contract was signed with Concordia College in Seward, NE.

State Fair Liaison/Chair/Committee: The rest of State Fair Policies and Procedures review will be tabled until the January meeting.

State Fair Sponsorship: A letter was received from Carol Kusek, NSQG Quilt Quest Award Chairman and the 4-H Foundation asking that we increase our sponsorship amount.

Darice Cecil made a motion to amend the Policies and Procedures under State Fair to strike the last two statements and state "NSQG shall sponsor the awards for Quilt Quest project of the Nebraska 4-H Foundation in the amount of \$500." Sue Tillemans seconded. Motion passed.

Newsletter on Website: Tabled until the January meeting.

Archiving: The president will keep 5 years of records. Approved by consensus.

Sandra Kosch made a motion to amend the Policies and Procedures under Archiving to read: "The QuiltNebraska records for the recent three-year period will remain in the QNE files to be used by the QNE chairperson(s). Sharon Clark seconded. Motion passed.

Governor's Mansion Project: See report. Three entries were received and sent to the Governor's Mansion with the identity of the designer covered. The design chosen is "Meadowlark Dance" by Shelly Burge.

Homestead Monument Project: There was one entry, Jan Stehlik. The design was sent to Beatrice Homestead National Monument personnel and they accepted Jan's design. This project is privately funded as a gift to NSQG from Frieda Weber Memorial monies.

Printing and Mailing of QNE Registration Booklets: The printing and mailing of the QNE2011 booklets was donated by Susan Weber, and Penni and Bob Jensen at the cost of \$1598.68.

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter Editor Bids: See report. Income from advertising in the newsletter is \$860.

Advertising rates were discussed.

Pam Thomas made a motion to increase the advertising rates in the newsletter as follows: Listing-\$50; Business card size-\$25; 1/6 page-\$30; ¼ page-\$35; 1/3 page-\$50; ½ page-\$65; Full page-\$120. There will be a %15 discount if all 6 issues have an ad purchased. The ad will also be included in the membership booklet and the website. Gloria Bernadt seconded. Motion passed.

A bid was received by McMahon's Graphic Impressions.

Sandy Kosch made a motion to accept the bid for the newsletter from McMahon's Graphic Impressions. Pam Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

President's Assistant: Sheila Beins will be stepping down after this year. An email will be sent to the members asking if anyone is interested in the job.

NSQG Advisor for Quilt History Day: In looking at past QNE notebooks, it was noted that there had been an Advisor for Quilt History Day. Sheila Green has unofficially done it the last couple years. This will be looked into for future QNE.

American Quilt Study Group Endowment Campaign: Tabled until the January meeting.

Facebook: Tabled until the January meeting.

The meeting calendar was handed out. The budget meeting is January 7, 2012 at 10 am at the Seward Public Library. The next board meeting is January 21, 2012 at 9:30 am at the Seward Public Library,

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm by Susan Weber.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnn Meduna