

NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD
Board Meeting
June 29, 2013
The Quilt Basket, York, Nebraska

President, Alice Cruz called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, CST. Introductions were made along with office held or committee chair. The following members and committee chairs were present:

Alice Cruz, President	Barb Hinrichs, Secretary
Susan Seidel, Treasurer	LaVonne Dunetts, Region II
Jan Hibbs, Region III	Mary Weich, President Elect
Susan Minchow, Quilt NE 2013	Maralee Meyer, Quilt NE 2013
Sheila Beins, Quilt NE 2013	Pam Thomas, Site Selection
Janalee Petsch, Library	Fay Kliewer, By-Laws, Policies & Procedures
Sharron Nejedly, Quilt NE 2014	Terry Heessel, Quilt NE 2014
Kelly Thomalla, Quilt NE 2014	LeAnne Killion, Threads
Carol Brandl, Threads	Miriam Peterson, Scholarship/Site Selection
Sandra Kosch, Advisor	Jayne Schlosser, Historian

Quorum was established.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Barb Hinrichs reported, minutes of the April meeting were sent out and corrected via email. Sharron Nejedly moved to accept the Minutes of the April meeting as sent out on the last e-mail, seconded by Susan Seidel. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Susan Seidel reported on the second quarter as of June 28, 2013, even though it is not quite final.

Second Quarter of 2013: Total Income of \$3,067.65, total expenses of \$10,215.92, with a net income of (\$7,148.27). Year-to-date income of \$15,223.49, expenses of \$13,830.81, with a year-to-date net income of \$1,392.68.

Checking - Great Western Bank - \$21,131.43

Savings Account – Great Western Bank - \$30,358.36

CD's – #1 Current Balance \$12,718.90 – Issue Date 10/14/2009, Interest Rate .35%, Maturity Date 4/14/2014 (18 months)

#2 - Current Balance \$12,466.41 – Issue Date 4/24/2013, Interest Rate .30%, Maturity Date 4/24/2015 (24 months)

#3 - Current Balance \$12,551.69 – Issue Date 4/24/2013, Interest Rate .35%, Maturity Date 4/24/2016 (36 months)

For total assets of \$89,226.79 as of June 28, 2013

LaVonne Dunetts moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Jan Hibbs after no discussion the motion carried.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORTS

Region I: Marilyn Rembolt submitted the following written report – read by Alice Cruz. The District I Quilters Day Out event held on May 4, 2013, was a morning only event. We gathered for rolls and coffee at 9:30 a.m. at Eastridge Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. NSQG President Alice Cruz welcomed the 36 attendees. Our morning’s presenter was Dianne Duncan Thomas who shared information and show and tell about many of her amazing items in her collection of antique sewing notions and miniature sewing machines from around the world. We all were privileged to see the items up close and personal rather than in glass cases as they were displayed at the IQSC Museum.

Forty NSQG quilt raffle tickets were sold and informational flyers were made available.

Then after a short session of show and tell by the attendees, the remainder of the day was reserved for exploring other venues in Lincoln.

Personal note by Alice, Dianne’s items were very interesting.

Region II: LaVonne Dunetts reported that they still looking for a site for an August gathering.

Region III: Jan Hibbs stated that she reported on their Quilt Gathering at the April meeting. Jan did state that sometimes we wonder whether these gatherings are important, but she knows of at least two attendees are now avid quilt show attendees and are attending other quilt meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

QNE 2013: Sheila Beins reported that plans are well on their way. They have 267 registered for QNE, 67 for Quilt History Day. They need some travel for teachers from the airport in Omaha. They have four teachers coming in on Thursday. What time does Alice need for the banquet on either Friday or Saturday? Alice would like ten minutes on both days. QNE 2014 will need a power point projector for their presentation on Saturday. Raffle quilt drawing and the unveiling of the raffle quilt will be Saturday night. Is there another quilt rack for the 2014 raffle quilt? Mary will bring one.

Things are progressing fine. Tomorrow is the last day to cancel. LeAnne needs some time to do a promotion for Threads. Sheila will put it on the schedule for Friday evening.

The photographer will arrive after work on Thursday. He will take pictures similar to last year unless something specific is needed. Sheila will need to supply a photographer for Quilt History Day.

QNE 2014: Sharron reported on QNE 2014 – Ridin’ The Rails. Have four contracts in hand, but not one from Jodi Burrows, who is the Thursday speaker and Friday night banquet speaker. We do know what her fees are. Then will start recruiting state teachers after QNE 2013. How many state teachers do we need and how many classes did you have to cancel? Sheila stated that they filled up all their rooms, so it depends on how many rooms you have. QNE 2013 canceled six classes.

Sharron passed out challenge quilt rules. The pins are designed, but will not place order until registration is done. We were going to have windbreakers, but that has changed and we will be having denim shirts – either short sleeved or long sleeved. Working on the PowerPoint presentation.

Comment about the Underground Railroad quilt challenge rules, which has been somewhat discredited. Sharron stated when she asked about the challenged, she had planned on using the Hobo Quilts as the challenge, but the committee chair came up with the Underground Railroad. Discussion was held on the challenge quilt using the Underground Railroad. Sharron will again talk to the committee chair about changing the challenge to something else like the Hobo quilts. Alice suggested that Sharron use the NSQG Board as the reason to change.

Awards: Cindy Scheinost submitted a written report, read by Alice. Awards Committee Report, June 29, 2013. To date I have spent \$54.50 on postage, and \$161.95 on engraving, medals and a new Hall of Fame Plaque, for a total of \$216.45. While at Regal Awards, visiting with Dianne Thomas, she mentioned that previous Hall of Fame honorees received gifts instead of medals. We started giving medals with Shelly Burge. Many are deceased, but Paulette Peters (2002), Patricia Cox Crews, PhD (2006), and Brenda Groelz (2008), might appreciate wearing a medal at QuiltNE, and having it for display in their homes. The medals with engraving would cost approximately \$22.00. That would bring the total spent on awards this year to \$282.45.

Would medals for these three women be something that we would want to do? On another note: Since the Hall of Fame Plaque spaces have been filled, with Dianne in the last spot, she has volunteered to make sure that the plaque is placed in an appropriate location at the IQSC.

LaVonne Dunetts moved that we provide medals to the past winners of the Hall of Fame award. Sandra Kosch seconded. After some discussion, it was determined that we would still be under budget for this year. Motion carried.

By-Laws and Procedures: Fay Kliewer reported that there have been no changes. Does everyone have a copy?

Education: No Report

Historian: Jayne Schlosser reported doesn't have much, just a reminder that she is working with old computers so any photos or documents sent to me need to be .jpgs and regular word documents not .docx files. Please use the Omahaqob e-mail. QNE 2013, would you like to have the QNE 2012 put on display – would work fine on the NSQG display table. Discussion held on converting pictures to .jpg files.

Library: Janalee Petsch submitted a written report which she then gave. We have a book.

Bright & Bold Cozy Modern Quilts, c2012, by Kim Schaefer is the 2013 Library Project book selection. This year's book was picked to appeal to a new generation of quilters to encourage them to explore the modern quilt guild movement.

The book was purchased from C & T Publishing with a 55% discount off the \$19.95 retail price. Budget for 2013 was \$4,200. Expenses for books, shipping, supplies and postage totaled \$3,387.24. This year's Library Project comes in under budget by \$823.76.

In May 2013, copies of Bright & Bold Cozy Modern Quilts were mailed to 279 of the 293 Nebraska Public Libraries, with a cover letter included with each book explaining the NSQG Library Project plus directions to the NSQG website for more information. Fourteen public libraries indicated last year that they no longer wished to be a part of the NSQG Library Project. Those libraries were removed from the list.

Since mailing this year's book, one additional library has requested to be removed from the mailing list. The list of libraries last year requesting no book for 2013 were:

Exeter
Ewing Township Library
Wayne
Mitchell
Arcadia
Beaver City
Crawford
Dorchester
Indianola
Dwight
Wilber
Stromsburg
Bancroft
Anselmo
Lodgepole (requested no book after receiving the 2013 selection)

There was discussion at the April board meeting about sending books only to those libraries that requested them. In other words, send the 2013 selection only to those libraries that had replied YES last year. That number was 143 of 293 libraries. After the April meeting and before sending this year's selection a review of the NSQG Policies and Procedures states that a book will be sent to all public libraries. This was done, except for those specifically requesting to be dropped.

Replies and thank you notes so far for 2013:
20 postal mail replies
12 email replies
1 email request to not send a book for 2014.

One library specifically responded how much they liked getting the books and that they were going to have a quilt display later this year.

Membership: No report

Raffle Quilt: Alice reported for Marilyn Seidel. All the tickets have been sold as of May. Alice bought the last 50 tickets and has about 30 left. She would sell some if wanted.

Site Selection: Pam Thomas submitted and written report and then gave it. LaVonne Dunetts and Pam visited the Divot's Conference Center and Norfolk Lodge and Suites. We were very impressed with the facilities.

The hotel rooms are very nice and roomy. They all have mini refrigerators, microwaves and coffee makers. Breakfast is free for all hotel guests. They will charge us \$89.99 per room per night. Some rooms have a king bed, some are two queens, and some also have pull out sofas. So depending on the room, we could have two to six per room.

They have eight rooms that we could use as classrooms (two of which are on the smaller side, but could be used as hand classes). They have what they call the link which joins the hotel to the conference area. Quilt displays could be located here with a security guy for the evenings. The hotel rooms next to the link would be a good place to locate the vendors so we don't lose classroom space. The walk to the DeVent Center is completely paved and level. The distance is about a block. Attendees can walk or drive themselves over. Todd mentioned they are planning an addition which would mean more conference space. But he did not know the timetable.

Divot's charge for using their facility will only be \$1,000 for Thursday through Sunday as long as we meet the anticipated numbers of 160 (first they said 225, but after we told them about having to have lunch at the College, they dropped the number to 160) for lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday. I think the numbers for lunch might need to be reduced to 160 with offsite classes. Their meal prices are very reasonable with a wide selection of options. They must be outside of the city limits because they listed the sales tax at 5.5%. Gratuity rate of 18% on meals.

We also visited Northeast Community College for additional classroom space. The Lifelong Learning Center will be able to accommodate our needs. Lunch will have to be served by Chartwell's for those taking classes at the College (their prices are reasonable). If attendee's classes are at the college both days, we can secure their belongings in a room at the College. The fee for Northeast is \$30 for the first hour and \$10 for each additional hour for each classroom. They will not charge us room rental for lunch.

There was a full service breakfast – they are able to accommodate a rush for breakfast. This is for QNE2015. Contract has been signed.

Chairman have been selected – Gloria Miller, Sandi Kosch, and Deb Austin. The Norfolk quilt guild and surrounding guilds are very excited about helping. Ricky Tims stated that he would like to be invited back to Nebraska. He did state he only does lectures, not classes.

Nebraska State Fair: Alice has reports from both Kay Grimminger, Nebraska State Fair Liaison and from Jan Sittler. Alice will read Jan's first:

State Fair report from Jan Sittler – My chairmen and I have been busy filling our Volunteer Schedules.

My work lists are pretty complete for all the preliminary events. I could still use a couple of volunteers on Wednesday, August 21, 8:00 a.m. to attach quilt Card Labels/Special Ribbons and tidy up Quilt Hall before the Opening Day. Let me know if you can help. (308) 384-7890 or jansittler@yahoo.com.

White Glove Volunteers are still needed. It is especially difficult to fill Labor Day weekend and all evenings. Now that the "newness" is worn off, people seem a bit more reluctant to commit. The problem for waiting until Quilt NE to sign people up is that the State Fair needs names, addresses and volunteer dates by mid-July to mail out all credentials which is a big job. Any ideas? To sign up as a White Glove volunteer, call Susan Smith (308) 383-3042 or email her at quiltaholic55@gmail.com.

We also need help with Hanging of the Quilts on August 20 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and August 21, starting at 8:00 a.m. Take Down starts at 7:00 p.m. on Labor Day – Monday, September 2nd. If you can

recruit anyone to help with this, contact Noelle Hooper at (308) 675-0430 or email her at noelle55165@yahoo.com.

I really appreciate Noelle and Susan. It is not an easy job and this is all volunteer work. They too are very busy with family, community, jobs and other obligations.

The first deadline – Entry of Exhibits is coming up fast. Don't forget – Wednesday, August 7, 5:00 p.m. all items must be entered either by postal mail or email. I am looking forward to another wonderful quilt show. Thank you for your support!

Written report from Kay Grimminger – I gave the cost of the NSQG quilt labels at the last meeting. I also need to know exactly what winners you need a picture of for the newsletter and archives. Last year several people did the same thing – took pictures of the winners. I had a professional photographer take those pictures and did not submit a bill for his work. If you wish to have me do this I feel he needs to be paid a small stipend. I would suggest \$150.00.

Then concerning all the NSQG members that work during the fair accepting entries and the judging and the white glove ladies. Since we have budgeted \$1,750.00, could I purchase drinks and some treats for breaks especially during the time of entries and judging. Jan asked the State Fair for drinks and other substance and was turned down.

For Jan's request for white glove volunteers we could ask Darice to send out an SOS email to all members. Also, could we send out the guilds that we have an address record? We could also ask Darice to send out notices to quilt shops. Also suggested 4-H clubs for a community service project. Also, Alice will put the notice on Facebook.

For Kay's requests: The photographer – Do we need a photographer and do we pay them? What quilts does the newsletter need? Janice Lippincott has been taking pictures for years. Does Kay need to contact Janice and see if they can coordinate efforts? Discussion on photography was held.

Jan Hibbs moves that Nebraska State Quilt Guild take pictures of the blue ribbon winning quilts at the Nebraska State Fair to be used for publication in the newsletter and for a link on our website, if possible. LaVonne Dunetts seconded. Motion carried.

Kay's budget is \$1075.00 - \$500.00 to the 4-H project, \$75.00 to awards, no dollar for the labels
Kay may spend her budget of \$1075.00 how she sees fit. Susan Seidel has the ribbons for NSQG award winners.

Publicity: No Report

IQSC/Friends of IQSC Liaison: Written report submitted by Dianne Thomas and read by Alice.

Friends of IQSC report – June 2013

Some wonderful things have been happening with the FRIENDS group. We completed our \$10,000 matching grant (\$5,000 each side) thanks in part to NSQG. At the May board meeting we voted on making these new additions to the Study Center: Way finding signage, Book shelving for the sales kiosk, desk for second floor student helpers for visitor assistance, and two new computers. Just this

month we obtained a second grant from the Nebraska Arts Council for \$22,836 which takes us into 2015 as they distribute in stages.

In early June we held a fundraiser with a small concert by Ricky Tims. He loved every minute of it enjoying the intimate setting, the sound of his piano in the room and the audience. He had Dr. Crews come forward and select four keys and then sat down and instantly composed a beautiful melody for her and husband David as it was their 40th wedding anniversary.

With the upcoming retirement from the Study Center by Dr. Crews, the FRIENDS group held a reception on the 25th and invited the Volunteers and the Wednesday Girls. These groups have played an huge part in either the beginning of the IQSC or the present Center. Pat was presented with a nice check that she could use to select something in her honor for the Center.

We have two upcoming fundraisers planned for possible November and next spring. These events are still being formulated.

Website: No Report Sharron N. has question on registration booklet for QNE2014 – how does it get on the website or does QNE2013 need their own website. Sharron will check with Chris W.

THREADS ACROSS NEBRASKA: LeAnne Killion gave the following report. There are 33 vendors for Threads, of those seven have not been at Threads before. Morris Press cookbooks has contacted LeAnne, the Basketweavers will be there, the Barn quilts will also be there. LeAnne has brochures for the county fairs. LeAnne has sign-up sheets for workers at Threads. NSQG board members are to work at Threads. LeAnne will put an ad in the Nebraska State Fair program, plus newspapers in the area. There have been no quilts registered yet, they can register at the NSQG website.

Carol Brandl is thinking about taking the Chairmanship of Threads Across Nebraska for 2014. Alice will sign the contract for Threads Across Nebraska for 2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dessert Quilts: Sandra Kosch contacted ISQC about the Dessert Quilts, gave them the information and they will let us know. The quilts will either be hanging or shown at Show & Tell at QNE2013.

Camera Disposal: Alice talked to Susan Weber and the camera was disposed of as a donation.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Project Changes: There was discussion about discontinuing the Library Project altogether or sending books to only those libraries that request them. Given the number of emails and regular mail after libraries received the book this year I'd say that the public libraries still very much appreciate getting a book each year.

After doing this project for two years I'd like to note:

1. People often will not respond to requests, or reply cards, but they are still interested. The project, as is, still consumes a good amount of time without the paperwork, by email or postal mail of asking each library if they want a book each year.
2. Small libraries really do depend on these donations to add to the collection.

3. Since not all Nebraska libraries have open online catalogs it is difficult to determine if the book is always added to their collection.
4. Regardless of library responses it is my opinion that this project is important to the mission of NSQG to promote quilting in the State of Nebraska.

If NSQG wants to change the Library Project, a rewrite of the policies and procedures will need to be passed by the board. Three options may include:

1. Leave as is and send to all public libraries. (The way the by-laws are currently written).
2. Amend the by-laws to read, "NSQG shall send a book(s) up to the budgeted amount to every Nebraska Library Commission accredited public library in Nebraska, except those that have requested not to receive a book each year."
3. Drop the Library Project from the list of NSQG commitments.

Discussion was held on whether the Library Project is viable.

Janalee recommends proposal #2 as a change to Policies and Procedures.

Janalee Petsch moves that the Policies and Procedures be amended to "NSQG shall send a book(s) up to the budgeted amount to every Nebraska Library Commission accredited public library in Nebraska, except those that have requested not to receive a book each year." Susan Seidel seconded. Motion carried.

NSQG Membership in Friends of IQSC – Sandra Kosch received a request that NSQG become a member in the Friends of IQSC. What does that entail? Membership fee – various levels

We already support Friends of IQSC – Memorial Fund of \$250.00, Dianne Duncan Thomas had us donate her \$100.00 to Friends, also we are donating 15% of Threads profit to Friends of IQSC. The NSQG Board feels that we are adequately supporting and do not need a membership.

Other Business:

Sew Original Quilt & Creative Expo in November 2013 – complimentary space 10' x 10'. Would need to man the booth and have something to show in it. We had a booth two years ago, but had few stop by the booth. Mary, this would be a great place to have the raffle quilt. She will let the Quilt Mom know. Do they just want credibility to this event by inviting NSQG to have a booth? No interest.

Alice announced that she will be moving to Dallas-Fort Worth sometime before QNE2014. Her husband is being transferred. She will not be able to fulfill her term as Advisor.

Next meeting: Annual Meeting July 28, 2013 at Quilt Nebraska 2013 in Seward NE at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned by Alice Cruz at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Hinrichs
NSQG Secretary