

## **NSQG Board Meeting January 16, 2016**

Meeting was held at the Quality Vac & Sew in Grand Island NE

### **Present:**

Shirley Spence, President 2015, Advisor 2016  
Marty Kleppinger, President Elect 2015, President 2016  
Janet Wilson, Secretary 2015, President Elect 2017  
Terry Heessel, Secretary  
Jill Vanderboegh, Region I Director 2016  
Susan Smith, Region I Director 2016-17  
Sharon Clark, Region I 2014-2015  
Susan Schoenauer, Region II Director 2016-17  
Janet Atkinson, Region II  
Barbara Shepherdson, Region III 2014-2015  
Dee Martindale, Region III Director 2016-17  
Mary Kampfe, Awards 2015 & 2016  
LeeAnn Meduna, By-Laws & Policies 2015-16  
Jayne Schlosser, Historian 2015  
Mary Olson, Historian 2016  
Katie Wilson, Library Project  
Sandi Kosch, Scholarship  
Bonnie Kucera, QNE Site Selection 2016, QNE 16 Co-Chair  
Kay Grimminger, NE State Fair Liaison  
LeAnne Killion, Threads  
Denise Weibel-Rycek, QNE 17 Co-Chair  
Rita Weber, QNE 17 Co-Chair  
Jan Sittler, NE State Fair Superintendent  
Chris Frazer, Newsletter Editor  
Deb Austin, Guest

### **Absent:**

Dee Augustin, Treasurer 2015-16  
Nancy Peters, Region II 2016  
Bea Bauerle, Region II Director 2016  
Sheila Green, Education & Publicity  
LaVonne Dunetts, Membership  
Merikay Berg, Quilt Mom 2016  
Susan Weber, QNE Site Selection 2016  
Chris Wiegers, Website  
Karen Ruwe, QNE 16 Co-Chair  
Kathy Murphy, QNE 16 Co-Chair  
Leslie Martin, QNE 17 Co-Chair  
Dianne Thomas, IQSC/Friends of IQSC Liaison

The meeting was opened at 1:00 P.M. by President Shirley Spence. The gavel was then passed to the President for 2016, Marty Kleppinger.

President Kleppinger then present Shirley Spence with a certificate, thimble, gavel and a quilt.

Past President, Shirley Spence handed out certificates for those members that served upon the NSQG Board for 2015. Shirley also handed out a token of her appreciation for their help this past year.

Introduction was made of the new Board and Committee members, as well as those retiring from their positions.

President Kleppinger gave a special Thank You to Kay Grimminger for her help in preparing for today's meeting.

President Kleppinger stated her goals for her term as President of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild:  
"To increase membership, update files and records, and increase NSQG's visibility, by trying to get the word out about our organization. So many people do not know who we are. Also my goal is that when decisions are made concerning NSQG we respect each other and leave our meeting feeling energized and feeling good that we have made the best decisions."

Motion by Susan Smith, seconded by Jill Vanderplough to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2015. Motion carried.

No Report from the Treasurer, Dee Augustin.

## **District Director's Reports**

**District I:** No Report

**District II:** Susan Schoenauer, Region II Director gave a report. The Region II Quilt Gathering will be held August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Immaculata Monastery in Norfolk from 10-3. Diane Gubbels, from Coleridge, will be the afternoon speaker. The full report will be attached to the original minutes.

**District III:** No Report

## **Committee Reports**

**Awards:** Mary Kampfe stated that they are in need of nominations.

Motion by Mary Kampfe, seconded by Rita Weber to add The Local Quilt Guild Award to be presented at the QNE conventions. In discussion, Mary Kampfe stated this would be an award would be presented to a guild for recognition of their sustaining work, not for a certain event. Many questions were brought up about the criteria of the award. It was decided, this item will be tabled for the committee to set up the criteria and present it to the Board at a future meeting.

**By-Laws:** No Report

**Education:** A report submitted by Sheila Green was read into the minutes by President Kleppinger. National Quilting Day is March 19, 2016. The free event will be held at the IQSC & Museum. Visitors will enjoy free parking, free museum admission, demonstrations, lectures, and an ala carte café from opening through lunch. Lectures begin at 10:00 A.M. and will repeat again starting at 1:00 P.M. Topics include: **Go Tell it at the Quilt Museum**, Holly Kemke; **Man Made Quilt Exhibition**, Jonathan Gregory; **Modern Quilting**, Lincoln Modern Quilt Guild and **What's New in Quilting?** Leslie of Country Traditions. So much information, please see details on web! The NE 150 Quilt Competition Entry Form is finalized. The form will be on the NSQG website. It will also be available on Facebook. Forms are being printed and available at the Quilt House, quilt guilds and shops via

Shop Hop, National Quilting Day, NE State Fare, Threads, etc..... Rules are the same as Quilt Nebraska 2016 Challenge Quilt. Please look for the information on the NSQG Website! The full report will be attached to the original minutes.

**Historian:** No Report. Mary Olson informed the members that any emails sent will have a response. If you do not receive a response, she did not receive it, therefore contact her again by email or telephone.

**Library:** No Report

**Membership:** Report filed by LaVonne Dunetts read into the record by the President. 501 Members as of December 2015. The full report will be attached to the original minutes.

**Nominations:** The report was read by Janet Wilson. Nominating Committee for 2016 is: Kay Grimminger (Region 1), Sandra Kosch (Region 2), Jan Hibbs (Region 3), Janet Wilson (President Elect, Region I). The full report will be attached to the original minutes.

Motion by Janet Wilson, second by Shirley Spence that the nominating committee work on revising & updating the guidelines for the nominating committee. Motion carried.

**Raffle Quilt:** Report submitted by Merikay Berg and read into the minutes by the President. "Circles of Fun" will journey to Lincoln for National Quilting Day on March 19, 2016. If you have an event in your community, she will be happy to bring the quilt and sell tickets. The full report will be attached to the original minutes.

**Scholarship:** Report given by Sandy Kosch. Sandy gave a history of the scholarship program to QNE and requests all to encourage and share the Quilt NE Scholarship information in our area. There was discussion on passing the cup at QNE2016 for the scholarship fund. The full report will be attached to the original minutes.

**Site Selection:** Report given by Bonnie Kucera. She reviewed the contract with Ramada for the 2018 Quilt NE in Omaha. She suggested revisions to the contract. Motion by Bonnie Kucera, second by Kay Grimminger to accept the site committee selection of Ramada in Omaha for 2018 with specified changes. Motion carried.

**Nebraska State Fair Liaison:** No Report.

**Threads Across Nebraska:** Report given by LeAnne Killion. The attendance has dropped. Ten vendors have signed up for next year. Many of the vendors have not committed to coming yet, the profit they have shown from coming is low or none at all. Advertising is a must! We need to be sure the word goes out, and that we take ownership of "Threads" as it is a big money maker for the NSQG. In discussion, asking we ask the Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau for help in getting the word out about Threads. Also the location was questioned as the contract will be up for renewal in 2 years. The President stated that the location can be discussed when the contract is up, not now.

**Quilt NE 2016:** Report given by Bonnie Kucera. Teachers, vendors, and door prizes are being set up. The registration booklet is in the final draft. She presented the Budget for QNE 2016 that shows a deficit of \$4225.00. Motion by Bonnie Kucera, seconded by Jan Wilson that the QNE16 proposed budget be accepted. Motion carried. The full report with the budget will be attached to the original minutes.

**Quilt NE 2017:** Report given by Denise Waibel-Rycek. National Teachers have been contacted. They have a treasurer and 2 guild members coordinate the vendor mall and Quilt History Day is being researched. The full report will be attached to the original minutes.

Chris Frazer was introduced as the new Newsletter Editor.

### **Old Business:**

LeAnne Killion questioned who came to Threads in October 2015. She would like more involvement from the Board Members. Threads for 2016 is October 14 & 15. There was considerable discussion about how some may find it difficult to commit, life gets in the way. Motion by LeAnne Killion, second by Bonnie Kucera that the board members commit to helping at least 2 hours at admission, set up or take down for Threads. Motion failed.

Kay Grimminger presented an apron proposal for the white glove volunteers. The 11 aprons currently being used are showing their age by repeated washings and repairs. Motion by Kay Grimminger, seconded by Sharon Clark that NSQG provide 24 aprons for the State Fair for an amount not to exceed \$400.00. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Motion by Jill Vanderboegh, second by Jan Wilson to accept the 2016 budget as proposed by the executive committee. Motion carried. Bonnie Kucera was disturbed that the deficit of the 2016 Quilt NE convention does not show in the budget. After a lot of discussion on the matter, it was decided that an amendment be made to the budget showing the QNE16 as an expense, therefore making the NSQG 2016 Budget show a deficit.

Bonnie Kucera brought up that in the past year a situation arose that ISQC requested using the interest from the Endowment Fund given by the Nebraska State Quilt Guild be used for something other than the building. In reading the Endowment contract the 2015 President, Shirley Spence, found that the contract stated that it was for the President and the Director of the Museum to decide how the interest is used. It was suggested that a change be made in contract that allows the Director of IQSC to use interest in the best interest of the Museum. Motion by Bonnie Kucera, second by Sharon Clark to accept the revision on the endowment contract proposed by IQSCM. Motion carried.

### **Other Business:**

**Nebraska State Fair:** Report given by Jan Sittler. The search is on for 2 judges. Many of the judges are from eastern U.S., which involves travel expenses. Sponsors are being found. Jan is also going to guilds to talk and show a power point about the State Fair Quilt Show. The full report will be attached to the original minutes.

**IQSC/Friends of IQSC:** Report was submitted by Diane Thomas and read into the minutes by the President.

Chris Frazer, Editor of the Newsletter, would like to have more involvement from the guilds of Nebraska. Interest stories from the guilds can be put into the newsletters. Janet Atkinson also suggested have more human interest stories. A reminder was given that the newsletter this next time have a comment about how much is given to the International Quilt Study in memory of those that we have lost this year. Shirley Spence also suggested a future discussion about having the newsletter 4 times a year instead of the 6.

Jane Schlosser, Past Historian, requested that anything that needs to go into the archives be given to her as she will be going to the archives the end of January/first of February.

The President requested that anyone that has not turned in their year-end report, to do so.

The next meeting will be March 5<sup>th</sup> at Quilters Cottage in Kearney. Lunch at 12:00 P.M., meeting to start at 1:00 P.M.

President adjourned the meeting at 3:12 P.M.

Terry L. Heessel  
Secretary 2016-2017