

## **NSQG Board Meeting March 4, 2017**

Meeting was held at The Quilt Basket in York Nebraska

### Present:

Janet Wilson, President 2017  
Cindy Scheinost, Present Elect 2018  
Terry Heessel, Secretary 2016-2017  
Marj Sperling, Treasurer 2017-2018  
Marty Kleppinger, Advisor

Rita Jaworski, Region I 2016-2017  
Gloria Miller, Region II 2017-2018  
Mary Olson, Region III 2017-2018  
Jan Dancer, Region III 2016-2017  
Shirley Spence, Awards 2015-2017  
LeeAnn Meduna, By Laws & Policies 2015-2017  
Katie Wilson, Library Project  
Sandi Kosch, Scholarship  
LeAnne Killion Threads  
Denise Weibel-Rycek, QNE 17 Co-Chair  
Rita Weber, QNE 17 Co-Chair  
Leslie Martin, QNE 17 Co-Chair  
Carol Kusek, IQSC/Friends of IQSC Liaison

### Absent:

Sue Brown, Region I 2017-2018  
Susan Schoenauer, Region II 2016-2017  
Sheila Green, Education & Publicity  
Jan Sears, Historian  
LaVonne Dunetts, Membership 2015-2017  
Keri Wheeler, Quilt Mom 2017  
Karen Ruwe, QNE Site Selection 2017  
Kelly Thomalla, QNE Site Selection 2017  
Kay Grimminger, NE State Fair Liaison  
Chris Wiegers, Website  
Tammie Will, QNE 18 Chair  
Jan Sittler, NE State Fair Superintendent  
Chris Frazer, Newsletter Editor

Meeting was opened by President Janet Wilson at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Marty Kleppinger, seconded by Cindy Scheinost to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

No Treasurers report. A report will be given when the Treasurer has been able to review the Treasurers books.

President Elect reported a nominating committee has been formed and possible candidates are being discussed. Committee members are Susan Schoenauer, Janet Kugler and Sandy Hanson.

**QNE 2017:** Report given by Denise Weibel-Rycek. Around 20 regional teacher contracts have been returned. The registration book is in process with our goal to have it out by end of March. Budget finalized and was presented at the March board meeting. More committees being formed. We recommend to the board that when QNE comes to Kearney in the future, that it be at the Holiday Inn since that is the ONLY place that can accommodate us. If it is booked on that weekend, then we suggest a bylaw change to allow the board the flexibility to move the date.

### **Districts Director's Reports**

**Region I:** Report read by Rita Jaworski. Region I "Quilters Day Out" will be in Hastings NE on Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 9:30am-2:30pm. The event will be upstairs in the large meeting/retreat area at Calico Cottage (no fee for use of the venue, and there is a passenger elevator access).

Featured speaker, Diane Harris will present "Make Extraordinary Scrap Quilts" in the afternoon, following morning mini-lectures/demos on the latest notions, choosing which medium to use when coloring fabrics/embellishments, and Quilts of Valor. Attendees may pre-order a deli-type lunch on-site, or there are several eating establishments in the area.

Flyers have been mailed to 25 guilds/groups in the area, and information has been sent to the NSQG Publicity contacts.

**Region II:** No Report

**Region III:** Report given by Jan Dancer. Region II "Quilters Day Out" will be Saturday, April 29, 2017 in Ogallala NE at the Petrified Wood Gallery. The morning program is four round-robin sessions. A catered lunch is available on-site for \$10.00. The afternoon featured speaker is Peg Spradlin, block designer and pattern tester for Quiltmaker magazine.

### **Committee Reports**

**Awards:** Shirley Spence stated that the letters are coming in very slow.

**By-Laws and Polices:** No Report

**Education and Publicity:** No Report but National Quilting Day is March 18, 2017.

**Historian:** Report sent in by Jan Sears – I have asked for a list of what was in the special collections at Love Library and have received 7 pages – a list of per box of 6 boxes. I hope to get through the notebooks and items I was given at the last meeting very soon. The gentleman said he would check to see how much other material was there that had not been listed yet. I plan to take items to the archives very soon.

**Library Project:** No Report

**Membership:** Report given by LaVonne Dunetts – Membership as of March 2017 is 337. There are 311 renewals and 26 new members for a total of 337. District 1=96, District 2=122, District 3=95 and District 4=24. A total of 163 that have not renewed their membership as of March 1, 2017. In February, 200 printed copies and 171 electronic copies of the newsletter were mailed.

**Raffle Quilt Mom:** No Report

**Scholarship:** Report given by Sandra Kosch. Eight application for the QNE 2017 Scholarship were received by the deadline of March 1, 2017. Those letters came from Riverdale, North

Platte, Pleasanton, Malcolm, Central City and three from Omaha, Nebraska. Their letter/requests to be considered were copied. The name and address of each was blackened out. Two other board members and I read the letters and were to vote on the candidates. It was hard to narrow it down to four.

State Fair Liaison: No Report

QNE Site Selection: No Report

Treads Across Nebraska: Report given by LeAnne Killion. There are 14 vendors lined up so far. I am continuing to work on that. I am also in the process of lining up classes during the show. The payment from last year's vendor has been received.

Brochures have been given to the shops that are participating in shop hop. I need volunteers to get the brochures to other shops in the state, can anyone help with that? Do you have an event coming up that can display the brochures?

I have brochures and posters with me today for you to take back to your guild. Maybe take one to hang in the library or the post office. Letters will also be going out in the next month to guilds asking for quilts at the show. Our featured quilter is Paulette Peters. We will also have quilts from the Quilt House. The winning quilts from the Nebraska 150 competition will be shown as well. If you know of any small groups that would like to have a display please let me know.

Website: No Report

QNE 18: Report sent in by Tammie Will. It is hard to believe in about 4 months QNE 17 will be held in Kearney. Quilt Nebraska 2018 will be in 16 months in Omaha, NE.

QNE 2018 needs help. People are needed to chair committees or to be committee members. All help is appreciated. It takes a large group of committed quilters to put on a convention of this size. Guilds are being contacted and asked to help in all areas. If you are interested in helping please contact Tammie Will at this email: [Tammie1018@yahoo.com](mailto:Tammie1018@yahoo.com).

## **Old Business:**

We still need a Chairman for Quilt NE 2019 in Region I to be held in Seward NE.

## **New Business:**

**Site Selection:** Janet Wilson stated that she thought that it would be a good idea to have a chairman of the QNE work with the site selection committee when choosing the site. Marty Kleppinger stated that she thought we were falling behind. Terry Heessel asked about where the site selection stands as we have not had a current report. Janet stated that she has the paperwork from Bonnie and will be getting this to Karen by the end of March. Janet also stated that she thought it would be a good idea to have a representative from each of the Regions to serve on the site selection committee and she would get to work on this right away.

Carol Kusek cautioned to not wait too long before getting the site established as it is the driver for QNE convention, and you cannot delay in that decision because you do not have a chairman. This is especially true since we have a specific weekend to hold the convention. There is no harm in having a site for the convention and still be looking for a Chairman.

**Threads:** We need to look at the contract for the fair grounds at Kearney for Threads. LeAnne was directed to contact the fairgrounds about the contract, if the increase in rent is not over 200-300 dollars more to move forward with the contract for Threads to be held at the Kearney fair grounds the 2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend in October.

**Scholarship:** Marty Kleppinger moved to use the profits from 2016 QNE to pay for the additional scholarships to Kearney 2017 QNE, seconded by LeAnn Meduna. Motion carried. This makes 8 scholarships will be given to Kearney 2017 QNE.

A suggestion was given: to give a scholarship to a loyal member of a registration fee to QNE. This could be given out at QNE.

### **Other Business:**

**State Fair Superintendent:** Report sent in by Jan Sittler. The 2017 State Fair theme is “Celebrate the State. 150”. We have added the following to the 2017 entry book Class 9401. NE-150 Statehood Contest. It is sponsored by the Nebraska State Fair \$25.00 cash and a rosette. Rules: The contest is open to Division 5320 and 5330 entries of any size that celebrate the 150 years of Nebraska Statehood.

Donors for the 143 cash and gift certificates totaling \$3645 have been contacted and are now committed to providing support for the 2017 Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show.

The Entry Book should be online by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

2017 NSF Quilt Show Dates as follows: Entry Book Online-May 1; Entry Deadline – Aug 9, midnight; Receiving Quilts at Pinnacle Bank Expo Center, Quilt Hall: Wed Aug 16, 3-8pm and Thurs Aug 17, 8am-3pm; Judging – Aug 19-21; Hang Quilts – Aug 22 & 23; Labeling & Final Preparations – Aug 23 & 24; Fair Dates – Aug 25-Sept 4; Quilts come down – September 4; Exhibit Release – Sept 4 & Sept 5.

**Newsletter:** No Report

**AQSC/Friends if IQSC:** Report given by Carol Kusek. Featherweight Frenzy is June 22-24. Two full day Featherweight maintenance workshops by nationally known Nova Montgomery on June 22 & June 24; collection of rear Featherweights on display all three days; vintage fabric and sewing collectibles Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> only. One Featherweight on silent auction! Registration opens in the next few weeks. Publicity to come.

Friends Art Market Nov. 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>: Great Christmas gifts in all price ranges! Join us for a little holiday shopping.

Great exhibits ongoing at Quilt House: Check quiltstudy.org for details.

Friends will revamp its website soon. Watch for Friends presence at National Quilting Day March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Museum.

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Katie Wilson asked about sponsoring an exhibition at the Quilt House. Maybe NSQG could do this.

Carol Kusek was asked to check into the cost of sponsoring an exhibit at the Quilt House.

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Sandi Kosch asked about the “Memorial for the deceased quilters”. This donation is usually given to Friends in January, and it was not in the minutes.

Motion by Katie Wilson to donate \$250.00 to IQSC&M in remembrance of Quilters that have passed in 2016, seconded by Marty Kleppinger. Motion carried.

Next meeting to be Saturday June 10' 2017 at the Quilter Cottage in Kearney NE. Noon lunch with meeting to start at 1 PM.

Submitted by: Terry Heessel