



# Nebraska State Quilt Guild

## NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD

Board and Committees

February 7, 2009

Seward Memorial Library, Seward, NE

### APPROVED VIA E-MAIL

Bea Bauerle, 2008 President, called the meeting to order at 9:33 am CT. She passed the gavel to Merikay Gengenbach, 2009 President, who gave her contact information. Each person in attendance introduced themselves and their position. Merikay presented outgoing president Bauerle with a "Bea Loves Christmas" quilt, made of blocks contributed by members of the 2008 NSQG Board and Committee Chairman(s). The quilt was accompanied by a notebook showing who had made each block. Bea thanked the officers who had served under her and presented each with a certificate and gift.

Merikay Gengenbach explained her leadership style. She intends to have brief, focused meetings with committees doing work outside of the meetings and then presenting reports.

The following Board members and committee chairs were present:

Darice Cecil, Membership  
Beryl Knotwell, Bylaws  
Barb Hinrichs, District III Director  
Debbie Krugman, District I Director,  
outgoing  
Sandy Hanson, President – Elect 10  
Susan Seidel, Treasurer 08  
Dianne Thomas, Awards  
Barbara Peitzmeier, District II Director  
Marty Kleppinger, Treasurer 09  
Claudia Kiser, Site Selection  
Bea Bauerle, 08 President

Merikay Gengenbach, 09 President  
Kandy Adams, Secretary  
Carol Brandl, QNE 2009  
Jean Ford, Historian  
Chris Wiegers, Website  
Connie Phillips, District I Director  
Sheila Green, Education/State Fair  
Elaine Moore, District III Director  
Sandi Kosch, Quilt Study Fund  
Lois Wilson, District I Director  
Sandy Anderson, Marketing 08  
Carol Kusek, Advisor 08

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes are available on NSQG website under Board of Directors tab.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved via email. The 2009 Board and Committee Chair(s) roster was passed around for corrections as needed.

The minutes are sent via email or snail mail to *all* board members and committee chairman, whether present at the meeting or not, who may submit corrections or

clarifications. An “approved” or “not approved” response to the minutes is required from the Board members present at the meeting.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** See handouts.

Treasurer 08 Susan Seidel reported fourth quarter 2008 income of \$ 33,243.97; fourth quarter expenses of (\$ 21,597.07); net fourth quarter income of \$ 11,646.90. During the fourth quarter, \$ 4,000.00 seed money was transferred to the QNE 09 account. The 2008 fourth quarter sub-total for the IQSC Pledge Fund was \$ 9,427.37.

Total 2008 year to date income is \$ 86,650.24; year to date expenses are (\$ 66,939.18) and net year to date income is \$ 19,711.06. The year to date total for the IQSC Pledge Fund is \$ 39,415.19.

Total 2008 NSQG assets including checking, savings, and CD’s is \$ 81,556.23. Total IQSC pledge including checking, savings, and CD at this time is \$ 131,292.76.

Questions concerning the handouts should be directed to Susan or Marty Kleppinger. The report will be filed for the auditor.

**DISTRICT DIRECTOR’S REPORTS**

**Region I:** Lois Wilson reviewed the successful Region I quilt event held November 1, 2008, at the Cooper Support Response Facility in Auburn, NE, with Peg Pennell as the guest speaker.

**Region II:** Barb Peitzmeier shared that the “Ruby and Louise” event held Saturday, November 1, 2008, in Tilden, NE, was a success.

**Region III:** Barb Hinrichs reported that Region III has talked with and plans to again partner with the Spring Fling Retreat in Curtis, NE, for 2009.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Quilt Nebraska 09:** See handout.

Carol Brandl shared the revised estimated budget for the event. The national teachers have been asked to book their flights at this time for maximum savings. There are 23 state teachers. National teachers at this time include Andrea Bishop, elinor peace bailey, Joen Wolfrom, Suzanne Marshall, Janet Jones Worley, Cathy Miller, and Jodie Davis. Carol Steffensen is no longer able to attend. Beverly Gordon will be the guest speaker for the Quilt History Day activities. Nanc Christopherson, HandiQuilter (HQ) Educator, will be teaching half day classes and also demonstrating on 6 - 8 longarm machines supplied by HandiQuilter for QNE 09 near the vendor mall area.

Classroom space is still a critical issue. A shuttle bus will be provided to the IQSC&M facility.

Jan Sears is working on arrangements for a bus from the western areas of the state which may come early enough for participants to attend the Quilt History Day on Thursday if there is enough interest in that option.

Live/celebrity auction arrangements are going well. Donations for the auction will be accepted up to the day of the event if a written description of the item is included. Katy Coleman

would prefer the items by May 1, 2009, to photograph and prepare an auction catalog and to allow for advance publicity.

Registration fee income is being based on 325 full registrations at \$ 225.00 each. The Cornhusker has agreed to allow the QNE special room rate from Wednesday through Saturday night. If problems are encountered in being quoted the correct room rate, contact Chris Colgrove at the hotel.

Hard copy information (quilt show announcements, etc) to be placed in handout bags given to registrants must be to the Lincoln Visitor's Bureau by Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

The target date for the QNE 09 registration booklet to be placed on the website is April 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. The actual registration will still have to be printed, appropriate fees included and postmarked by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Darice Cecil will provide membership address labels to Carol Brandl for a post card mailing notification when the materials are available for viewing online.

**Awards:** Dianne Thomas presented the revised application/nomination form for awards. It was noted that the nominee does not have to be a member of NSQG or a resident of Nebraska. The scoring system may need reworked if the nominees are not members of the NSQG. Discussion was also held concerning the makeup of the awards judging committee.

The new award nomination form will be included in the upcoming April newsletter and posted on the NSQG website. The phrase "Nominee does not have to be a member of NSQG or a Nebraska state resident" will be added on the form.

**Bylaws and Policies:** See handout.

Revised policies were emailed along with the February meeting notice information and included in the packet handed out 2/7/09.

**Education:** Sheila Green reported on several presentations of the Discover NE project and on memory quilts in multiple southeastern NE areas. The project has generated lots of interest from many locations. There will be a free family memory quilt workshop on March 1, 2009, at the Museum of Nebraska History and a quilt display of quilts honoring Nebraska February 28 and March 1, 2009, at the Museum.

Sheila will be giving a class during QNE 09, "Children Discover Quilting," that will include training for the Discover NE project as well as memory quilt techniques.

It was noted that the Discover NE project is the sanctioned NSQG education program for children. There are also educational display boards on quilt items that can be shown at quilt gatherings.

**Historian:** Jean Ford requested that any materials for the scrapbook be given to her.

It was noted that Marjean Sargent and LaVonne Dunetts may have some historical items and there may be some at the UNL Library archives. They will be contacted.

The NSQG advisor has a permanent list of what is contained in the six boxes of NSQG materials in the library archives. There is "limited access" to these materials at this time and they must be requested in advance for viewing. Jean Ford and Merikay Gengenbach will also be issued an inventory list.

Binders and folders emptied when the advisor went through the NSQG archives at the UNL Library are available for Board members and committee chairman to take and use as needed for NSQG materials.

**Library:** Merikay Gengenbach reported that Jan Hibbs is searching for an appropriate book at this time.

**Marketing:** A marketing chair will not be assigned. No new marketing items will be purchased this year and a concentrated effort will be made to sell or “recycle” remaining items.

**Membership:** See handout.

Darice Cecil reported current membership as of February 1, 2009, as 508 renewals and 15 new memberships for a total of 523 members, not including 9 complimentary memberships. 367 members from 2008 have not renewed. Membership distribution by districts is included on the handout.

**Newsletter:** See handout (information on the bottom of membership report).

The February newsletter will be sent electronically to 153 members with 386 printed copies mailed. Nine complimentary print copies are mailed along with seven copies to members who selected both print and email distribution. Failed delivery returns are investigated and resolved if possible.

**Nominations:** Sandy Hanson reported that the nomination process is progressing and she will be soliciting suggestions for names as new District representatives from the current representatives in the next few weeks.

**Raffle Quilt 09:** Merikay Gengenbach reported that the quilt has been at several state events and as of February 6, 2009, has raised \$ 2,980.00. Anyone wishing to display the quilt should contact Linda Maloney, 75459 Rd 439, Lexington, NE, 68850. Phone 308-324-3662 or email: [limaloley@yahoo.com](mailto:limaloley@yahoo.com)

Flyers on a special display of Peg Bruns’ quilts in Lexington, NE, including the raffle quilt, were distributed. Dates of the event are March 3 – March 31, 2009.

**Quilt Nebraska Site Selection:** Claudia Kiser reported that a contract has been signed with the Embassy Suites at LaVista, NE for QNE 2012. A contact has been found in the Chamber of Commerce office in Fremont, talks have been initiated in Valentine and suggestions for new venues in Lincoln have been received for future reference.

**Nebraska State Fair:** Sheila Green reported that there is a need for a white glove chairman(s) and day captains. Merikay Gengenbach has talked with the Grand Island guild for possible 2009 - 2010 leadership in this activity. The Hastings Guild may also wish to be involved. Debbie Krugman will work to encourage participation from the Grand Island areas.

At the conclusion of the 2009 State Fair arrangements to transport NSQG materials used in the displays to a storage location (approx. 8’ x 12’) in Grand Island will be needed. Sandy Hanson is working, along with others, to make contacts in the area and with the Grand Island Chamber and Husker Harvest Days Committee to locate storage.

It was noted that the 2008 white-glovers whose names were drawn to receive \$ 50.00 discounts towards their 2009 QNE registrations need to be contacted. Merikay Gengenbach will draft a letter to them and Carol Brandl will be given the list of names.

**“Threads Across Nebraska”:** Merikay Gengenbach reported that Leanne Killion has secured reduced printing costs for brochures which will be distributed. The IQSC&M will be displaying 10 – 15 education quilts.

The offer of a donated piece of sewing furniture has been received to be used as a raffle to raise funds at Threads. Discussion followed and will be continued at the next meeting.

Leanne Killion questioned the need for a special insurance rider while any special display quilts were in her possession/home. Discussion concluded that insurance is the responsibility of the quilt maker/owner.

**IQSC Pledge Fund Committee:** See handout.

Sandi Kosch reviewed her written report. The \$ 150,000.00 presentation will be made at QNE 09 in Lincoln, NE, with a display check. Total funds to date are \$ 131,292.76.

A silent auction project will be held prior to the celebrity/live auction activity at QNE 09. Bountiful Baskets, a silent auction, will be held consisting of quilt related items donated from members, sewing groups and/or quilt guilds. Baskets made up of many single donated items as well as completed baskets will be on display and available for bidding in a "silent auction" style. Both auctions will help raise funds for the quilt study fund.

**Website:** Chris Wieggers reported on updated website information and requested that events to be posted on the website be sent to her in a timely manner.

Questions about the content of information to be placed on the website should be directed to the President, President-Elect and Advisor as needed. The actual start time of the Board meetings will be clarified. A private area can be created for specific Board information, i.e. copies of the expense or deposit voucher, etc., if desired.

**Surfin Stitchers:** No report.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**\* Susan Seidel moved to designate the 2008 Memorial Fund of \$ 250.00 to the Quilt Study Fund.**

**Barb Hinrichs seconded – motion passed.**

Discussion was held on delaying action on transferring any NSQG CD funds to the IQSC&M Pledge Fund until the April meeting. The CD's will come due in May and it can be determined in April what, if any, amount might be transferred to complete the Pledge Fund of \$ 150,000.00 in July. Carol Kusek noted that \$ 3,500.00 is available in a Visions account at the University of Nebraska that served as interim money between the James Gang and the Pledge Fund that could go towards the IQSC&M pledge if needed. (Contact is Greg Jansen)

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Susan Seidel moved that the NSQG final quarterly report for 2008; the fourth quarter assets report for 2008; the NSQG Quilt Study Fund for 2008, and the NSQG 2008 year-end report all be approved.**

**Lois Wilson seconded – motion passed.**

**\*Susan Seidel moved to accept the audits prepared by Janet Kugler of both the 2008 Quilt Nebraska books and the 2008 NSQG Treasurer's books. The report is available for inspection. Sandy Hanson seconded – motion passed.**

It was noted that any requests for reimbursement be submitted on the proper form. Mileage to board meetings is allowed at 14¢ per mile.

**\*Barb Hinrichs moved to approve the 2009 Quilt Nebraska budget as presented. Lois Wilson seconded – motion passed.**

Information on the dates and locations of the upcoming Board and committee meetings was distributed. Information on the location of the June meeting will be sent once determined. The gathering starts at 9:00 am and the meeting begins at 9:30 am.

An email request has been received from the Omaha Playhouse (% Susan Baer Collins), which will be presenting the production "The Quilters August 21 – September 27, 2009," seeking help/information in obtaining a backdrop quilt and quilt blocks for the set. There will be meeting February 18, 2009, in Omaha at 4:30 pm. It will be recommended that they place an ad or article in an upcoming edition of the newsletter. Lois Wilson will forward contact information from a past production that the Lincoln Guild helped with.

**\*Chris Wieggers moved to publish the NSQG bylaws on the NSQG website. Barb Hinrichs seconded – motion passed.**

**\*Chris Wieggers moved that the 2008 NSQG newsletters be made available on-line through the NSQG website. Barb Peitzmeier seconded – motion passed.**

Board members and Committee Chair(s) were reminded that information in their possession more than five years old needs to be given to Bea Bauerle to be placed in the archives at the UNL Library. (Treasurer retains seven years.)

Susan Seidel, Marty Kleppinger, Bea Bauerle, Merikay Gengenbach, Darice Cecil and Laura Barber met in Kearney, NE, on January 10, 2009, to formulate the 2009 NSQG budget. Susan reviewed the budget figures and noted adjustments/amounts in each category. 4-H Quilt Quest funding is included in the approved budget.

**\*Susan Seidel moved to accept the proposed NSQG budget for 2009 as presented. Marty Kleppinger seconded – motion passed.**

Merikay Gengenbach reported that she has spoken with Phyllis Hamker, Kearney, chair of QNE 10 in North Platte, and with Sue Tillemans, Shelton, chair for QNE 11 in Kearney. Both are working on their respective conventions.

Board members and committee chairs were again thanked for their service and reminded to turn in their 2008 year-end reports.

The next Board and Committee meeting will be April 18, 2009, at the Material Girl in Grand Island, NE.

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandy Adams, Secretary NSQG