



Nebraska State Quilt Guild

NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD
Board and Committees
October 24, 2009
The Quilt Rack, North Platte, NE

APPROVED VIA E-MAIL

Merikay Gengenbach, 2009 President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am CT.

The meeting opened with the presentation of a golden thimble charm and a past president's gavel pin to Bea Bauerle commemorating, and thanking her, for her year of leadership as NSQG President 2008 – 2009.

Each person in attendance introduced themselves and their position.

The following Board members and committee chairs were present:

Merikay Gengenbach, 09 President	Shirley LaVene, QNE 2010 Co-Chairman
Sandy Hanson, President Elect 09	Jean Ford, Historian
Jan Hibbs, Library	Elaine Moore, District III Rep
Kandy Adams, Secretary	Dianne Thomas, Awards
LeeAnn Meduna, Secretary Elect 2010	Barb Hinrichs, District III Rep and QNE
Susan J. Weber, President Elect for 2010	2010 Co-Chairman
Sharon Clark, District I Rep Elect	Beryl Knotwell, Bylaws
Bea Bauerle, Advisor	Marlene Kleppinger, Treasurer
Fay Kliewer, QNE 2010 Co-Chairman	Darice Cecil, Membership

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved via email.

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.

Members were reminded to sign in on the meeting roster.

TREASURER'S REPORT: See handouts.

As of October 2009, NSQG 2009 assets include a checking balance of \$4,661.88, savings balance of \$29,919.17 and CD's of \$36,237.84 totaling \$70,818.89.

Third quarter 2009 income is \$7,182.50; third quarter expenses are (\$20,393.05). Total 2009 year to date income is \$21,246.41; expenses are (\$21,683.55).

After paying the balance owed on the Quilt Study Fund Pledge, there remains \$7,268.48 in the Quilt Study Fund account. Sales tax (approx. \$900.00) still has to be paid from the fund.

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

DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Region I: Members were reminded of the upcoming Quilt Gathering scheduled for November 14th in Seward, NE.

Region II: No report.

Region III: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Quilt Nebraska 09: See handout.

*** Marty Kleppinger moved to ratify the email vote of the Board to transfer monies (\$11,000.00) from the NSQG general fund to the QNE 2009 account to cover the payment of outstanding bills. Barb Hinrichs seconded – MOTION PASSED.**

Darice Cecil pointed out that the monies (\$1,170.00) collected as new membership dues as part of the non-member registrations fees still needs to be transferred to the general NSQG funds. This needs to show as both an income and an expense line item on the QNE 2009 financial reports.

The financial statements from QNE 2009 were reviewed and the co-chairmen will be asked to resubmit the reports to include sub-totals and totals for the various categories.

Quilt Nebraska 10: See handout.

Fay Kliewer, Barb Hinrichs and Shirley LaVene reviewed the information presented on QNE 2010. An additional national teacher, Melody Crust, has been retained from Washington. New classes this year include a beading class and a journaling class. Additional seating will be provided at the hotel in the breakfast area during the complimentary full service hot breakfast time on the days of the convention to accommodate adequate seating for those that have booked rooms there.

There has been interest expressed in having "hard copy" of the registration information available. QNE 10 co-chairmen will offer this option for a fee (to be determined) if the desire exists. It will be a print out of the materials available on the website. Fay Kliewer will coordinate this.

Lightweight jackets are being considered for 2010 rather than shirts. The pin will be star shaped rather than square. Fewer classes will be offered in an effort to increase the number participating in each class, thus avoiding the need to cancel any classes. Sewing machine classes will be at the hotel with hand classes at the college. A ground floor level secure room will be offered to store machines, etc., to avoid having to carry them up the stairs in the evenings. At present, all but one of the national teacher sleeping rooms are complimentary.

Vendors are interested in being placed on both first and second floors. Efforts will be made to locate a local service/school/civic group to help with transporting items to the second floor as needed for the vendors. QNE 10 coordinators are looking for a challenge project that will stay in the North Platte area.

Merikay Gengenbach and Sandy Hanson are planning to attend the November North Platte quilt guild meeting to encourage additional volunteers to help with QNE 10. There are currently seven.

There will be no auction this year.

NSQG no longer desires to sign QNE contracts 5 years out. Room number guarantees are problematic, especially when contracts are signed so far in advance. Many national teachers are also not willing to sign contracts so far in advance.

A checking account has been opened at Tier One for QNE. The year is not specified so the account can be used by other QNE's. Future convention chairman will be notified that the account exists and Merikay Gengenbach instructed Susan Weber to contact Sue Tillemans and Pat Varner not to open new checking accounts.

It was suggested to see if the guaranteed number of rooms for 2010 may still be lowered to 150 without loss of complimentary rooms. Currently 79 rooms for assorted uses have been reserved. Twenty five rooms are guaranteed for Wednesday night before Quilt History Day.

Awards: See handout.

Dianne Thomas went over her request for increased budgeted amounts for next year due to rising costs in postage, printing, etc.

She would like to delete the line on the award nomination form requesting a photo as it is not used.

Dianne also asked about having one of the awards committee members from District 4. She also proposed a new award category to automatically honor the co-chairmen of QNE the same year as the convention they are chairing.

Bylaws and Policies: No report.

Education: No report.

Historian: Jean Ford shared some of the historical information that she received at QNE 2009. Merikay Gengenbach will contact Carol Kusek for the name of someone who could scan historical information.

Jean was asked to write a more detailed job/committee description for future historians and suggest an amount needed for budget considerations.

Library: Jan Hibbs reported that she has completed her year-end report and included copies of the thank you that she sent to the NE Library Commission and the publishing company,

Martingale & Company. She also shared that one of the authors of the book selected for 2009, "Loose Change – Quilts from Nickels, Dimes and Fat Quarters", LeAnn Weaver, is a Nebraska native.

The meeting was recessed for 15 minutes.

Membership: See handout.

Membership as of October 1, 2009, is 651 renewals and 52 new memberships for a total of 703 (not including 9 complimentary memberships). This is a decrease of 149 members compared to last year at this time and a total decrease of 269 from 2008. Seventy memberships occurred from QNE 09 with 20 being new members.

District III has seen the largest decrease in membership, possibly due to QNE 08 being held in Chadron and people attending that convention receiving a year's membership in the guild as part of their convention registration package and then not renewing the following year.

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

The August newsletter was sent electronically to 206 members with 436 printed copies mailed. The October newsletter was sent electronically to 209 members with 510 printed copies mailed. Failed delivery returns are investigated and resolved if possible.

The newsletter in print form has a members' membership expiration information on the mailing label.

Raffle Quilt 2010: Sandy Hanson reported that the quilt is busy traveling around the state at various quilt shows and shops. It will be at the District I quilt gathering in Seward. For information, scheduling or ticket purchase, contact quilt mom Vickie Wiens, 10676 US 26, Bayard, NE 69334, 308-631-9318 or vwquiltsnmore@yahoo.com

Quilt Nebraska Site Selection: See handout.

Chris Steinke's report highlighted information from her fact finding visit to Valentine as a possible site for a future QNE convention. The weekend is problematic for the area due to other annual activities, space considerations and insurance requirements on space usage. She has also made some initial contacts in Norfolk for information.

It was suggested that research be targeted toward possible college campus venues.

Nebraska State Fair: Linda Winter will be in charge of judging at the State Fair. Angela McLean and Linda Hough will co-chair the State Fair in Grand Island 2010 with Angela overall taking Sheila Green and Janice Lippincott's positions.

"Threads Across Nebraska": See handout.

Attendance was up 256 visitors, having 1207 paid admissions. There were 36 vendors and 174 quilts displayed from 35 guilds and 20 quilts on loan from the IQSC&M.

Threads 2010 will be held at the Grand Island Midtown Holiday Inn on October 1st and 2nd.

It is estimated that the Threads profit will be approximately \$4,500.00. Promotional materials next year will indicate that the proceeds benefit the NSQG.

IQSC Pledge Fund Committee: The committee has completed its work and the pledge payment was made on September 3, 2009.

Website: No report.

It was noted that the current edition of the newsletter was made available in two file formats for ease in downloading depending on receiving computers.

Surfin Stitches: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business to be presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the request for a refund of one QNE 2009 registration fee as the member did not attend QNE. The request was received after the conclusion of QNE due to a family death prior to the event. Merikay Gengenbach will write a letter explaining that no refund is available due to published refund policies.

Merikay Gengenbach passed around congratulatory/thank you letters received from the Robert and Ardis James Foundation, Greg Jensen and Dr. Patricia Crews to the NSQG upon the completion of the Quilt Study Fund Pledge. They will be sent to the newsletter for publication.

A letter was read from Shelley Burge regarding a fund raising quilt auction project by the Heifer International organization to be held in 2010 and her desire to place an article on this activity in an upcoming NSQG newsletter.

***Sandy Hanson moved to allow Shelley Burge to place information in the newsletter regarding the Heifer International quilt project. Elaine Moore seconded – MOTION PASSED.**

In response to a letter received following QNE 09 regarding the number of lectures held during each time period, Fay Kliwer was appointed to write a policy change to provide understandable information regarding the option of two lectures per half day unit at QNE for registered participants without having to pay extra lecture fees. This change will be presented for consideration at the February NSQG Board meeting. Once accepted, an article will be placed in the newsletter to explain the lecture options prior to the registration period of QNE 2010.

***Barb Hinrichs moved to create a separate award, “The Friendship Star”, to be given on Saturday night during the QNE awards banquet for the current years’ chairmen without prior nomination. An exception will be allowed for the 2009 chairmen to receive this award in 2010. Sandy Hanson seconded – MOTION PASSED.**

Sandy Hanson passed around the 2010 NSQG Board meeting schedule and the new Board and Committee Chair contact information sheet for corrections. When finalized, the contact information will be sent as an excel file.

Sandy Hanson reviewed information received in response to the request for bids for the NSQG newsletter. Only one bid was received with several options presented.

The meeting was recessed for lunch.

***Sandy Hanson moved to accept the newsletter bid submitted by Betz McMahon as newsletter editor for newsletters with 12 pages each and two inserts during the year with print quantities modified as follows:**

500 newsletters printed in black and white for 5 editions

600 newsletters printed in full color for 1 edition

800 printed roster booklets

Sandy will also negotiate the need for the \$50.00/month pdf upload charge with Betz as the NSQG web mistress Chris Wieggers may be able to perform that activity.

Elaine Moore seconded – MOTION PASSED.

***Marty Kleppinger moved to transfer the balance (\$7,268.48) of the Quilt Study Fund funds to the NSQG general fund, minus the payment of required sales tax for 2009.**

Barb Hinrichs seconded – MOTION PASSED.

***Marty Kleppinger moved to pay the QNE 2009 sales tax of \$83.93. Sandy Hanson seconded – MOTION PASSED.**

Quilt Visions monies (\$3875.00), held at the UNL Foundation, were credited to the Quilt Study Fund Pledge donation. This was money placed with the Foundation during the planning process for the IQSC&M, before the creation of the Quilt Study Fund Pledge.

NSQG has two quilt display frames and carrying cases that are in need of replacement parts or repair that are no longer being used. Said parts are available, but the guild does not have a need for these additional frames at the present time. The frames will be offered for sale, **as is**, to the NSQG membership. An ad will be placed in an upcoming newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 12:26 pm CT.

The next Board and Committee Chairs meeting will be Saturday, January 30, 2010, at the Seward Memorial Library in Seward, NE.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandy Adams, Secretary NSQG