

## **NSQG Board Meeting**

Meeting was held at Quilters Cottage in Kearney Nebraska on June 10, 2017

### **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  
Susan Schoenauer, Region II 2016-2017  
Mary Olson, Region III 2017-2018  
Shirley Spence, Awards 2015-2017  
LeeAnn Meduna, By Laws & Policies 2015-2017  
Katie Wilson, Library Project  
Keri Wheeler, Quilt Mom 2017  
LeAnne Killion Threads  
Rita Weber, QNE 17 Co-Chair  
Leslie Martin, QNE 17 Co-Chair  
Chris Frazer, Newsletter Editor

### **Absent**

Sue Brown, Region I 2017-2018  
Gloria Miller, Region II 2017-2018  
Jan Dancer, Region III 2016-2017  
Sheila Green, Education & Publicity  
Jan Sears, Historian  
LaVonne Dunetts, Membership 2015-2017  
Sandi Kosch, Scholarship  
Karen Ruwe, QNE Site Selection 2017  
Kelly Thomalla, QNE Site Selection 2017  
Kay Grimminger, NE State Fair Liaison  
Chris Wiegers, Website  
Denise Waibel-Rycek, QNE 17 Co-Chair  
Tammie Will, QNE 18 Chair  
Jan Sittler, NE State Fair Superintendent  
Carol Kusek, IQSC/Friends of IQSC Liaison

The meeting was opened by President, Janet Wilson at 1:00 P.M. Gave a reminder about year-end reports to be sent to her before the October meeting.

Motion by Cindy Scheinost, second by Marty Kleppinger to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report submitted by Marj Sperling:

Beginning Checking Account Balance	\$67,366.99
Total Income	\$13,344.00

Total Expenses	\$13,310.04	
Checking Account Balance as of June 1, 2017		\$67,400.96
Saving Account Total		\$28,457.38
CD Accounts Total		\$39,229.56

Motion by Terry Heessel, second by Marty Kleppinger to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted with the Correction to the CD's Total from 39,229.54 to 39,229.56.

President-Elect, Cindy Scheinost, thanks the Nominating Committee of Janet Kugler, Susan Schoenauer and Sandy Hanson for their help on putting together this slate of officers to be nominated at the annual meeting on July 30, 2017 at the QNE17 Convention in Kearney, Nebraska. Here is the slate of officers to be presented:

Lee Ann Meduna, President -Elect  
 Jill Vanderboegh, Secretary  
 Katy Coleman, Region I  
 Bonnie Lech, Region II  
 Barb Engebretson, III

Still need a membership chair, please need suggestions. Cindy would like to know by Quilt Nebraska 2017 if any current chairs need to be replaced.

**Region I:**

Rita Jaworski gave the report on the Region I Quilters Day Out. Work began as soon at the January Board meeting adjourned. The date of April 29, 2017 was selected, venue found at the third floor of the Calico Cottage in Hastings, Nebraska and the guest speaker was Diane Harris. Eighty-Four ladies attended the full day of activities, which were three mini-sessions in the morning and the guest speaker, Diane Harris, in the afternoon "Making Extraordinary Scrap Quilts". Lunch was served at a price of \$7.00 to the 64 registered participants. Door prizes were donated by Rita, Sue and Diane, given after each session. Total Expenses for Region I Quilter Day Out was \$500.00.

**Region II:**

Susan Schoenauer read the report on the Region II Quilters Day Out. Plans are underway for a Quilter's Gathering on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the Columbus Community Center in Columbus, Nebraska. Arrangements have been made for 3 speakers with the 4<sup>th</sup> under consideration. Lunch plans are also being discussed. Mark this date on your calendar and come to Columbus to hear some wonderful quilting stories, make new friends, and catch up with old friends. Submitted by Gloria Miller.

**Region III:**

Region III Quilter's Day Out was held on April 25, 2017, in Ogallala at the Petrified Wood Gallery meeting room. There were 42 people in attendance. Peg Spradlin was the featured speaker with four presenters for a round robin. Lunch was catered. We feel that attendance was down due to poor weather conditions. In 2018, this event will be held in Holdrege at the Nebraska Prairie Museum.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Awards:**

Report given by Shirley Spence. As of the April 30<sup>th</sup> dead line only 2 nominations were received both for the same person. After talking with President, Janet Wilson, it was decided to extend the deadline for another month as was done las year. More nominations were made during this time. The votes have been received and counted.

**By-Laws and Policies:**

Reminder- QNE is not to be making a profit. There are several changes that can be made. Some examples are to lower prices and change meal options. Do we need a change?

**Education and Publicity:**

Report submitted by Sheila Green and read by Janet Wilson. (1) National Quilting Day was held on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum, Lincoln. The event attracted nearly 700 guests and volunteers from a several state areas. (2) Nebraska’s Sesquicentennial was celebrated with a display of all entries of the official NE 150 Quilt Competition, and remarks by the competition’s winners at the lecture. (3) Discover Nebraska, an outreach program to 4<sup>th</sup> graders, engage young and old alike as our volunteers assist them in making a paper quilt that looks like the fabric quilt we use in the classrooms to teach the history of Nebraska and quilt making. (4) Our popular lectures The National Quilting Day 2018 is to be held March 17, 2018 at the International Quilt Study Center and Museum. The National Quilting Day 2017 Steering Committee consisted of Sheila Green, Shirley Chaffin, Holly Zempke, Sheila Beins, Kris Jarchow, and Dean Young.

Items posted on the NSQG Facebook page are to contact Sheila Green. The NSQG Facebook page has “762 likes” or people who follow us.

**Historian:**

Jan Sears submitted the following report: I have collected more books and still plan to get to the Love Library and update the list of what is there. I also need to make a list of what is in the tote and files I have at my house.

**Library Report:**

Katy Wilson gave the Library Project Committee Report. I selected Jo Morton’s book, “Jo’s Little Favorites” published by Martingale as the book to give to all the public libraries in Nebraska this year. The list price is \$24.99. Martingale gave us a 57% discount. Bringing the price per book to \$10.75. Martingale also shipped the books to my house at no cost to us. The Nebraska Library Commission supplied labels for all the public libraries in the state. There are 289 Libraries. 15 libraries have opted out of the project, so 274 libraries received the books. I purchased stamps to mail 274 copies of the book at the library rate of \$2.50 per book. On March 29<sup>th</sup>, Sandra, Elaine Koenig, Monty Wilson and I packaged the books for mailing. We mailed 273 copies of the book from the Norfolk Post Office on March 30<sup>th</sup>. One book was hand-delivered.

Expenses:	Martingale (274 Books)	2945.50
	Labels, paper, envelopes & Prtg	109.86
	Postage	685.00
Total:		3740.86

The budgeted amount for the library project was \$3600.00.

**Membership:**

Report submitted by LaVonne Dunetts. Membership totals 391. District 1=102, District 2=139, District 3=120, District 4=30. There are 133 members from 2016 who have not renewed their memberships. Newsletter distribution in June was 424, Print Copies- 211, Electronic Copies=213. 264 Mailed QNE Booklets.

**2017 Raffle Quilt:**

Keri Wheeler stated that there have been 4,246 tickets sold for the 2017 Raffle Quilt and there are to be 753 still available.

**Scholarship:** No Report

**State Fair Liaison:** No Report

**QNE Site Selection:**

Report submitted by Karen Ruwe. I am still waiting for information for the 2020 QNE (North Platte). There is a grade school that is close to the conference hotel that is a possibility. The Community College will not book out that far as they need to leave it open for their events should there be any to arise. The hotel said they will cater the food over to the school.

**Threads Across Nebraska:**

Report given by LeAnne Killion. The letter has gone out to guilds requesting quilts for the show. Paulette Peters is our featured quilter. We will have quilts from the International Quilt Study Center. Quilts of Valor is planning a small quilt show of their own. There are 21 vendors signed up. I am working on getting a few more. Brochures are being sent out to fairs and any shows that are coming up. Volunteer signup sheets will be available at Quilt Nebraska and on line. Classes are set up: Friday- Simply the Quilt Math, The Pretty Pin keeper and Hawaiian Applique; Saturday-Color-step outside the box and Raw Edge Landscape Applique. The cost of classes are \$25 of 90 minutes and \$35 for 3hrs. Class participants will register and pay for the class and admission to the show before arriving.

**QNE 2017:**

Report given by Leslie Martin. Plans are moving along smoothly for QNE'17. 138 registrations were received by May 15 for the first drawing for classes. There are currently 190 registrations, with 2-3 new registrations coming in daily. 60 people have registered for Quilt History Day. Class assignments will begin to be made on Monday June 12, with first set of class postcards scheduled to be mailed on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Due to the limited space at the Ramada Inn we have been able to accommodate only 11 vendors at this time. We have 19 people indicated they will bring Challenge quilts, and we have made plans for displaying the NE150 quilts.

**QNE 2018:**

Report submitted by Tammie Will. The plans are in place. We have 3 national teachers, a treasurer, challenge chair, a theme, some volunteers but need more, exchange chair and someone to cover registration.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Marty Kleppinger - Aprons- Looking at Red with Black Logo screen print.  
Sheila Green NE 150 Quilt Competition expense report. Marj Sperling had questions and will contact Sheila about that.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

QNE 2019 Chairperson – Keri Wheeler has volunteered to be the 2019 Chairperson; no others have volunteered. There is a policy in the manual that states “Quilt Nebraska chairmen are required to have attended two Quilt Nebraska conventions before signing the contract to serve as convention chairmen.” As of this date she has not attended two Quilt Nebraska conventions. By the time of the 2019 Convention, she will have attended two conventions. Cindy Scheinost commented that attending the

convention, does not mean that you have the experience to organize a quilt convention. Rita Jaworski commented that chairpersons do need to have the organizational characteristics to put on a successful event. Keri Wheeler explained that she does have the experience of organizing other events that have not been for quilters.

Motion by Marty Kleppinger, second by LeAnn Meduna to suspend the policy for one year, to allow Keri Wheeler to become QNE 2019 Chairperson. Motion carried.

Marj Sperling questioned whether the newsletter editor needed to fill out expense voucher for reimbursement. The newsletter editor is a vendor and only needs to submit an invoice/statement for the contracted amount.

Marj Sperling would like to have the by-laws changed to allow certain board members to be allowed to succeed themselves in the same position. The reasoning: As just starting this year as treasurer, she is feeling that she is just beginning to get a handle on the workings of treasurer for the State Guild. She would be pleased to service another term. LeeAnn Meduna was consulted about the procedure of changing one of the by-laws. Amendments shall require a majority vote of the members in good standing at the Annual Meeting. The following motion was made so that this matter could be voted upon at the Annual Meeting to be held July 30, 2017 in Kearney, Nebraska.

Motion by Cindy Scheinost to have Article VI, #6, be removed from the by-laws and to take it to the annual meeting. The motion was second by Marty Kleppinger. Motion carried.

Marj Sperling and Dee Augustin would like to have recognition charms for outgoing officers. Certificates are given out by the President. This item is tabled for now and will be discussed at the October meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **State Fair Superintendent**

Report submitted by Jan Sittler. The 2017 Nebraska State Fair Show Entry Book went on line in April. The site is working smoothly. For easy use and complete information, we recommend exhibitors print it out for easy reference throughout the summer. Mail in entries can be sent to SF office anytime. Online entries can be made beginning in early July but must be in by August 9<sup>th</sup> at midnight. The theme of the 148<sup>th</sup> State Fair is "Celebrate the State. 150". We would like to showcase a few wonderful Nebraska Quilts from previous state fairs – the earlier the better. If you know of someone with a SF quilt from the 30's or 40's or before, have them contact me for more information. Volunteers are needed for Pre-fair, White glove and hanging exhibits. Please contact Noelle Hooper at [www.noelle55165@yahoo.com](mailto:www.noelle55165@yahoo.com) or 308-258-1750.

### **IQSC/Friends of IQSC**

Report submitted by Carol Kusek. (1) Featherweight frenzy is scheduled at Quilt House on Thursday, June 22-Saturday, June 24, 2017. All the classes being taught by Nova Montgomery. There will be a display of Pam and JC Elliot's collection and vendors selling items of interest. (2) The Art Market is scheduled for Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18, 2017 on the second level of Quilt House. Vendors will have unique and classic items for sale. A great time to be getting gifts for the holidays for that special person on your list. (3) The website is being updated and new information is being added. (4) Working on increasing social media presence. (5) Financially supports exhibitions at Quilt House (6) Friends board is looking for someone in greater Nebraska area to join the board;

especially need people who are willing to step up into leadership roles. Terms are 3 years with 2 successive terms allowed at one time. For any questions, contact Carol Kusek.

Carol also checked into the cost of supporting an exhibition. Here is an example of the costs:

\$12,000-15,000 Sacred Scraps: Quilt & Patchwork Traditions of Central Asia

\$42,000 Military Quilts

\$7,000 Layered Voices

\$10,000 just for shipping Quilt Japan: Selections from the 12<sup>th</sup> Quilt Nihon Exhibition

\$5,000 tends to be the minimum for a major support recognition but any amount is welcome.

A donation will give Nebraska State Quilt Guild

- Recognition at the museum show on Acknowledgments Panel
- Website recognition as a sponsor
- Online website as a general sponsor
- Recognition on the Welcome Screen
- Recognition in Annual Report.

Size of lettering in recognition areas will reflect amount of support from NSQG.

Some of the events to consider:

Block by Block, August 4 to December 2, 2017. In the 1820's and 30's a distinctive type of quilt developed in the United States- the pieced block-style quilt. "Block by Block builds on guest curator Janice Frisch's investigation of the international development of Block Style quilts for *American Quilts in the Industrial Age, 1760-1870*.

Another show will be curated in 2018 from this same grouping.

Another recommendation from Leslie Levy is Quilts in the Modern Age which will also be occurring in 2018.

IQSCM is celebrating in 2018 TEN years of Quilt House opening and 20 years of existence. It would be really nice for NSQG to be represented at some of these celebration events in some way if the board feels it can financially handle a donation during this time. Submitted by Carol Kusek, Friends IQSCM Advisor.

The next meeting will be October 28, 2017 at Material Girl in Grand Island, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Terry L. Heessel, Secretary for NSQG