

NSQG Board Meeting October 12, 2019

Meeting was held at Threads, Kearney, NE

Present:

LeeAnn Meduna, President 2019
Karen Ruwe, President Elect 2019 QNE Site Selection
Jill Vanderboegh, Secretary 2018-2019
Marj Sperling, Treasurer 2017-2020
Cindy Scheinost, Advisor 2019
Marty Kleppinger, Region III Director 2019-2020, Awards, QNE 2020
Sandy Hanson, By-Laws & Policies
Jan Sears, Historian
Mary Olson, Library, QNE 2019 Chair
Chris Frazer, Newsletter Editor, Membership
Judith Thompson, Scholarship
LeAnne Killion, Threads
Keri Wheeler, QNE 2019 Chair
Kristi Puritun, QNE 2020
Terry Paulsen

Absent:

Katy Coleman, Region I Director 2018-2019
Carol Woerlen, Region I Director 2019-2020
Bonnie Lech, Region II Director 2018-2019
Sharon Bohmont, Region II 2019-2020
Barb Engebretsen Region III Director 2018-2019
Sheila Green, Education & Publicity
Sandy Dahlgren, Quilt Mom 2019
Kelly Thomalla, QNE Site Selection
Kay Grimminger, IQM/Friends of IQM Liaison
Chris Wiegers, Website
Shelia Beins, QNE 2019 Chair
Barb Hinrichs, QNE 2020
Merikay Berg, QNE Future – Committee

President LeeAnn Meduna called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

Vice President's Report: President elect works with the president. Other duties of the president elect is to find board members to serve with the following year. President elect is also responsible for the raffle quilt and quilt mom. The quilt then will travel across the state. We have 4,999 tickets printed.

Secretary's Report: Stand approved by email.

Treasurer's Report: January 1 to September 30, 2019

Income:	\$18,111.00
Expenses:	\$24,657.55
Checking Account	\$9,806.89
Savings Account	\$88,636.00
CD Accounts Total	\$39,552.88

Marty Kleppinger moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Cindy Scheinost. Motion carried.

Advisor: This year I have tried to proceed with On-line dues payment, and eventually including QNE registration payment, which was recommended by the QNE ad-hoc committee formed in 2017. It is a project that needs coordination of several people: The Treasurer, the Webmaster, and Membership Chair, and eventually QNE Co-Chairs. It is a big step into the future for the Guild and hopefully will attract a younger group of Quilters to join NSQG. I still have hope that a Payment button will appear on our website by the end of the year.

District Director's Reports

Region 1: No report.

Region 2: Report submitted by Bonnie Lech

Region 2 Quilter's Day out was held September 7. 66 quilters attended. 7 speakers. The morning began with Yoga for quilters with Kim Kern of Dynamic Life Therapy. Followed by in in depth presentation on machine upkeep and repair by Justin Webb from A-Z Vac and Sew in Norfolk . Eileen Krumbach, former chair of Quilts of Valor finished the morning with a showcase of the quilts made for our service men and women. Afternoon program featured Charlotte Endorff from the Nebraska Humanities Council. The presentation about Grace Snyder a famous Nebraska quilter and her life in the sand hills as portrayed in the book "No Time on my Hands." The final presenter of the day was Rose Maple of Rustic Milling and Craft in Cozad. Rose spoke on barn quilts and their place in history and todays decorating schemes. She also reviewed her recently relaeased book on constructing barn quilts. Lunch consisted of a chicken croissant and sides catered by Hy-Vee. Four raffle quilts were on displaying, including the NSQG raffle quilt, with raffle tickets being sold. Sew What Needle Arts & Quilting and Claus' en Paus quilting shops in Columbus donated door prizes.

Region 3: No report.

Committee Reports

Awards: Report by Marty Kleppinger

Awards are wrapped up.

By-Laws: Report by Sandy Hanson

By laws and Policies have been updated. After this meeting any changes to By-laws and Policies that occurred during this year will get written up and set to the webmaster and then I will be turning in the final result.

Education: No Report

Publicity: No Report

Historian: Report by Jan Sears

Please bring notebooks for archives to the January meeting.

I received 3 totes of materials from Cindy Scheinost, Past President. I reviewed the materials for duplicate records and removed the papers from the 3 ring notebooks. This saves time and hassle for the archival personnel.

As soon as I have a complete list of the material in the archives, I will get the lists to the President, Secretary and Treasurer as stated in the Policies and Procedures.

A change in the Historian duties and an update in the Archiving NSQG Materials section have been presented to the board for consideration.

Library Project: Report by Mary Olsen

The number of books purchased for 2019 and 2018 is the same at 275 and costs were similar.

2019 "Changing Seasons"	\$2838.00	In 2018	\$2,956.25
Printing – return labels, enclosed letter, bookplates	\$32.43	In 2018	\$0.00
Postage	<u>\$724.01</u>	In 2018	<u>\$693.22</u>
Total	\$3,594.44	In 2018	\$3,649.47

While a little less was spent in 2019 than 2018, there's not reason to believe 2020 will continue to decrease. The book happened to be a bit cheaper this year, but Martingale's discount of 57% has remained the same. Our overall membership seems to be declining along with dues collected. Because of the, I thought it prudent to do a little survey of a few of the libraries.

Speaking to Holdrege Public Library Director, I learned that most libraries in Nebraska follow a similar criterion when determining when a book is removed from the shelf.

- Number of times checked out in 3, 5, and 7 years
- Physical condition of the book
- If already overstocked in a particular subject
- If the same information available online

With this in mind I contacted twelve libraries. Six answered and had someone available to answer my questions.

	Number of time "mini Charm Quilts" checked out in the last year	
• Holdrege Public Library	2 times	Director suggested we consider a more expensive book donated every other year – such as a "coffee table book" Holdrege is currently overstocked on quilt books.
• Atkinson Public Library	3 times	Have many quilt books. Don't care for coffee table books as they use too much shelf space.
• St. Paul Public Library	0 times	Currently have 40 quilt books
• Arapahoe Public Library	1 time	Have 26 quilt books
• Lexington Public Library	5 times	
• North Platte Public Library	3 times	Have 175 quilt books

All librarians I spoke with stressed that they "have a lot of quilt books."

Learning that NSQG book was checked out so seldom was a disappointment. None of the libraries said it was close to being removed from the shelf. The Holdrege Library Director said, "Mini Charm Quilts would not make the cut this year." He was reluctant to offer a prediction for next year.

Discussion:

- Younger people are not going to libraries
- Arapahoe removed all non-fiction due to budget and space.
- May what to consider eliminating library project from 2020 budget.

Membership Report: Submitted by Chris Frazer

Membership As of October 8, 2019

	Renewed	New	Total	Not Renewed
District 1 – Lincoln & SE NE	71	6	77	34
District 2 – Omaha & NE	82	6	88	54
District 3 – Western NE	71	14	85	32
District 4 – Other States	14	2	16	27
Total	238	28	266	147

Newsletter: Submitted by Chris Frazer

352 Newsletters were distributed electronically and by USPS in October 2019.

The next newsletter goes out on December 15. Looking for ideas to spice it up.

Raffle Quilt 2020: Report by Sandy Dahlgren

66 tickets were sold at the Fremont quilt guild meeting. Please take quilt to your events.

Scholarships: Report by Judy Thompson

Thank you notes received from 2019 recipients, Lois Christensen and Julie Joyce. Thank you notes were sent to 44 people who donated during registration for Quilt Nebraska. Recommended to include a thank you in the newsletter instead of sending individual thank you notes.

Hats from the QNE in LaVista to be returned to Pat Varner.

Threads Across Nebraska: Report by LeAnne Killion.

25 Vendors, one vendor canceled, I was able to fill this spot. Vendors love being able to drive in to unload.

510 paid entries Friday, plus 30 people for classes.

The PVC pipe is getting old and brittle and will need to be replaced. Need to look into what to replace them with and the cost. Replacements need to be moveable to allow for vendors to drive into facility. Cannot use pipe and drape. They cannot be moved and we cannot pin to the pipe and drape.

Walk-ins for classes have been good.

State Fair Liaison: Report submitted by Jan Sittler.

Prior to the State Fair, I shopped for and delivered snack/sandwich groceries for Quilt Receiving Days and Judging Days. You will note we no longer purchase soda drinks as we find more people choose water or coffee for drinking. The State Fair office this year provided the water as well as making a noon meal (but not an evening meal) available to volunteers during the pre-fair events. I also purchased the fabric and cut it apart for the SF quilt labels that accompany the judge's critique and go home with the quilter at the fair's end.

2019 Nebraska State Fair Bills presented to NSQG for payment: I believe they have all been paid.

To T Shirt Engineers: Printing of labels for Quilt Show Exhibitors \$114.25

311 4th Street

Grand Island, NE 68801

To Bob Oschner photography of prize winning 2019 NSF quilts \$200.00

4201 E. Bismark Rd.

Grand Island, NE 68801

To Jan Sittler Liaison NSF and NSQG Total \$414.77

2104 W. Charles

Grand Island, NE 68803

- JoAnns Fabrics Kona white cotton 8 yd.at \$8.99/yd \$71.92*\$
- Kona white 7 yd. At \$8.99/yd \$62.93
- Faultless Spray Starch \$6.99
- State Tax \$7.80
- Local Tax \$2.84
 - *I overbought on the fabric. I have enough for 2020 labels
- Big Apple Bagels \$32.37
- Paradise Donuts \$16.56
- Super Saver (grapes) \$7.61
- Super Saver (bread, sandwich meat, paper towels) \$27.71
- Wal-Mart (baggies, coffee, cups, mayo, salad dr. \$16.67
- Sam's Club (snacks, sandwich meat, vegetables, fruit) \$161.37

Total \$729.02

Suggestions for 2020:

1. As you plan the budget going forward, I would like to suggest we pay Bob Oschner an additional \$50 for photographing all the first place quilts. He takes the photos, crops them as needed and labels them each with the name of the maker and quilter then puts them on flash drives. They are then sent to the newsletter editor, and the superintendent by mail.

2. I am proposing that NSQG pick up one evening meal for the judge (approx. \$25). For the past 9 years we have invited the judge and all volunteers who wish to go to dinner on Sunday evening – the 2nd of the 3 judging days. In the past SF has paid for the judge's meal. Beginning in 2020, they will not do so. The purpose of the dinner is:

- A courtesy to both the judge and the volunteers – a chance to visit and get to know one another. The judge is able to visit with others who share her interests and passions for quilting. Most of our judges

know little about Nebraska. She learns more about our system of State Fair exhibiting and what we are interested in. Volunteers also get acquainted with a nationally Certified Judge.

- The judge has an opportunity to discuss ways to improve our judging process and makes suggestions re workshops which would benefit quilters.
- We in turn share the information with quilters and guilds across the state through the NSQG newsletter.

All volunteers who attend pay for their own meal. The cost of the judge's meal this year was \$22 plus tip. It is a small price to pay for what we learn and how it benefits Nebraska quilters and the State Fair judging process. I have recommended to the SF Quilt Committee that they continue it.

IQM Liaison: Report by Kay Grimminger

The Art Market will be November 22 & 23. Admission is free during Art Market. Donations are being accepted beginning November 18th. No patterns, magazines or newspapers are being accepted.

Site Selection: Contracts have been signed and given to the next Quilt Nebraska committee.

Website: No Report

QNE 19: Report submitted by Keri Wheeler

The Quilt History Lecture was incorporated into the Friday schedule and had 29 attendees. The lecture was titled "Prized Quilts: The Omaha World Herald Contests and Exhibitions" presented by Donna diNatale from Lenexa, KS.

Donna and the remaining national instructors - Teresa Coenen from Woodbine, IA, Beth Helfter from Pepperell, MA and Kari Nichols from Centennial, CO arrived Thursday. They were joined by QNE President (Leann Meduna), Teacher Chair (Sue Brown), QNE Treasurer (Lori Duffek) and the QNE Chairs for a dinner prepared by Chartwells Thursday night.

The attendees were invited to participate in a Tangerine Scavenger Hunt, aka "Tango Lessons" in the merchant mall Thursday night organized by Merchant Mall Chair Sue Brown. There were 13 merchants this year. Each merchant donated a prize for the winners to be awarded at the "Orange You Glad You Came Party" on Friday night. The merchant mall was opened to the public Friday and Saturday.

Following the merchant mall we had a "meet and greet your fellow attendees" time. Snacks and drinks were served along with plenty of space for people to mingle and visit. It appeared to be well attended and enjoyed by those who were there.

22 all day classes and 15 half-day classes were offered in the registration book. 8 classes were cancelled because they did not meet the minimum registrations required, resulting in 19 all day classes and 10 half day classes. Said classes were taught by 16 different instructors/teams. We had 166 full registration packages and 15 single day registrations. We did offer a meals only option for instructors on the day(s) they were teaching. If they only taught one day, they were also able to register for one day at a lower rate than other single day registrants.

Friday night we held an "Orange You Glad You Came Party". You have never seen so much orange in one place in Nebraska! Following the banquet we took a shopping break and everyone returned for the party.

Approximately 100 attendees participated in the "Tangerine Tango" with everyone winning! Thanks to Sue Brown for organizing this fun event. With all those tangerine strips I bet we see lots of tangerine quilts the next few years. Following the Tango, the winners from the Thursday night scavenger hunt were awarded along with drawings for several door prizes (you had to be present to claim your prize).

We had 110 door prizes, in addition to the 6 that were drawn for Friday night, thanks to committee members Maralee Meyer, Susan Minchow and Connie Phillips. Thank you cards were pre-addressed for each prize. Prizes were randomly given to attendees after they checked in at the registration table. Kari Nichols and Mountain Peek Creations gave us enough patterns so each registration received 1 in their tote.

The challenge quilt show was chaired by Rita Jaworski and Karen Daniels. 53 packets of the tangerine fabric were prepared and presented at QNE2018 (where they were sold out). We had 24 quilts for the challenge show. Attendees and the public voted for their favorites. Prizes were awarded at the Saturday night banquet.

Lori Duffek chaired the hanging of the display of quilts made by the instructors. She also collected the exchange blocks. This year's block was "Squares within Squares 2" pattern by Marcia Hohn from Quilters Cache. We

obtained permission to print the pattern in the registration book. We had 143 blocks turned in. They were divided into piles of 11 for 13 lucky winners.

The community of Seward welcomed the attendees. Jones Bank, Cattle National Bank, and Union Bank and Trust all made financial donations to the event. Local artisan Dave Hudson worked with the committee to provide thank you gifts of carved seam rippers to the instructors and committee chairs. He also made a special wine stopper using the QNE2019 logo. He donated back a % of those sales to our guild. Hughes Brothers Inc. purchased stainless steel tumblers for the attendees, instructors and chairs. We also were the recipients of financial support from Ideal Electric in Hastings. All together these donations totaled \$3500.00. In addition the Visitor's Committee provided volunteers and treats for AM and PM breaks both days. Boy Scout Troop 256 assisted vendors and attendees unloading and loading.

300 ArtBin totes were purchased from Flambeau for attendees. The extra totes were sold at cost (plus a 71¢ donation). Sue Brown (Calico Cottage) allowed us to purchase suctioned pincushions for each attendee at cost. We sold the leftovers at cost to attendees. The lapel pins were purchased for attendees and instructors from The Pin Place. Leann Meduna coordinated the purchase of these items. The baseball shirts and sweatshirts were ordered through Sports Express in Seward and sold at cost to attendees.

Pipe and drape were rented from AAA Rents in Lincoln.

Email and Dropbox were used extensively for communication and record keeping. The Save the Date Cards and the Convention Booklet were printed by Helmink Printing in Seward. Becky Wallroff authored the registration book. Chris Frazier coordinated the printing and mailing. Chris Wiegers created the website and added information, including the registration book, as requested. She linked it with the NSQG website.

Dorm registrations were done separately from registration. However, we were still responsible for registering those rooms and providing the information to the college. This is really the only downfall with holding the convention on Concordia's campus. We had 150 people stay in the dorms. The national teachers had rooms reserved at the Cobblestone Hotel and Suites. We also had a block of rooms reserved for attendees to use. Others reserved rooms at East Hill Motel.

Our treasurer's final report is attached. We will turn over a profit of \$2310.96 to NSQG.

Important note for future chairs: You need to gather W9's from teachers and NE Sales Tax ID's from vendors and any teachers that will be selling merchandise. Submit the completed Dept. of Revenue report (see attached)

If the board is not opposed, we will send copies of the forms we used to Chris Wiegers to add the NSQG forms page.

What we thought worked well for us – Teacher and Vendor submission deadline – December 1; Classes and Vendors selected January 12; Friday night interactive activity (need to be present for door prizes helped increase attendance); Merchants appreciated scavenger hunt. Things we would have done different – send regional teacher's contract with food options as soon as determined; if Quilt History Day is incorporated into QNE need to offer option to attend just that part; we choose not to do show and tell, wish we would have had quilt show of past QNE projects.

In closing, we thank you for allowing us to chair this year's QNE. We hope you all had fun!

Sheila Beins, Keri Wheeler and Mary Olson, QNE2019 Chairs

QNE 20: Report by Marty Kleppinger

To have dessert at lunchtime would cost \$2.60/day/person. Other options would be candy for teacher's classrooms. Morning and afternoon snacks are expensive. In the past we have gotten donations for snacks. Door prizes – we are considering a few larger prizes instead of everyone getting a prize. Advertising in the Country Register might spread the work about NSQG and Quilt Nebraska

Quilt Nebraska Initiatives: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

On-Line Payment: Report by Cindy Scheinost

In the process of setting up on-line payments.

Chris Wiegers has been forwarded the information to add to the website. Donation button can be added at a later date. We might get more donations if part of dues renewal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Refunds for Quilt Nebraska:

- Mother died and is requesting refund for class & dorm. Funeral July 26.
- Mother fell. Family thought she was going to fail.
- Personal illness.

We cannot refund for meals or the dorms. The dorms have already been paid to Concordia University. Three individuals will be reimbursed \$110. Per NSQG policies. \$260 minus \$125 for food and a \$25 cancelation fee.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes: Minutes were read. Stand approved by email.

Quilt Nebraska Bank Accounts: Discussed what to do with profit.

Quilt Nebraska 2021 committee will be given their seed money, then 2019 can write a check for any remaining profit.

Kelly Thomalla will be the treasurer for Quilt Nebraska 2020 and 2021.

Newsletter Editor: Bids – Only one bid was received from Kris Frazer.

Membership Book – Total cost \$1165.08 Postage and Mailing extra. 425 copies, 48 page book.

Advertising 10% would be kept for cost of selling.

Jill Vanderboegh made a motion to accept the bid by Kris Frazer, seconded by Marty Kleppinger. Motion carried.

Newsletter –Based on 12 pages. Editorship \$462 per newsletter, printing \$246.24

Advertising 10% would be kept for cost of selling.

Total cost \$708.24/newsletter/ \$4449.44/year. Additional pages approximately \$59.02/page

Marty Kleppinger made a motion to accept the bid by Kris Frazer, seconded by Cindy Scheinost. Motion carried.

Hotel Expenses for Karen Ruwe: In lieu of past expenses incurred as site selection representative. Karen Ruwe is requesting reimbursement for her hotel room during Threads. Cost \$62.82

Marty Kleppinger moved to reimburse Karen for the cost of her hotel room. Seconded by Cindy Scheinost.

Motion carried.

Raffles: The total for raffles is \$5,000/month. The total for raffle quit and the basket of fabric raffled during Threads does not need to total less than \$5,000.

Quilt History Day: Susan Weber, Jan Sears and Sharon Kripps have been appointed to Quilt History Day committee. Quilt History Day is to be self-supporting. The committee is looking at the Thursday before Quilt Nebraska. Quilt History Day would need to end by 4:00.

Audubon: Audubon wants to have a quilt show. Directed to contact local guilds.

Jean Ford Memorial: \$275. Jean Ford wanted to support young quilters.

Marty Kleppinger moved to offer \$275 towards 2 scholarships for individuals 18 – 35 for QNe 2020. Seconded by Chris Frazer. Motion carried.

State Fair: Judges meals for Sunday night. The state Fair Board will no longer being paying for dinner for the judge on Sunday night.

Cindy Scheinost moved to pay for the judges Sunday night meal. Seconded by Marty Kleppinger. Motion carried.

Photographer: Moved to table increase to photographer for State Fair until board receives clarification from Jan Sittler.

Library Project: Marty Kleppinger moved to suspend the library project for one year to get feedback. Seconded by Jill Vanderboegh. Motion carried.

Next NSQG Board Meeting

Saturday, January 11, 2019 @1:00

Country Traditions, Fremont

Lunch to be provided at 12:00.

Meeting adjourned at 2:57.

Jill Vanderboegh
Secretary 2018-2019