

NSQG Board Meeting July 18, 2020

Meeting was held at The Cosmic Cow, Lincoln, NE

Present

Karen Ruwe, President 2020, QNE Site Selection
Jill Vanderboegh, President Elect 2020
Terry Paulsen, Secretary 2020-2021
Marge Sperling, Treasurer, 2017-2020
LeeAnn Meduna, Advisor 2020
Carol Woerlen, Region I Director 2019-2020
Sharon Bohmont, Region II Director 2019-2020
Sharie Flannery, Region II Director 2020-2021
Marty Kleppinger, Region III Director 2019-2020, QNE 2020 Co Chair
Leslie Martin, Region III Director 2020-2021, QNE 2022 Co Chair

Absent

Diane Murphy, Region I Director 2020-2021
Kathy Murphy, Awards
Sandi Griepenstroh, By-Laws and Policies
Sheila Green, Education and Publicity
Jan Sears, Historian
Mary Olson, Library
Chris Frazer, Membership/Newsletter
Sharon Strong, Scholarship
Kelly Thomalla, QNE Site Selection, QNE 2021 Co Chair
Jan Sittler, NE State Fair Liaison
Chris Wieggers, Website
LeAnne Killion, Threads
Barb Hinrichs, QNE2020 Co Chair
Kristi Puritun, QNE2020 Co Chair
Mary Arthur, QNE2021 Co Chair
Denise Rycek Waibel, QNE 2022 Co Chair
Rita Weber, QNE 2022 Co Chair
Kay Grimminger, Friends of IQSC

President Karen Ruwe called the meeting to order at 12:25 P.M.

Reports:

Vice President's Report: No Report

Secretary's Report: Terry Paulsen reported there was two changes to the January 11, 2020 minutes. It was reported that "LeeAnn Meduna received a letter from Shelly Burge requesting to be taken off as the contact person on the board for the biennial report." It was corrected to "LeeAnn Meduna received a letter from Shelly Burge requesting to be taken off as the contact person for the non-profit corporation biennial report for the State of Nebraska."

The other correction was stated "Chris Frazer will bring a breakdown of prices for bulk mailing versus members picking them up at QNE at the March meeting." It was corrected to "Chris Frazer will bring a breakdown of prices for bulk mailing versus members picking them up at QNE or mailing them out."

Jill Vanderboegh moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Carol Woerlen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020

Income:	\$22,530.09
Expenses:	\$12,765.59
Checking Account:	\$ 9,764.50
Savings:	\$88,662.50
CD's	\$39,727.94

Nebraska State tax is collected on anything that NSQG sells.

Sharon Bohmont moved to approve the treasurer's report. LeeAnn Meduna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Advisor: LeeAnn Meduna received a request from Homestead Monument for NSQG to sign a deed of a gift to them for a quilt we donated. This will show them as the owners of the quilt. Copies of the deed will be kept with the 2020 President and Secretary documents.

District Director's Reports:

District I: No Report

District II: No Report

District III: No Report

Committee Reports:

PayPal: Reported by Cindy Scheinost; Read by Karen Ruwe.

Progress is being made! PayPal has recognized us as a Non-Profit organization, thereby charging us the adjusted rate of 2.2% + \$0.30 per transaction – a 22% discount from their standard published rates, based on a donation of \$100.00 USD. Our bank account is set up to receive funds from them, and they have sent a small amount of money to it, as a test.

Chris Wieggers is working on getting "buttons" with appropriate forms onto our website. Since PayPal cannot handle all of the information that we want, Chris has had to incorporate JotForm into the process. For the most part JotForm is free, unless we go over 100 items, and then they charge \$19 for that month. Therefore, we decided to charge a \$1 processing fee, rather than \$.85, to help defer that cost. For the sake of simplicity, donations need to be separate from

dues, but when at the donate button, people will be able to choose between a gift to the Guild's general fund, or to its Scholarship fund.

Awards: Kathy Murphy will forward all nominations for QNE2020 to be considered for QNE2021.

By-Laws: It was voted on and approved at QNE2019 to change the wording from QNE will be held the third weekend in July that does not have August in it, to QNE will take place one weekend in July.

Education: Reported Sheila Green; Read by Karen Ruwe.

National Quilting Day and Discover Nebraska have again been the focus for NSQG Education.

National Quilting Day 2020:

Due to Covid-19, the 11th annual National Quilting Day scheduled for March 21 was postponed. In 2019, we had floods, this year the pandemic. All plans were in place, so if large gatherings are allowed after the International Quilt Museum reopens, we'll be able to put on the event easily.

Event sponsors included: AccuQuilt, Aurifil, HandiQuilter, Bernina Sewing Center, Cosmic Cow, and Sew Creative. The sponsoring quilt guilds paid for the day's expenses: Lincoln Quilters Guild, Nebraska State Quilt Guild and the Lincoln Modern Quilt Guild.

We hope that you will make plans to attend National Quilting Day at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum on March 21, 2020!

2019 National Quilting Day Committee: Sheila Green, chair, Dean Young (IQSCM), Rosalind Carr (Lincoln Quilters Guild), Sheila Beins (Nebraska State Quilt Guild, Barbara Chesnut (Lincoln Modern Quilt Guild).

Discover Nebraska: Covid-19 heavily impacted the number of presentations this year, as the preferred months are April and May.

If your guild is interested in offering Discover Nebraska presentations to 4th graders in your area, please contact me. I can email you all the details and mail you a classroom packet and resources for presenters. Our Lincoln Quilters Guild Discover Nebraska is a group of about 20 men (3 men) and women who presented to 14 schools before the pandemic. Our website is www.DiscoverNebraska.org Join us in the classroom to learn first-hand what it's all about.

Please contact me in advance as we provide each school with a list of those coming in advance.

Publicity: Reported by Sheila Green; Read by Karen Ruwe.

I post to the NSQG Facebook page to inform those following Facebook of quilt events and happenings in Nebraska. Our page has grown to over 1,390 people who follow our posts! If you're on Facebook, stop by our page and "like" us and invite your friends to do the same! Social media is an important resource for informing current members and reaching out to prospective members. Contact me when you have an announcement or event you'd like posted. You can also post for yourself as a "visitor" on the page.

It's fun to watch the number of individuals who "like" our page grow!

today-1,390 followers, 2019-1,160 followers, 2018-1,012 followers, 2017 - 765 followers, 2016 - 618 followers, 2015 - 395 followers

If you have suggestions for Education offerings for NSQG, please contact me.

Library: Reported by Mary Olson; Read by Karen Ruwe.

A thank you was received from the Clarkson, NE library for the quilt book they received.

Membership/Newsletter: Reported by Chris Fraiser; Read by Karen Ruwe.

Membership is down from 2019. It is felt that this is due to canceling QNE 2020 and National Quilting Day due to Covid-19. Current membership is 221 and last year at this date it was 258. The newsletter will be mailed out the around the 21st of July.

Raffle Quilt 2021: Due to QNE2020's cancellation, Jill Vanderboegh unveiled the 2021 Raffle quilt "Radiance". The quilt was made by Sharon Clark, Jill Vanderboegh and Carol Woerlen. Pam Estrada from the Quilted Fairie quilted it. It is 75" by 75". Tickets are ready to sell. Please contact Carol Woerlen for tickets.

Scholarships: Reported by Sharon Strong; read by Kare Ruwe.

The 5 scholarships recipient were notified of the cancellation of the 2020 Quilt Nebraska and that their scholarships would be honored for the 2021 Quilt Nebraska event. They were delighted!

State Fair: The Nebraska State Fair board canceled many activities due to Covid-19. No quilts will be accepted at the State Fair this year.

Threads Across Nebraska: Threads Across Nebraska is canceled this year due to Covid-19.

Quilt Nebraska (QNE):

QNE2020/2021: Marty Kleppinger reported that QNE2020 was canceled due to Covid-19. Everything will be able to transfer to 2021 except the pins as they are dated. The teachers will be the same. The Chairs for QNE2020 will host QNE2021.

QNE2022: No Report

QNE2023: No Report

Old Business:

Board's Biennial Report: The contact person for the biennial report was changed from Shelly Burge to LeeAnn Meduna.

QNE2020 Raffle Quilt: The winning ticket for the QNE2020 Raffle quilt was drawn and the winner was Keri Wheeler of Kenesaw, NE. Keri is a member of NSQG.

Treasurer: Treasurer's books were audited and approved.

New Business:

Scholarships: Scholarships for QNE2020 will be good for QNE2021.

We will not receive applications for QNE2021, the five QNE2020 scholarships will be rolled over to 2021 and new scholarships for 2021 will not be awarded.

New Board Members: Reported by Jill Vanderboegh

Due to QNE2020's cancellation, board nominations to fill the vacancies of the expired officers was presented to the board for approval. Marty Kleppinger moved that the board chose to appoint the members to fill the vacancies of the following expiring offices:

Vice President: Nancy Peters

Treasurer: Sue Brown

Director District 1: Linda Riesberg

Director District 2: Judy Mischke

Director District 3: Arlene Showmaker

Sharie Flannery second the motion. Motion carried. Bio's will be in the next newsletter.

QNE Contract for 2024: Patty Bailor from Younes Hospitality in Kearney, NE contacted Karen Ruwe to see if we would be willing to sign a contract for 2024 since QNE2020 was cancelled. Carol Woerlen moved that NSQG sign a contract with the Younes Conference Center for QNE2024. Jill Vanderboegh second the motion. Motion carried.

Newsletter Contract: The Vice President is responsible for advertising and collecting bids for producing the newsletter. Jill Vanderboegh will follow through with this.

October Board Meeting: Due to the uncertainty of Covid-19 and in the consideration of the health of the board members it was decided to combine the July and October meeting. Any business that comes up can be handled via emails. Chris Hoffman with ACME Fabric and Quilt in Blair, NE has volunteered to host any board meeting that has to be canceled due to bad weather etc. through her online Zoom account.

President and Chairmen expenses for QNE: The NSQG is responsible for one half of the room and all meals for the presiding President during QNE. LeeAnn Meduna moved that NSQG pay for one half the room and all meals for the 2020 President in 2021. Marty Kleppinger second the motion. Motion carried.

In the event of the cancellation of QNE payment for the Chairmen expenses will be extended one year.

Regional Quilter's Day Out: Due to the uncertainty of Covid-19, Quilter's Day out for all regions will be cancelled for 2020.

The next board meeting will be held in January 2021. Date and location to be determined.

Marty Kleppinger moved that we adjourn the meeting. LeeAnn Meduna second the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

Terry Paulsen
Secretary 2020-2021