

NSQG Board Meeting October 9, 2021

The meeting was held at Threads Across Nebraska, Kearney, NE

Present

NAME	OFFICE
Jill Vanderboegh	President 2021
Nancy Peters	President Elect 2021
Terry Paulsen	Secretary 2020-2021
Susan Brown	Treasurer 2021-2022
Karen Ruwe	Advisor
Diane Murphy	Region I Director 2020-21 (year 2)
Sharie Flannery	Region II Director 2020-21 (year 2)
Leslie Martin	Region III Director 2020-21 (year 2)
Arlene Shoemaker	Region III Director 2021-22 (Year 1)
Mary Olson	Awards
Sandi Griepenstroh	By-Laws & Policies
Jan Sears	Historian
Mary Olson	Library
Chris Frazer	Membership/Newsletter
Jan Sittler	NE State Fair Liaison
Mary Olson	QNE Site Selection
LeAnne Killion	Threads
Marty Kleppinger	QNE 21 Chair
Kelly Thomalla	QNE 21 Chair-Treas., 2022 Chair.
Mary Arthur	QNE 22 Chair
Leslie Martin	QNE 23 Chair
Rita Weber	QNE 23 Chair

Absent

Linda Riesberg	Region I Director 2021-22 (Year 1)
Judy Mischke	Region II Director 2021-22 (Year 1)
Sheila Green	Education & Publicity
Carol Woerlen	Quilt Mom 2021
Sharon Strong	Scholarship
???	Scholarship
Chris Wieggers	Website
Barb Hinrichs	QNE 21 Chair
Kristi Purintun	QNE 21 Chair
Denise Waibel-Rycek	QNE 23 Chair

To Be Filled
Terri Uden

Friends of IQSC
State Fair Superintendent

President Jill Vanderboegh called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m.

President Elect's Report: Nancy Peters

No Report

Secretary's Report: Terry Paulsen

Ann Freeze's name needs changed to Ann Freese.

Rita Weber moved to make the correction. Chris Frazer 2nd the motion. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report: Sue Brown

Sue Reported this is for the third quarter only. Under Income from the QNE2020 convention \$272.32 was transferred from savings to checking. Because we are a nonprofit, it cannot be in savings, and it has to be used to pay any bills from the 2020 convention that was canceled. \$900.00 was charged for tax preparation and she feels she can find someone to do it cheaper.

NSQG - PROFTT/LOSS REPORT - JUNE 6, 2021, to SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

BEGINNING BALANCE (from audit) \$17852.83

INCOME	
Membership Dues	\$1455.00
Awards Donation	100.00
Raffle 2021	1466.00
Raffle 2022	878.00
Scholarship	250.00
From Savings	272.32 (for 2020 expenses)
Sub-Total	\$ 4421.32
EXPENSES	
Administration	
Handling Statements	19.80
Tax Preparation	900.00
Memorial Fund	250.00
2020 Convention refund	272.32
State Fair (food, labels, etc.)	975.38

State Fair 4-H awards	580.00
Raffle Cost - 2022	1062.16
Quilt Nebraska	
Scholarships	440.00
Awards	228.78
Supplies	175.29
Registration	660.00
Newsletter -2021	
Editing	1078.00
Postage	81.67
Printing	550.68
Taxes @ 6.5	102.22
Insert	97.66
Threads Across Nebraska	
Booth Refund – Family Quilt	375.00
Advertising	505.00
Refund booth rental - Patricia Heinz	315.00
Other expenses	1122.97
2022 - Rental	200.00
2023 - Rental	200.00
Sub-total of expenses	10,206.62
Final Balance as of 09/30/2021	12,067.53

Certificates of Deposit of NSQG - 09/30/2021

144249214	\$12,845.31	0.150000%	04/24/2023
144248215	\$12,913.96	0.450000%	04/24/2022
144256896	\$13,085.30	0.150000%	04/18/2023
144285324	\$1,019.01	0.030000%	01/04/2022

Savings Account - 09/30/2021 - \$88,298.29 - removed 272.32 for 2020 paid to 2021 QuiltNebraska to reimburse cost of 2020 convention.

Total - \$140,229.40

Submitted by
Sue Brown, NSQG Treasurer

Karen Ruwe brought up that the amount budgeted for the Raffle Quilt and printing the tickets needs to be raised from the \$800.00 that is budgeted. The 2021 raffle quilt went

over this amount and since it is not in the policies and procedures it can be raised when preparing the 2022 budget.
Karen Ruwe moved we accept the report. Diane Murphy 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

Advisor: Karen Ruwe

No report.

Region Director's Reports

Region I Report: Diane Murphy and Linda Riesberg

Diane Murphy will turn over her books to Ann Freese and will advise her that \$500.00 is budgeted for activities and if she goes over that amount, she must bring it to the board for approval.

Region II Report: Sharie Flannery and Judy Mischke

Sharie reported they have no plans yet.

Region III Report: Leslie Martin and Arlene Shoemaker

Leslie reported they were planning an event for April 23, 2022

Awards: Mary Olson

Mary reported that awards were given at QNE2021

By-Laws and Procedures: Sandi Griepenstroh

Sandi reported the duties of the library are not in the By-Laws, only in the Policies and Procedures and could be removed.

Mary Olson moved to strike the Library Project from the Policies and Procedures. Leslie Martin 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

This information needs to be given to Chris Wieggers to remove from of the website.

Grant Project: Mary Olson

GRANT PROJECT

In order to help Nebraska quilt guilds sponsor quilt events in their area, grants of money can be given by NSQG. The following is a suggested application the guilds can make.

Name of the guild

- What is the project and how will it help promote the art of quilting?
- Total cost of the project
- Date and location of the event

Will this event open to the public? The guild's project will be partially but not fully funded by this grant. Applications should be due by October 1st; the committee will have a decision back to the guild by November 1st.

For 2022 only, applications due by March 1st; the committee to have a decision back to the guild by April 1st.

Using the \$3000.00 figure that was dedicated to the Library Project, the Board could determine a total dollar amount to be available to help Guilds with their project(s). Each

application would be reviewed to decide if a project qualifies. One or more grants could be awarded each year. There may not be any grants awarded some years.

Historian: Jan Sears

Historian Report, Oct. 9, 2021

I received several volumes of past notebooks from the Treasurer, QNE notebooks and a couple of others.

I looked through them and consolidated them for the archives. I deposited them with Mary Ellen Ducey on September 28.

For future information, the President keeps everything.

The Treasurer — keeps all records for 7 years — before that can discard checks, checking account statements, receipts that have been paid before turning the quarterly and annual reports over to the historian. I am not sure about the investment statements, CDs etc., but annual reports are probably enough.

QNE officials— do not keep receipts, contracts, etc. for the archives.

I have three small boxes of award nominations forms for many past years. They are in files alphabetically. Are they valuable for awards committees to refer to? Should we keep them at all? It is nice to have a history of some members and guilds, but not in the UNL Library archives. Should I put them alphabetically in a large notebook or two? Who should have those?

I am bringing back a couple of Treasurer's notebooks and a QNE Notebook of procedures, and suggestions of what should happen each year. I have spare empty notebooks, protective sleeves, file folders, etc. to pass on.

Education and Publicity: Sheila Green

National Quilting Day 2022 will be held March 19, 2022, 9am to 4pm at the International Quilt Museum. We are grateful for NSQG's continued sponsorship of the event. Sheila Beins will continue to represent NSQG on our planning committee. We look forward to this being a big attraction as we have cancelled the past 2 years and the year before that in 2019, many were unable to attend due to the flooding. I will provide info for our newsletter and flyers will be available at the January NSQG Board meeting. As in the past, the NSQG Raffle Quilt can be displayed, and tickets sold. I look forward to having many of you volunteer to help. Please contact me if you'd like to work a shift.

Facebook: I continue to post information I see of interest to our group and information that members send about local events. The posts for Threads Across Nebraska have generated lots of "likes" and "shares!"

Discover Nebraska presentations are offered in the Lincoln area through Lincoln Quilters Guild. It's been a slow 2 years due to Covid-19. Let me know if your guild is interested in presenting Discover Nebraska to schools in your area for the fourth graders. A question was asked if the Discover Nebraska report only included the Lincoln area and no other areas of NE. Sheila Green is the coordinator for Discover NE and if other areas are doing something with their schools, they need to let Sheila know so she can include it in her report, otherwise she will not know this information.

Membership: Chris Frazer

NSQG MEMBERSHIP REPORT

July 2021

AS OF JULY 15, MEMBERSHIP STANDS AT:

Members	2021				
	January	March	June	July	October
Renewals		206	261	266	
New		8	21	25	
TOTAL*		214	282	291	

A BREAKDOWN OF THE MEMBERSHIPS BY DISTRICT

	New		
	Renewals	Members	Total
District 1- Lincoln and SE Neb	65	5	70
District 2 - Omaha and NE Neb	84	5	89
District 3 - Western Neb	101	12	113
District 4 — Other States	16	3	19
TOTAL*	266	25	191

At the End of 2020 we had 232 total members

* DOES NOT INCLUDE COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIPS

BREAKDOWN OF 2020 MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

As of July 15, 2021, there are 44 members from 2020 who have not renewed their memberships.

The breakdown by district follows:

District 1 - 17
 District 2 - 15
 District 3 - 12
 District 4 - 0
Total 44

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION 2021

	February	April	June	August	October	December
Print Copy	205	229	235			
Electronic	82	105	131			
Totals	287	334	366			
Mail QNE Booklet**		227				

* **INCLUDES MEMBERS WHO SELECTED BOTH PRINT AND EMAIL DISTRIBUTION

July 21 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Prepared by Chris Frazer

Chris said last year she sent an email blast to all the people who haven't renewed, and she will do that again this year.

Newsletter Editor: Chris Frazer

Newsletter Bid

Cost of Editorship: *(which includes editing, typesetting, layout, and miscellaneous expenses such as incidental postage, telephone, and mileage)*
-\$38.50 per page (\$462 per newsletter, based on 12 pages)

Printing Bid:

*220 Printed— 12-page newsletter printed on 11 x 17 in black ink, folded in half and collated- tabbed and prepared for mailing.
70 b. white paper.*

\$22.63 per page (\$271.44 total)

For your information only: Postage is estimated at \$0.28-0.30 ea., you must mail at least 200 pieces to keep bulk rate.

Advertising:

- **Any advertising sold, 10%** would be kept for cost of selling. This encourages higher sales, instead of including this in the cost per page.
- **Total cost:** \$61.13 per page. \$733.56 per newsletter. \$4401.36 per year. This price is for 220 - 12-page newsletter only. Any additional pages will add cost of approximately \$61.13 per page. Also, any advertising sold would be an additional cost.

NOTES:

As an editor I reserve the right to edit stories and improve the appearance of the newsletter, with the knowledge of the NSQG.

Please feel free to call with any question or comments you may have. Thanks for your consideration.

Chris Frazer

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Chris would like to have an inspirational section that inspires you. This would showcase a person(s) or shop(s) that is doing something special.

Raffle Quilt Mom: Carol Woerlen

Carol reported she has sold \$118.00 tickets so far.

Scholarship: ??

We need someone to fill this position. If anyone is interested, please let Nancy Peters know.

State Fair Liaison: Jan Sittler

2020-2021 Nebraska State Fair Report

The 2020 Nebraska State Fair Quilt Show was canceled due to the Pandemic. No NSQG funds were used for State Fair purposes in 2020.

Thank you to NSQG for continuing to provide funding for the State Fair Quilt Show in its 2021 budget. We are expecting a large number of quilt entries this year as many of us spent months at home and I assume at our favorite spot our sewing machine. It takes approximately 60 - 70 volunteers and 9 days for quilts to be entered, judged, hung, and labeled. In order to make the most of each workday, it is helpful for workers to stay onsite for meals and snacks. We plan to use much of the budgeted amount for this purpose. I will also coordinate with T-Shirt engineers to print the small "State Fair 2021 labels that are given to each exhibitor when the quilts are returned to them. Jan Sitter

IQSC Liaison: Sandy Hanson

Sandy will be out new IQSC Liaison.

QNE Site Selection: Mary Olson

No report.

Threads across Nebraska: LeAnne Killion

LeAnne reported they had 648 people attend on October 8, 2021, and, at the time of the meeting on October 9, 2021, 310 people had attended. They had between 210-230 quilts on display. Two vendors canceled and their fee will not be refunded. LeAnne informed the board that she had contracts with the fairgrounds for two more years and after that she would no longer be chairperson of Threads after 2023. Jill Vanderboegh said she felt they should break up this job. She felt they could have a chairperson over it with other committees helping with it. If anyone is interesting helping with Threads to let her know so they could start working with LeAnne on the 2023 Threads. Sandy Griepenstroh said she would help with advertising. Chris Frazer will continue to provide the printing for Threads.

The Grand Island Quilt Guild donated all of their frames to NSQG. LeAnne felt we needed to rent a storage place to help with all we have to store.

Website: Chris Wieggers

Jill Vanderboegh reported that Chris would like to turn the job of Website administrator over to someone else. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone that would be able to do this, please let her know.

QNE21: Marty Kleppinger Kristi Puritan Barb Hinrichs

Report of Quilt Nebraska 2021 Committee

We started this journey as the Co-Chair of Quilt Nebraska 2020/2021 in early 2019 preparing for Quilt Nebraska 2020 that was to be held at the Kearney Holiday Inn Convention Center. Because of Covid-19 Quilt Nebraska 2020 was cancelled and our preparations were put on hold. Fortunately, all our three National Teachers and most of our Regional Teachers were able to come back the next year. So, preparations continued for Quilt Nebraska 2021 that was held at the Younes Center in Kearney NE on July 22 to July 25, 2021.

Our theme for Quilt Nebraska 2021 was Red, White, Blue and U. We used this theme for our Challenge as we gifted quilts and wheelchair/walker bags to the Central Nebraska Veterans Home located in Kearney NE. We were very pleased with the turnout of quilts and bags gifted. There were 49 quilts and 37 wheelchair/walker bags that were presented to the Central Nebraska Veterans Home following the banquet on Saturday Evening. We honored 6 NSQG member veterans with a display with their Military picture and their service stories.

Our registration was down from the previous years but considering Covid-19 and the fact that there were still some areas that were not fully open, we felt that our 152 full registrations, and 19 one-day registrations was a good turnout. We registered 7 additional Friday night Banquet tickets and 12 additional Saturday night Banquet tickets. Additional Lunch and Banquet tickets were sold at the Convention. The food was phenomenal.

We offered one two-day class, eleven all-day classes, and two morning and two afternoon half-day classes on Friday. Saturday's offerings were twelve all-day classes, and two morning and two afternoon half-day classes. On Saturday for the afternoon lecture classes, we started one at 1:30 p.m. and one at 3:00 p.m. and everyone who was registered for lectures could attend both if they wanted. We cancelled one class.

Having the Vendor Mall with eight vendors in the same building made a successful show. We had our challenge quilts located in that room also for viewing and viewer's choice voting. The area communities supported the Vendors too.

The Younes Center was a new venue for Quilt-Nebraska and there were a few challenges. Electricity was an issue because of the moveable walls, but with extension cords and power strips it all worked. We purchased 6 - 20 foot heavy duty extension cords, and 6 power strips, which were paid for by NSQG and passed on to the next QNE co-chairs. Due to the number of rooms, we have contracted at the Younes Center, we may need to restrict some class sizes or consider how many classes are offered. We had to have one half-day class and three lectures in the hallways which wasn't ideal but did work. If QNE grows we may need to consider more rooms be made available to us, which could affect the contract. Working with the staff at the Younes Center was great. Every dilemma we had was quickly resolved and all questions were answered. Things that we did to make our QNE welcoming:

- Coffee was provided in the Vendor Mall

- Registration area was always staffed
- Vendors were provided lunch on Fridays
- Teachers were provided lunch on the days they taught

The Younes Center made a point of telling us that no food or drink was allowed in from the outside and that vending was available. However, vending was not working, and they did not say anything if we brought in drinks.

We kept our registration costs low, and we will be able to return our seed money and break even.

The area Quilt Guilds and members of our Quilt Guilds stepped up and provided registration help, table favors, Show and Tell hosting, comedy routines, inspirations, decorations, prizes, and thanks to Sue Brown for the Friday Night's Charm Delight Party.

Overall, we had a great time planning QNE 2020/2021, and our phone numbers are now unlisted.

Quilt-Nebraska 2020/2021 Co-chairs

Marty Kleppinger, Kristi Purinton, and Barb Hinrichs

QNE 2022: Kelly Thomalla & Mary Arthur

Kelly reported she and Mary met with Patty at the convention center to see what their options are for classes and lectures. They will only have 14 classes but may add another lecture. Lectures can be held in the banquet from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm if needed. Kelly wondered if we could revise our class proposal forms so teachers do not have to have the class samples, any handouts etc. finished before they propose a class. She feels more teachers would want to teach if they didn't have to have everything done ahead of time. It was agreed it was okay to revise the forms. Kelly said that Sandi Griepenstroh has worked very hard getting teachers lined up for QNE2022 and would it be okay, if Sandi agreed, for her to be their 3rd co-chair? It was agreed on that it would be okay.

Kelly would like to market to new quilters and encourage them to attend QNE. One of the things they thought about was offering a 2-day class on making a T Shirt quilt or baby quilt. Another idea was to offer mother-daughter classes.

Nancy Peters thought that water bottles with our logo on could be sold along with the shirts to make more money for the guild.

QNE2024: ??

Jill Vanderboegh said we do not have any chairs for QNE2024. We need volunteers for this, so if anyone is interested, please let her know.

Old Business:

We do not have any updates concerning online payments.

New Business:

Nancy Peters said Chris Fraser has submitted a proposal for continuing to be the newsletter editor. Prices have risen due to the increase in postage.

Marty Kleppinger moved to keep Chris Fraser as our newsletter editor for 2022. Sandy Griepenstroh 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Marty moved we reimburse Linda Curia her fees for QNE2021 due to a covid issue. Sandy Griepenstroh 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Jill asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Karen Ruwe moved we adjourn the meeting. Nancy Peters 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 2.50 p.m.

Our next meeting will be January 17, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Quilt Stitches in Beatrice, NE.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Paulsen
Secretary 2020/2021

Addendum: From Jill Vanderboegh

As we discussed at the board meeting, it has become necessary for us to rent a storage unit for the frames used for Threads.

A storage unit has been found that we can rent for \$780/year plus tax. This is an expense that has to be approved by the board.

Nancy Peters has made a motion that we rent a storage facility to be used by the board for the storage of the frames and other NSQG materials.

Diane Murphy has seconded the motion.

This was accomplished via email on Thursday, October 14, 2021.