



# Nebraska State Quilt Guild

NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD

Board and Committees

June 13, 2009

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Holdrege, NE

APPROVED VIA E-MAIL

Merikay Gengenbach, 2009 President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am CT. Each person in attendance introduced themselves and their position.

The following Board members and committee chairs were present:

Merikay Gengenbach, 09 President  
Sandy Hanson, President – Elect 10  
LeAnne Killion, Threads  
Jan Hibbs, Library  
Lois Wilson, District I Director

Kandy Adams, Secretary  
Connie Phillips, District I Director  
Sheila Beins, Administrative Assistant  
Barbara Peitzmeier, District II director

**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.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** See handouts.

Second quarter 2009 income is \$ 7,623.00; second quarter expenses are (\$ 5,197.50); net second quarter income is \$ 2,425.50. Total 2009 year to date income is \$ 13,647.37; expenses are (\$ 11,188.22) and net income is \$ 2,459.15.

As of June 2009, total NSQG 2009 assets including checking, savings, and CD's is \$ 84,484.77; total IQSC Pledge Fund, including checking, CD and savings is \$134,306.39.

It was noted that income from membership may increase following convention from new members gained at that event.

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

## **DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

**Region I:** Connie Phillips reported a Quilt Gathering will be held November 14, 2009, in Seward, NE, at the Civic Center. The format will probably be an afternoon of round robin teachers.

**Region II:** Barb Peitzmeier reported that she is gathering ideas at this time.

**Region III:** Sandy Hanson reported that Elaine Moore is hoping to arrange a program, although nothing is definitely planned.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Quilt Nebraska 09:** See handout.

Merikay Gengenbach read the handout which indicated that as of June 2<sup>nd</sup> there are 299 registered for QNE09 and 66 registered for Quilt History Day (QHD).

Concerns continue regarding the revenues and expenses of QNE09 in Lincoln. Budget projections were based on 325 registrants. The decrease in registrations will force budget cuts and increase the likelihood that there will not be a profit. It was suggested by the Board to consider alternative shuttle options between the Cornhusker and IQSC&M as a cost saving measure before considering changes to the food menu. LeAnne Killion volunteered her expertise to review available menu options to look for cost savings. Decreased costs in state teacher expenses due to some class cancellations will partially offset decreased revenues.

There are 27 vendors for the merchant mall.

The IQSC&M will host a free reception on Thursday evening, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm for quilters attending convention along with free admission to any QHD or QNE09 registrant or faculty member from July 23 – July 26. Due to the late confirmation by IQSC&M to host this reception, the Surfin' Stitchers email list will be used as a resource to announce the reception in addition to an invitation posted on the NSQG Yahoo group. Information regarding the reception will also be sent with class confirmations to registered participants and posted at the registration table.

**Awards:** No report.

Nominations have been received using the newly reworked, more user friendly form.

**Bylaws and Policies:** No report.

**Education:** No report.

The Discover NE training class scheduled during QNE09 has been cancelled. Sheila Green will be presenting at guilds in Seward and Lexington this fall.

**Historian:** No report.

**Library:** Jan Hibbs reported she has received over 50 thank you notes from libraries across the state. She shared the thank you received from Valentine, NE. Arrangements have been made to donate the book, "Massachusetts Quilts: Our Common Wealth," by Lynne Zacek

Bassett to the IQSC&M Mary Ghormley Reading Room. Cost of the book, including shipping and handling, is \$ 41.79. This book donation is possible due to funds remaining in the budgeted amount for the 2009 Library Project following the book donations to NE libraries. See new business motions in the minutes of April 18, 2009, for additional information.

**Membership:** See handout.

Membership as of June 1, 2009, is 591 renewals and 28 new memberships for a total of 619 (not including 10 complimentary memberships). This is a decrease of 176 members compared to last year at this time. Any increases in membership from participation in QNE09 will not be reflected until August.

Discussion for ideas to increase membership numbers included looking for avenues to attract younger members, providing quilt gatherings around the state, encouraging publicity about and participation in Surfin' Stitchers, and expansion of the membership committee to have an "ambassador" to work at attracting minority members.

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

The June newsletter was sent electronically to 204 members with 433 printed copies mailed. Failed delivery returns are investigated and resolved if possible.

**Raffle Quilt 09:** See handout.

The quilt has been at several recent state events including the Curtis Spring Fling, the Omaha Quilt Guild show and will be at Nebraskaland Days in North Platte. It has raised \$ 3,695.00 to date with 1,305 tickets remaining. There have been no additional expenses.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of the tickets (\$1.00 each) and the number of tickets that must be sold to reach our net raffle limit (\$5,000) and if the cost should be raised per ticket (\$2.00) to reduce the number needing to be sold (2,500 +/-) to yield the same net amount. Raffle laws may dictate some decisions, more discussion will follow.

Anyone wishing to display the quilt or purchase tickets should contact Linda Maloley, 75459 Rd 439, Lexington, NE, 68850. Phone 308-324-3662 or email: [limaloley@yahoo.com](mailto:limaloley@yahoo.com)

**Quilt Nebraska Site Selection:** No report.

**Nebraska State Fair:** Merikay Gengenbach reported on the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting with the new State Fair director. The new exhibition building will be 100,000 square feet. The quilt display area will be a designated part of this building, specifically designed for the display of quilts during the Fair with dedicated air conditioning. The State Fire Marshal will dictate the row width. The State Fair will move to and store in Grand Island the current quilt display paraphernalia. Three sites across the state are proposed to serve as future drop off/registration/pick up points for needlework entries: Lincoln, Grand Island and North Platte.

No one from the Grand Island or Hastings guilds attended this meeting. Volunteers are still needed to shadow workers during the 2009 fair. Contact Sheila Green or Janice Lippincott to help as a whiteglover or volunteer. Paper and electronic entry forms are due Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m. Quilt exhibits will be received in the Exposition Building on Thursday, August 20 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilt entries will be judged on Monday and Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Quilts will be hung in the Devaney Arena on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entries will be released on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. in the Devaney Arena and on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to noon in the Exposition Building.

**“Threads Across Nebraska”:** LeAnne Killion presented information on the current NSQG insurance policy and liability coverage. The cost of the policy is based upon NSQG membership and needs reviewed as the membership number that the cost of the policy is based upon may be incorrect. NSQG treasurer Marty Kleppinger will be instructed to contact the insurance company and verify that the policy premium is based upon current membership numbers. More information on insurance coverage will be presented at the annual meeting during QNE in July.

Discussion was held on designing “Save the Date” cards to advertise for Threads 2010 if the event is continued and a date selected before Threads 2009.

**IQSC Pledge Fund Committee:** A symbolic check for the pledged amount will be presented to Dr. Patricia Crews of the IQSC&M on Sunday morning, July 26<sup>th</sup>, during the annual business meeting at Quilt Nebraska in Lincoln, NE. The actual check will be forwarded once appropriate CDs have matured, the monies collected from QNE09 designated events/projects are tabulated, the Visions check collected and any other designated funds transferred or collected.

Auction items for QNE09 will be posted on the web starting July 1.

**Website:** The opening page has been reworded to avoid confusion regarding the IQSC Pledge information. The rewording was done to clarify that we are not starting another pledge.

**Surfin Stitches:** No report.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**\*Jan Hibbs moved to clarify her motion made at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding advertising in the NSQG newsletter to read: A non quilt entity may advertise in the newsletter when participating in a quilt related event with approval of the President and President-Elect. Leanne Killion seconded – motion passed.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Merikay Gengenbach explained that 2010 QNE Chair, Phyllis Hamaker, needs to be relieved of her contract due to illness. Fay Kliever from Aurora and Shirley Lavene from Loomis have agreed to take over her responsibilities.

**\*Sandy Hanson moved that the NSQG relieve Phyllis Hamaker of her contracted responsibilities as the 2010 QNE Convention Chairman. Lois Wilson seconded – motion passed.**

**\*Lois Wilson moved to continue Threads Across Nebraska for the year 2010. Connie Phillips seconded – motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 am CT.

Sheila Beins will send out a reminder email to Board members and Committee Chairs that if they have a report at QNE, to sit near the lectern and have a written report ready to turn in. Presenters are asked to be organized and ready to expedite the meeting.

Jan Hibbs will create a notebook of the thank you notes received from the NE libraries to be available for viewing during QNE and read the thank you from Valentine, NE, during the meeting.

The annual meeting will be Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am in the Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE.

The next Board and Committee Chairs meeting will be Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the Quilt Rack in North Platte, NE.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandy Adams, Secretary NSQG