

NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD
Board Meeting
January 19, 2013
Seward Public Library, Seward, Nebraska

President, Sandra Kosch called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, CST. This being the first meeting of the new year, everyone introduced themselves along with what office they held and whether they were an incoming or outgoing Board Member or one that is continuing on for their second term. The following members and committee chairs were present:

Alice Cruz, President	Barb Hinrichs, Secretary
Patty Young, Outgoing Treasurer	Kay Grimminger, Region I
Gloria Bernadt, Outgoing Region I	Marilyn Rembolt, Region I
Jan Hibbs, Region III	Sandra Anderson, Outgoing Historian
Jayne A. Schlosser, Historian	Penni Jensen, Publicity
Susan Minchow, Quilt NE 2013	Connie Phillips, Quilt NE 2013
Maralee Meyer, Quilt NE 2013 Treasurer	Sheila Beins, Quilt NE 2013
Janalee Petsch, Library	Pam Thomas, Site Selection
Darice Cecil, Membership	LeAnne Killion, Threads
Sheila Green, Education	Sandra Kosch, Advisor
Susan Weber, Outgoing Advisor	

Sandra Kosch gave out certificates for board members and committee chairs. Also, gave beaded scissor chains and beaded stylus as thank-you gifts.

Sandra Kosch passed the gavel to Alice Cruz as the incoming President.

Alice presented Sandra a quilt as outgoing President. All were to sign the label to put on the back of the quilt. Fabrics from the Governor's Mansion Quilt and from the Homestead Quilts were added on the back of the quilt. Alice also presented the past president her Gavel pin, Thimble Charm and a gift certificate.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the last meeting were corrected and approved via email. Kay Grimminger moved to accept the Minutes of the November meeting, seconded by Jan Hibbs. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report attached. Patty Young gave the Treasurer's Report. Year End report of total income \$42,409.36, total expenses \$45,183.31 for a net deficit of (\$2,773.95). Assets for Year End 2012: NSQG Checking \$19,810.74, Savings \$30,343.23, CD's \$37,132.41 for Total Assets of \$87,286.38. Liabilities: Quilt Nebraska 2013 \$40,000.00, Quilt Nebraska 2014 \$20,000.00, Threads Across Nebraska 2013 \$4,000.00 for Total Liabilities of \$64,000.00

Kay Grimminger moved to accept the Treasurer's Report with a second by Sandra Kosch, after no discussion the motion carried.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORTS

Region I: Kay Grimminger reported on the Quilt Gathering held at Stuhr Museum on November 17, 2012. Stuhr Museum showed their permanent quilt collection, it was a very enjoyable day.

Region II: No Report.

Region III: Jan Hibbs reported they are making plans for a Quilt Gathering this Spring. The program speakers will be Karen Ruwe and Sherri Ruwe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

QNE 2013: Sheila Beins reported that plans are well underway. Teacher contracts will be in the last week in January. Vendor letters have been sent out; they are due back by March 31. Registration book will be out in mid-April.

Housing information was in the last newsletter. Housing at the college will be done through the registration process. Housing at local motels will be done through normal booking processes.

QNE 2014: No Report

Awards: No Report

By-Laws and Procedures: No Report

Education: Sheila Green reported that Discover Nebraska presentations have been held in Lincoln, Seward, Wahoo, Rushville and the surrounding communities. The Lincoln Quilters Guild volunteers presented to 38 public and private schools (111 classrooms and 2,775 children) in Lincoln, Syracuse, Louisville, Plattsmouth, Waverly and Eagle. Also, presentations are held at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum along with tours of the museum's exhibition, which is a great field trip. The Nebraska Arts Council offers a grant that may cover the cost of busing and museum admission.

National Quilting Day 2012 was held on March 17 at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum and attracted nearly 500 guests. Thanks to all the sponsors for that event. Thanks to funding from the Nebraska State Quilt Guild and the Lincoln Quilters Guild, National Quilting Day 2013 will be held March 16, 2013. Plans are underway for an exciting educational event for all ages. Sheila has posters and flyers available for this event. Sheila has a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with National Quilting Day.

The NSQG Website has many ideas for education for children and adults, under "Education".

Historian: Sandra Anderson reported. The 2012 Scrapbook is up to date and contains copies of all the CDs that were used for the photos. The original CDs are in the Historians container. Since we had so many conscientious people who took photos at events and sent them in we were able to fill two large binders. I also received numerous newspaper articles and other information about events across the state. These were greatly appreciated.

I made two additional scrapbooks: one for the Homestead Act of 1862 Quilt Project and the second for the Governor's Mansion Quilt Project. I was very fortunate to be given swatches of the fabric that went

into these two quilts. They made the story of the quilts much more special. The 2006 Scrapbook along with other items I was given from various committee persons will be archived at the Love Library.

An extra Thank You to Mike Dunetts, the photographer for Quilt Nebraska 2012, "Quilt Magick" for his wonderful work.

Jayne Schlosser will be the Historian for 2013.

Library: Janalee Petsch – No Report.

Membership: Darice Cecil reported - Our current membership is 345, down from 422 at the same time last year. Breakdown of membership by region is:

Region I – 105

Region II – 119

Region III – 95

Region IV – 26

As of January 19, 2013, there were 296 members from 2012 who have not renewed their memberships for 2013. Non-renewal breakdowns:

Region I – 74

Region II – 144

Region III – 47

Region IV – 31

Anticipated Newsletter distribution for February is: Electronic – 136; Print – 213. Need to watch our print copy for the first newsletter. Two hundred is the minimum for bulk mailing.

Mailed 272 Quilt Nebraska Booklets

Membership reminders are sent out by e-mail.

Raffle Quilt: Written report submitted. Alice Cruz gave the following report for Marilyn Seidel. Raffle Quilt Cosmos: Tickets sold to date: 3,369. The quilt has traveled to North Platte for their quilt show and then on to Threads Across Nebraska in Kearney. It then went to the Quilt Basket in York, the Udder Store in Seward followed by a couple of weeks at the Cosmic Cow in Lincoln. The quilt is now back in Omaha. In the next two weeks will be going to the Cottonwood Quilt Guild meetings in Elkhorn and then to a Prairie Peacemakers meeting in Fremont. We have received permission to sell raffle tickets at National Quilting Day at the IQSC&M (March 16, 2013).

Site Selection: Pam Thomas reported the following: Have contacted both Wayne State College and Midland College in Fremont, has not heard back from either of them. Pam has talked to Mary Weich about Northeast Community College. Mary has done several quilting events there and has been pleased with the results. Pam will follow-up.

Nebraska State Fair: Written Report submitted. Preparations are moving along for the 2013 Nebraska State Fair. Open Class Superintendents met with State Fair staff recently to discuss any changes needed. We are hoping to add one more row of lights to the Quilt Room. We are in the

process of hiring an NQA certified judge and will release her name after we receive the signed contract. February 2 is the deadline for new and returning sponsors to sign up as an award sponsor. Individuals, groups, guilds and quilt related businesses have been volunteering enthusiastically. We will have a few new classes and contests. If you know of someone who would like to be a sponsor, pass along my email or phone number. We all need to show these sponsors our gratitude. Their contributions make ours a wonderful quilt show.

Threads Across Nebraska: LeAnne Killion reported that she has a mock-up of the 2013 brochure. There are 25 vendors signed up. Bonnie Kucera is the featured quilter for 2013. The basket weavers are coming back in 2013. Jan Sears will be doing appraisals both days. Jan and Bonnie will be doing lectures on both days. The insurance is paying in full (\$2,500.00) on the damage to the door to the facility. Brochures for the 2013 event will be distributed during Shop Hop.

Alice Cruz stated that she has the contract for 2014 and 2015. LeAnne is retiring from her position as chair of Threads Across Nebraska, so if we are going to sign a contract, we need someone to take that position. The exposition center is giving us the same rate for the next two years. LeAnne will help someone, but will not be responsible for the whole show. It takes a lot of work and volunteers. Irene Musil may be interested in helping. Alice Cruz will call some people to see if anyone is interested.

It was suggested that LeAnne prepare an ad for the newsletter stating that NSQG is looking for a Director for Threads Across Nebraska. If we sign the contract and then fail to have the event, we would still owe the full cost of the contract. There is no deadline on the contract.

Susan Weber moved that we sign the Threads Across Nebraska contract for 2014 and 2015 once the chairman is in place. Jan Hibbs seconded. Motion carried.

Publicity: Penni Jensen sent out requests for newspaper ads. At least six signed up for listing and there were two new ads. Darice stated she has this list for the Nebraska newspapers. Darice will give Penni a copy of the list.

Discussion was held on who to contact for advertising of Quilt Gathering events. Penni will help however and whenever she can.

IQSC/Friends of IQSC Liaison: No Report. Susan Boyer sent a thank you for the matching funds we sent in November

Website: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dessert Quilts: Sandra Kosch reported. The two dessert quilts were made as a result of cutting costs at the 1988 convention. Although *Flaming Baked Alaska* was served on Saturday night, it was not the traditional dessert that the attendee expected to be served on both nights. Lois Gottsch spearheaded a dessert quilt, but she received so many blocks (from Board Members and Quilt Nebraska Chairs) that two quilts were made. At the 1989 convention, the quilts were put on poles and paraded to the podium where Sara Dillow and Judy McClure and possible one other were waiting. They were presented the quilts. At the next convention in Grand Island, the idea was

continued. Lois Gottsch and committee members had little canvas bags with chocolate kisses in them. They were passed out to anyone who needed a chocolate fix. At one of the banquets, Elinor Peace Baily was the guest speaker. She tossed out chocolate kisses. Desserts have been served at convention since that time.

Sandra asked Carolyn Ducey if it would be possible for IQSC&M to accept these quilts. More information is needed to share with the Acquisitions Committee – pictures, sizes, who made them, the history connected with them, etc. are requested. The quilts will need to go through the regular channels of the IQSC&M.

Susan Weber suggested if the IQSC would not accept them, that they could possibly become part of the Discover Nebraska program, or we could contact the State Historical Society. The Homestead Act has education programs and they might accept them. Dianne Thomas has them in her possession. It would be fun to display at convention again.

Sandra Kosch will proceed with getting them in front of the Acquisitions Committee of the IQSC&M.

Camera Disposal: Sandra Kosch reported that we have a camera that is totally outdated and not being used. We need to dispose of this camera. There are some online places that will purchase old equipment like this for disposal. Susan Weber will make some phone calls to the University of Nebraska Journalism Department, and then if no interest will do an online search.

Jan Hibbs moved that we research the University of Nebraska and then online for sale of the camera, if no interest we will donate it. Jayne Schlosser seconded. Motion carried.

Susan Weber agreed to complete the camera disposal per the motion.

Lincoln Community Playhouse Show: The Nebraska State Quilt Guild had a quilt display there. The play was: A Little House Christmas. Various board members displayed quilts, Sandra, Penni, Gloria, Fay, Leanne, Susan, Gloria, Sheila B, Sheila G and Alice. Quilts were hung on December 3rd, by Alice, Sheila, Sandra and Gloria and removed on the 17th. A Little House Christmas was presented on December 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2012. On December 8th, a quilting demonstration in costume of that time was done by Susan Weber and Sandra Kosch. NSQG membership information was shared and other Nebraska quilts were also on display. A successful event for NSQG.

Susan brought four patches, which were given out to young children. They really had a good time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nebraska Quilt Block for the USA Quilt: Sandra K. received a request by e-mail to make an applique/landscape 12" finished block to be sewn into a United States of America Quilt. This idea began with a group of AQS members wanting to create a quilt from every state (in the United States). The quilt is to represent freedom, liberty and harmony.

After discussion with NSQG President Elect Alice Cruz, a decision was made that Sandra Kosch, NSQG President 2012 and Alice Cruz, NSQG President 2013 would design, complete and submit the quilt block, representing the Nebraska State Quilt Guild.

2012 Memorial Designation/Names – Directed to _____ Typically we enter names of quilters who have passed away in the previous year. Darice will check her list to see if there are any names to be entered, if there are not any names, we will just enter a generic gift designation. Two Hundred fifty dollars is budgeted for this memorial.

Susan Weber moved that we give the \$250 memorial gift to the IQSC&M Friends and designate that this gift be used for the matching funds program. Sandra Kosch seconded. Motion carried.

Goals – Alice Cruz:

1. Attend all NSQG Regional Gatherings, National Quilting Day, Quilt Nebraska 2013, and Threads Across Nebraska
2. Answer all e-mails and phone calls within 36 hours (to stop procrastinating)
3. Work with the NSQG Newsletter Editor
4. Work to increase NSQG membership and member participation. We always have a core group who are always working and Alice would like to expand that group and bring in others who, for whatever reason, have not participated in the work of the organization.
5. To explore all avenues to further the mission of NSQG.

Approval of 2013 Budget: Not too many changes from last year. Scholarship money was moved out of administration into its own line item budget. Increased the Library Project budget. Postage is going up as are a lot of other things. Increased the State Fair budget. Added the \$1000 to Friends of the ISQC&M to be donated out of the Threads Across Nebraska profits.

Patty Young presented the NSQG 2013 Budget for approval. Jan Hibbs seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of QuiltNebraska 2013 Budget: Maralee Meyer presented the QNE 2013 budget. This budget is based on attendees of the prior QNE 2012. Questions on numbers proposed to attend. Is the budget pretty tight? Discussion on food, possible more attendees because housing costs are not so high. There is plenty of room at Concordia University to hold additional attendees. Quilt History Day is usually a good money maker.

Income: \$64,500.00 Expense: \$64,426.98

Scholarships to be given for QNE 2013 – 1 from the NSQG Budget and 2 from the money collection at QNE 2012. An article will be coming out in the next newsletter, promotion will also be sent out to the guilds. These Scholarships are to be given to someone who has never attended QuiltNebraska. The Scholarship will be the basic registration packet, and does not include Quilt History Day and/or t-shirt, or bag, etc. Those will be purchased separately by the scholarship applicant if wanted. Applications need to be given to Miriam Peterson prior to the April Board Meeting.

Maralee Meyer presented the QuiltNebraska 2013 Budget. Kay Grimminger seconded. Motion carried.

National Quilting Day: Need volunteers to help with this event, as greeters, to help sell NSQG Quilt Raffle tickets, along with other presentations. These will be two hour shifts. We cannot sell tickets for any other raffle quilts. Special permission was given by the University to sell NSQG Raffle Quilt. If you work, you are welcome to attend lunch.

Thank-you notes were read by Barb Hinrichs.

Some corrections were made to the contact list.

Sandra Kosch – reviewed her goals. She felt that most of her goals were met. She met with five of the quilt guilds, and found that a couple of the guilds have disbanded. Did not get the invitation to Husker Harvest Days that she wanted, but the Lincoln Community Playhouse event took that place.

Sheila Green did mention the new Nebraska fabric that will be available at the NIFS Shop Hop in April.

Next meeting: April 20, 2013 @ Material Girl, Grand Island NE at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned by Alice Cruz at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Hinrichs
NSQG Secretary