

NSQG Board Meeting

Meeting was held at Material Girl in Grand Island Nebraska on October 28, 2017

Present:

Janet Wilson, President 2017
Cindy Scheinost, Present Elect 2018
Terry Heessel, Secretary 2016-2017
Marjorie Sperling, Treasurer 2017-2018
Marty Kleppinger, Advisor
Gloria Miller, Region II 2017-18
Mary Olson, Region III 2017-2018
LeeAnn Meduna, By Laws & Policies 2015-2017
Katie Wilson, Library Project
Chris Frazer, Membership/Newsletter Editor
Gayle Rojas, Quilt Mom 2018
Sandi Kosch, Scholarship
Karen Ruwe, QNE Site Selection 2017
Kay Grimminger, NE State Fair Liaison
Denise Waibel-Rycek, QNE 17 Co-Chair
Rita Weber, QNE 17 Co-Chair
Leslie Martin, QNE 17 Co-Chair
Tammie Will, QNE 18 Chair
Keri Wheeler, QNE19 Co-Chair
Merikay Berg, Committee Chair
Bonnie Lech, Region II 2018-19

Absent

Rita Jaworski, Region I 2016-2017
Sue Brown, Region I 2017-2018
Susan Schoenauer, Region II 2016-2017
Jan Dancer, Region III 2016-2017
Shirley Spence, Awards 2015-2017
Sheila Green, Education & Publicity
Jan Sears, Historian
LaVonne Dunetts, Membership 2015-2017
Kelly Thomalla, QNE Site Selection 2017
Chris Wieggers, Website
LeAnne Killion, Threads
Jan Sittler, NE State Fair Superintendent
Carol Kusek, IQSC/Friends Liaison

The meeting was opened by President, Janet Wilson at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Marty Kleppinger, second by Cindy Scheinost to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Two thank you letters from 4-H quilters were received and read to the members present. They were from Calli Carlson of Osceola NE and Kierston Preister of Humphrey NE.

Treasurers Report submitted by Marj Sperling January 1, 2017-June 1, 2017, July 1, 2017-October 1, 2017 and 3rd Quarter summary report ending September 30, 2017:

Beginning Checking Account Balance		\$67,888.10
Total Income	\$6,785.00	
Transfer to Savings	\$60,000.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 9,049.67	
Checking Account Balance as of June 1, 2017		\$5,623.43
Saving Account Total		\$88,458.70
CD Accounts Total		\$39,229.56

Motion by Terry Heessel, second by Tammie Will to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
Motion carried.

The books for the QNE 2017 convention have been audited and they are all in order.

Janet Wilson cautioned the board about scam emails that had been received. The email may come from what looks like one of the board members asking for funds to be transferred. Always remember to check with the President before acting upon such requests by email. The treasurer will always need a voucher for any funds.

President-Elect, Cindy Scheinost, stated that the dates for 2018 Board meetings are: January 27 at Calico Cottage in Hastings NE, March 24 at Material Girl in Grand Island, June 9 at Cosmic Cow in Lincoln, July 29 at QNE2018 in Omaha NE and October 13 at Threads in Kearney.

Region I: No Report

Region II:

Gloria Miller read the report on the Region II Quilters Day Out held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the Columbus Community Center in Columbus, Nebraska. Three speakers were present for all to enjoy. Lunch was catered by Hy-Vee. Income was 392.00, Expenses \$653.76 total cost to NSQG was \$261.76.

Region III:

Report given by Mary Olson, Region III Quilter's Day Out will held on June 2, 2018, at the Nebraska Prairie Museum in Holdrege NE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards:

Report submitted by Shirley Spence. The following awards were given at Quilt Nebraska 2017 held in Kearney NE: Radiant Star-Terry Paulsen; Variable Star- Joyce Kingsley; Golden Thread-LaVonne Dunetts; Friendship Star-Denise Waibel-Rycek, Rita Weber and Leslie Martin; Hall of Fame-Dr. Carol Falk; Outstanding Quilt Guild-Panhandle Quilt Guild.

By-Laws and Policies: No Report

Education and Publicity:

Janet Wilson read an article in the McCall's Quilting Magazine for November/December 2017.

Membership:

Report submitted by Chris Frazer. Currently there are 408 members in NSQG. Newsletters sent out electronically and by USPS were 450.

Historian: No Report, be sure to send pictures to Jan Sears.

Library Report: No Report

2018 Raffle Quilt:

Report submitted by Gayle Rojas. The Raffle Quilt has been traveling to events across the state. To date 2872 tickets have been sold. (470 at Threads), so there are 2127 tickets left to sell. The quilt will be at the International Quilt Study Center in Lincoln on March 17 and to the Quilters Day Out gathering in Seward on April 28. In between those events, it will be displayed at area quilt shops. The raffle quilt was entered in the Nebraska State Fair in August and will be entered in the Rapid City Quilt Show in June.

Scholarship: Seven QNE 2017 scholarship winners were to attend the convention in Kearney: Bobbie DeNaeyer, Kara Easterday, Chris Frazer, Linda Gilson, Amanda Karaus, Linda Speers, and Kathy Weigand. There was one winner that did not attend nor cancel. This will be discussed in new business.

State Fair Liaison:

Kay Grimminger read a report by Jan Sittler. Planning for the 2018 NSF Quilt Show is in the planning. Discussion on what needs to be improved or changed. There are going to be 2 major changes – 1. Reduce the maximum number of entries to 3 per exhibitor 2. Change the “Best in County Class from a competition to a recognition event.

2017 NSQG Quilt Show Final Report was given for “Celebrate the State: 150”. A total of 667 quilts from 310 exhibitors. Quilts came from 70 counties. This year we had 118 different classes and contests. 85 Sponsors provided 152 awards for the Quilt Show. 49 guilds and small groups sponsored 66 cash awards. 14 Shops sponsored gift certificates. 21 private donors sponsored 24 cash awards. NE state Fair sponsors 16 cash awards. There were 350 volunteers who spent approximately 2,044 hours setting up and working at the quilt show. Many people give over and beyond to make it a successful show: NSQG, Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson, Linda Kruse, Noelle Hooper, Sandi McMillan and Sharon Selly. The bills totaled \$764.31.

QNE Site Selection:

Report given by Karen Ruwe. Karen had a visual board showing the criteria for Quilt Nebraska convention. The 2020 QNE convention will be July 23-26.

North Platte - Holiday Inn Express is the facility for North Platte which the rooms were to be 139.00+taxes per night. Holiday Inn Express doesn't usually provide breakfast but would make arrangements for free breakfasts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the convention. The College in North Platte will not schedule any events until 6 months prior to the event. Prairie Arts Center would not have enough room for all classes and parking would be a large problem. Schools will no longer allow conventions. No other convention centers available.

Kearney - Younes Conference Center expressed an interest in having 2020 NE State Quilt Guild Convention. The rooms would have 13 rooms in the hotel and 4 larger rooms at the Younes Conference Center, which is close by with ample parking. Hotel rooms would be \$109.00+taxes.

Motion by Cindy Schneinost, seconded by Marty Kleppinger to approve the contract with Holiday Inn/Younes Conference Center in 2020. Motion carried.

Threads Across Nebraska:

Report submitted by LeAnne Killion. Threads Across Nebraska was held at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds on October 13-14, 2017. There were 24 vendors. Early results show we had 939 people through the door in addition to those taking classes. Featured quilter was Paulette Peters with 20 quilts on display. There was a total of 265 quilts on display from the International Quilt Study Center, Nebraska 150 quilts, Quilts of Valor and individual entries.

I need to thank the Quilts of Valor ladies for all their help hanging quilts on Thursday. Without their help it would have taken much longer to hang the show. The pool of volunteers was very small this year. No financial results at this time. There was a donation of 50 yard signs. The base or metal part came out of the Threads budget. These signs were put around town along main streets and residential areas. The six 4x4' wooden signs were also around town.

Website: No report

QNE 2017:

Report given by Leslie Martin, Rita Weber and Denise Weibel-Rycek. The books have been audited by Janet Kugler and book submitted to the President, Janet Wilson. Using the "Drop Box" was very beneficial. The seed money and a check of \$10,238.00 was presented to the treasurer.

QNE 2018:

Report given by Tammie Will. Committees are being filled. Janice, Terry Paulsen and Tammie have been to the hotel and met several times to discuss options. At this time, we don't see a way to make this an "affordable" event and break even. A food package was signed with the contract, which with the taxes would be \$220.00 per person, therefore the options now is to raise the entry fees or to keep the registration at the same rate as the last 2 years, and accept that in 2018 we will have a deficit.

The Board does realize that in the cities the cost for convention is more expensive and gives Tammie all the support necessary to make this convention affordable and enjoyable for members of NSQG even if it is a loss for QNE 2018.

QNE 2019:

Report given by Keri Wheeler. Quilt Nebraska 2019 is at Concordia College and Quilt History is already set up.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the June meeting the board had discussed, at the request of Marjorie Sperling, having the treasurer serve more than 2 years. She felt that taking over treasurer this year, that she is just now feeling confident in her office as treasurer. The book work for the treasurer requires a lot of information and knowledge. In June a motion was made to change the by-laws. But there was not enough time to publish this in the newsletter prior to the annual meeting in July, therefore the motion was rescinded on July 27, 2017 at a special meeting of the Executive Board.

Today this discussion continued. We now, could publish in the newsletter for the general membership to vote on the matter at QNE 2018. Motion by Marty Kleppinger, second by Cindy Scheinost to amend Article VI of Nomination, Elections, Terms of Office, section 6 in the By-Laws to state; "No officer shall succeed themselves in the same position except for Secretary or Treasurer for one additional term".

Motion carried.

In March, Carol Kusek IQSC/Friends Liaison, was asked about the cost to support an exhibition. She did send information as to the cost of event now being scheduled. Five thousand tends to be the minimum for a major support recognition but any amount is welcome. Donation give recognition at the museum show on Acknowledgments Panel, website online and the Annual Report. This issue will be tabled until the January meeting. The President of NSQG, Janet Wilson, will contact Diane Harris.

Charms for outgoing Secretary and Treasurer were discussed at the June meeting. A past officer had suggested this as a way of recognition for work and time given to the guild. A certificate is presented to all outgoing officers at the January meeting. Marj Sperling has been assigned by the President to form a committee to consider charms or some memento for outgoing officers.

Marj Sperling had questions about the Nebraska 150 Quilt Competition expense report. Sheila Green was contacted, and the expenses were gone over by the Treasurer. The treasurer was given the approval to submit the amount owed for the NSQG sponsorship of the NE 150 Quilt competition.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report on improving our QNE's: Merikay Berg. A meeting was held on July 27, 2017 in Kearney of past, future, and current state presidents and past and future chair of QNE. There were rules for this meeting to keep the meeting on task and to give everyone a chance to express themselves. It was a good meeting with many suggestions for the future. Some of the suggestions involve technology that we as members do not have the knowledge to put in place. Therefore, we may need to find some help to keep the guild moving forward. The Guild President appointed a committee to examine these suggestions and start making some changes so that QNE's progress. The Committee will consist of Merikay Berg as Chairman, Marty Kleppinger and one from each of the Region Directors.

Scholarship Improvement: Sandra Kosch. This is the first convention where a scholarship winner failed to attend (nor did she cancel). Sandra Kosch had email this information to Board Members and received suggestions. Suggestions included 1) making the individual responsible for payment if not canceled within 2 weeks prior to the convention, 2) Scholarship amount change to ½ the price of the basic (Full Pkg) with scholarship winner paying the balance, 3) Create a "Mentor" program, 4) Limit the nomination to oneself or only one individual.

Motion by Marty, seconded by Cindy Scheinost for scholarships be ½ of the registration fee and the individual will be responsible for half the registration fee. Motion carried.

New membership cards were presented for approval. Correction and changes were discussed. The cost for the new membership cards would be \$0.14 per 1000. According to the last membership chair the guild had only been using approximately 300 per year. Chris Frazer, newsletter editor, said she could provide the cards at \$0.16 at smaller quantity with no set up fee. Changes could be made anytime, printing the cards as needed.

Motion by Cindy Scheinost, seconded by Marty Kleppinger to hire Chris Frazer to print 200 with the approved changes at \$0.16 each. Motion carried.

Newsletter Bid: Cindy Scheinost

One bid was received by Chris Frazer from CF Designs for \$58.04 per page, \$696.48 per newsletter for a total of \$4,178.88 per year. This is for 220 – 12 page newsletter only. Additional pages will add cost of approximately \$58.04 per page.

Motion by Marty Kleppinger, second by Terry Heessel to accept the bid of \$4,178.88 for printing the NSQG newsletter from Chris Frazer. Motion carried

Membership Book Bid: Cindy Scheinost

One bid was received by Chris Frazer of CF Designs for \$1,252.37 plus postage.

Motion by Terry Heessel, second by Marty Kleppinger to accept the bid for printing of the membership book for \$1,252.37 plus postage. Motion carried.

Chris Frazer also submitted a bid for the Quilt NE Book. This item is tabled for the next meeting as more information is needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

State Fair Superintendent

Report submitted by Jan Sittler read by Kay Grimminger as the liaison.

IQSC/Friends Liaison – No report

The next meeting will be January 27, 2018 at Calico Cottage in Hastings, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Terry L. Heessel, Secretary for NSQG