

Omaha Quilters Board Meeting
November 7, 2023

President Eilene Hengen called the meeting to order at 7 PM

Attendees: Molly Phillips, Cindy Erickson, Debbie McMillin, Amy Robertson, Angella Arndt, Barb Trochim, Janelle Reed, Angie Reed, Ona Steinauer, Melissa Hamilton, Jessica Selega, Barb Andrysik, Liz Fleming, Nancy Wells, Patty Alexander, Windy Benigno, Kerby Selmer, Eilene Hengen, Zanteen Dean, Tania Uram and Amanda Frampton

October Board meeting: Eilene asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the October board meeting. There were none. Cindy Erickson moved to approve the minutes and Nancy Wells seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: The report was passed around with no corrections made. The report was approved by Yvonne Wilson and seconded by Janelle Reed.

President: Eilene Hengen – no report

President elect: Kerby Selmer asked each board member if they were intending to stay in their current position for the upcoming year.

Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Lange – no report

Recording Secretary: Tania Uram – no report

Programs: Yvonne Wilson says the class for November is full and she will ask the instructor if she would return for the 2024/25 class cycle. She told us the numbers of people signed up for the spring classes.

Treasurer: Patty Alexander – no report

Past President/Advisor: Tania Uram – no report

Newsletter: Amy Robertson introduced Amanda Frampton who will be shadowing her and taking over as newsletter editor next year. Amy reminds us to have our newsletter articles sent to her by Friday.

Membership Chair: Melissa (Peters) Hamilton & Stacey Quandahl – At this point we have 209 paid members and 4 unpaid. 20 members renewed recently. There was discussion about how membership fees can be paid, by check or credit cards. There was also discussion about the printing and costs of the membership directory. 200 were ordered this year but will soon be gone.

Photography: Yvonne Wilson – Amanda Frampton will be taking over for next year. Right now she is being assisted by Amanda and Jessica Selega.

Quilt Show 2024: Liz Fleming says she is still looking for a quilt show chairman for next year who can shadow her now to learn the ropes. She has a volunteer to handle decorations and Ona Steinauer agreed to handle quilt turn-ins for the show.

Block Exchange: Barb Andrysik showed us the double bowtie block for this month.

Bus Trip: Melissa Bowders – no report

Camp WannaMakeaBlankie: Angella Arndt said 33 people attended the camp last month and had a great time. Eilene Hengen will take over this position for next year's camp that will be held October 3-6, 2024.

OQG Facebook: Nancy Wells, Amy Robertson – They will be adding photos of the quilts that will be for sale at the live auction of the Christmas party.

Golden Thimble: Nancy Wells, Nancy Peters, Angella Arndt: no report

Helping Hands: Angie Reed – no report

Librarian: Barb Trochim – no report. A question was raised about the continued need for a library as very few books are checked out each month and some people use the library as a 'dumping ground' for their discarded books.

Properties: Andi Chakravarti is in contact with Jen of the Westside Community Center about our needs.

Long Range Planning: Cindy Erickson – no report

Quilts for Veterans: Kerby Selmer says the group meets on the last Saturday of the month at Fabric Bash to sew quilts for veterans.

Quilt Moms: Kerby Selmer & Tania Uram have dates to show the quilt at Acme in Blair on Nov. 11 and then at Mangelsen's on Nov. 18th. Last weekend the quilt was shown at Quilters Day Out and 32 tickets were sold. We have raised \$1100 so far on the opportunity quilt.

Rising Stars: Zanteen Dean & Fran Williamson – Lynn Doyle will be giving a presentation before the November meeting.

Webstitcher – Vicki Hoskovec would like to be replaced as webstitcher. She will do the data entry for the quilt show.

Holiday Party: Angella Arndt says that 159 people have bought tickets for the Christmas party dinner that will be held at the German American Society on December 12th, 2023. There are still a few tickets at \$25 each. You can pay Carol McCann at the meeting if you haven't yet picked up your tickets.

Children' Emergency Fund: Debbie McMillin & Jessica Selega expressed a need for toys.

Live Auction: Nancy Wells – There are 10 quilts already and 10 items for the silent auction. She would like more! There will be a newsletter article about this.

Santa's Workshop: Ona Steinauer reports that she has received many nice things for the raffle table and will still be taking things until next week's meeting. Tickets will be for sale at the November meeting as well.

Mystery Quilt: Janelle Reed – She will send out new clues by the next meeting.

Stocking Challenge: Molly Phillips reports that all the fat quarters have been sold and stocking turn-ins can start at the November meeting.

OQG 50 Year Committee: Cindy Erickson, Amy Robertson, Angella Arndt and Nancy Wells – the group has been meeting and making plans. A contest will be part of the celebration. There will be merchandize but no T-shirts due to difficulty of printing and choosing shirt sizes. They will be making use of old photos and info from our guild archives.

Old Business: Windy Benigno reported that the status of our copyright infringement case is basically closed (as of Dec. 26). Our lawyer Ryan Grace has worked many long hours for us pro bono on this case and says he can no longer do that but we can help ourselves by doing research ahead of the legal verification on searching for previously protected wording or designs for logos. Angella Arndt is the liaison between the quilt show chairman and the attorney.

Zanteen Dean asked about how to donate fabric and materials to the Indian reservation and she was given Dee Acklie's contact info.

New Business: no report

Announcements: none

Next guild meeting: November 14, 2023

Next board meeting: January 2, 2024

Motion to adjourn: Angella Arndt and Liz Fleming

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

Respectfully submitted by Tania Uram

