

Omaha Quilters' Guild Board Meeting  
January 2, 2024

President Eilene Hengen called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Attendees: Eilene Hengen, Dorothy Lange, Andi Chakravarti, Amy Robertson, Jessica Selega, Janelle Reed, Barb Trochim, Angie Reed, Barb Andrysik, Patty Alexander, Nancy Wells, Zanteen Dean, and Tania Uram

November board meeting: Eilene asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. Patty Alexander moved to approve the minutes and Janelle Reed seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: The November report was passed around the table for viewing by the board. Nancy Wells moved to approve the treasurer's report and Janelle Reed seconded the motion.

President: Eilene Hengen – no report

President Elect: Kerby Selmer – no report

Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Lange – no report

Programs: Yvonne Wilson – classes are being scheduled as well as events for the 50th Anniversary celebration.

Recording Secretary: Tania Uram – no report

Treasurer: Patty Alexander – The holiday party netted a total of \$15,272.00 with \$7793.00 from the live auction, \$320.00 from the stockings and \$4648.00 from Santa's Workshop; this amount was slightly less than last year. There were 213 dinner tickets sold. Patty spent \$29 on a new battery for the computer and saved us money by installing it herself with help from YouTube! The liability insurance for the guild was just paid.

Past President/Advisor: Tania Uram – no report

Newsletter: Amy Roberts & Amanda Frampton – There will be a newsletter in January and articles for it are due by Friday. A reminder for the articles will be sent out on groups.io.

Membership Chair: Melissa Hamilton – A few more members have signed up.

Photographer: Yvonne Wilson – Jessica Selega is helping with photography. A comment was made that more photos should have been taken at the holiday party.

Quilt Show 2024: Liz Fleming – A quilt show meeting will be held next Tuesday night at 6:30 PM at the sew-in.

Block Exchange: Barb Andrysik – no report

Bus Trip: Melissa Bowders – no report

Camp WannaMakeaBlankie: Angella Arndt – no report. Eilene Hengen will be taking over this position for next year.

OQG Facebook: Nancy Wells, Amy Robertson – no report

Golden Thimble: Nancy Wells, Nancy Peters, Angella Arndt – They are taking nominations for this award now. The list of qualifications for the nominations can be found online as well as a list of previous winners as the Golden Thimble can only be won once.

Helping Hands: Angie Reed – She will call Westside Community Center to make sure all is set up for the sew-in next week. Flannel kits will be available to work on.

Librarian: Barb Trochim – She is trying to figure out how to drum up business for our library as very few books are checked out each month.

Properties: Andi Chakravarti – The storage unit has been found unlocked a few times and too many unknown keys are floating around. New U-shaped locks are being used. The slider on the door is sticky and needs to be looked at. \*\* Andi asked what is needed for the sew-in; she said ironing boards from the storage unit will be provided.

Long Range Planning: Cindy Erickson – no report

Quilts for Veterans: Kerby Selmer – no report

Quilt Mom: Kerby Selmer, Tania Uram – Tania expressed frustration at how little money is made from sitting with the opportunity quilt at various venues for little or no money. A unanimous motion was passed to raise the price of a ticket for the opportunity quilt from \$1 to \$2; this is in line with ticket prices of other guilds.

Rising Stars: Zanteen Dean & Fran Williamson – The schedule of speakers is set for Spring and Zanteen is getting ideas for speakers for Fall and is starting to line up ideas for next year.

Webstitcher: Vicki Hoskovec – the show info was sent to Emma; info is being updated and supply lists for upcoming classes are online. The treasurer's report is online and the website is secure.

Holiday Party: Angella Arndt – no report

Children's Emergency Fund: Debbie McMillin & Jessica Selega – So many toys were generously donated that the usual 1-day toy pass out day for the social workers was extended to 2. They even contacted other charitable groups with whom to share the toy abundance.

Live Auction: Nancy Wells – There were 19 row quilts in the auction that raised \$6311.00 (about the same as last year). There were 29 items in the silent auction that brought in \$1482.00 (about double from last year) for a total of \$7793.00. The theme for next year is "Natural Nebraska" – this idea could stretch in many ways from scenic towns and places to nature and the prairie skies. Think big! We're hoping to see some of these quilts in the show in June as well.

Santa's Workshop: Ona Steinauer – No report

Mystery Quilt: Janelle Reed – She will send out the final parts of the mystery quilt directions and plans to wrap that up in April.

Stocking Challenge: Molly Phillips – no report

OQG 50 Year Committee: Cindy Erickson, Amy Robertson, Angella Arndt – This celebration will be during our 25/26 year of club membership (we are currently in the 23/24 year) and the Theme will be 50 Years of Friendship.’ \*\*\* There will be a design competition for creation of a logo to be used for our Golden Year that will be used in our advertising and online. This will be in the form of a 12x12” quilt block that will include our guild name and other symbols such as the color gold as well as violets and yellow roses. There is a list of specifications for the block online. \*\*It is extremely important that the design be your original idea and not something you found online.\*\* Voting for the winner of the competition will held at the June show. Put on your creative thinking hats and come up with a design that may be used far and wide!

Old Business: Copyright infringement status (basically closed). Preserving photos and guild history, Webmaster.

Announcements: Lynn Doyle donated \$900 from sale of her patterns and kits from the month she was our speaker to Helping Hands and Quilts for Veterans.

Next Guild meeting: Feb. 13, 2024

Next Board meeting: Feb. 6, 2024

Motion to adjourn: Janelle Reed and Patty Alexander

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.