

Omaha Quilters' Guild Board Meeting
February 6, 2024

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

Attendees: Eilene Hengen, Andi Chakravarti, Laura Lowens, Jessica Selega, Angella Arndt, Nancy Wells, Molly Phillips, Fran Williamson, Janelle Reed, Barb Andrysik, Tania Uram, Kerby Selmer, Amanda Crampton, Patty Alexander, Dorothy Lange, Ona Steinauer, Yvonne Wilson, Debbie McMillin, Angie Reed, Amy Robertson, Barb Trochim, and Zanteen Dean

Janelle Reed pointed out a couple of small corrections to the minutes of the December 2023 board meeting. These corrections were made; the minutes were approved and motions were made to accept them by Janelle Reed and Barb Andrysik.

The December 2023 treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by motions made by Kerby Selmer and Fran Williamson.

President Eilene Hengen announced the Quilters' Day Out event to be held at the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln on March 16, 2024.

President Elect Kerby Selmer stated that we are still in need of a president elect and quilt show chairman.

Programs: Yvonne Wilson - all the classes for spring have a good number signed up with a few open spaces in each class. She has some classes scheduled for next year and is already working on the 2025/26 year.

Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Lange – no report

Recording Secretary: Tania Uram – no report

Treasurer: Patty Alexander – \$1040.00 in sales tax was paid from proceeds of the 2023 Quilt Show. A new check for the post office box rental had to be issued as the initial one was mangled in the mail. We are set for another year with the PO Box. The final total from the Holiday Party fund raiser was \$13,328.00.

Past President/Advisor: Tania Uram – no report

Newsletter: Amy Robertson & Amanda Crampton – send newsletter articles in by Friday.

Membership Chair: Melissa Peters Hamilton & Stacey Quandahl – no report

Photographer: Yvonne Wilson & Jessica Selega – no report

Quilt Show 2024: Liz Fleming is reviewing the online form for registering quilts. A question was asked about use of credit cards for payments at the show. The initial response is to not allow the card payments for admissions although that could be done at the last minute. Credit card sales do have attached service fees; more discussion on this matter at the next quilt meeting.

Block Exchange: Barb Andrysik showed the next block – the rail fence pattern. She will be sending out instructions for the rest of the blocks and the backgrounds for those who want to get ahead.

Bus Trip: Melissa Bowders – no report

Camp WannaMakeABlankie: Angella Arndt has booked space at camp for October 3-5, 2024 and Eilene Hengen has booked for October 16-19, 2025. The down payments are due soon.

Golden Thimble: Nancy Wells, Nancy Peters & Angella Arndt – They are taking nominations for this award.

OQG Facebook: Nancy Wells & Amy Robertson – Suggestions were made about posting the opportunity quilt on the Facebook page.

Helping Hands: Angie Reed will set a new date for sew-in as the January one was snowed out. She reported that the cost of the sew-in doesn't come from the guild and that she raised \$200 to cover the expenses with the only extra cost being for batting that was purchased.

Librarian: Barb Trochim – no report

Properties: Andi Chakravarti asked for any special needs at the upcoming meetings. Fran Williamson pointed out that there are never enough chairs at the Rising Stars meetings. Scott Flanagan will be the teacher/speaker at the February meeting so it will be a full class. Also, it was pointed out that the floors often have spilled food on them from school lunches.

Long Range Planning: Cindy Erickson – no report

Quilts for Veterans: Kerby Selmer – no report

Quilt Mom: Kerby Selmer – only \$1300 worth of tickets have been sold thus far this year.

Rising Stars: Fran Williamson & Zanteen Dean – Scott Flanagan will be speaker this month. They are expecting 40-50 people to be in attendance. More chairs are needed in the classroom.

Webstitcher: Vicki Hoskovec – no report

Holiday Party: Angella Arndt – December 10th was announced as the party date for 2024.

Children's Emergency Fund: Debbie McMillin & Jessica Selega – The toy and gift collection from the holiday party was a rousing success! They are looking at extending the toy distribution to two days next year to give more social workers time to access the gifts. It would be helpful to have more volunteers assisting the social workers.

Live Auction: Nancy Wells – The theme for this year will be "Natural Nebraska." There will be a report about this in the newsletter.

Santa's Workshop: Ona Steinauer stated that it feels really good when people support the Santa's Workshop and to know that you're making a difference. Nancy Wells said that some of the better-quality donations were moved into the silent auction where there was a potential to raise more money for the Children's Emergency Fund.

Mystery Quilt: Janelle Reed says the project is on track. She will send out the instructions this week.

Stocking Challenge: Molly Phillips is looking for the right fabric to be used in the stockings for next year's stockings.

OQG 50 Year Committee: Cindy Erickson, Amy Robertson, Angella Arndt – no report

Old Business: no report

New Business: no report

Next guild meeting: February 13, 2024

Next board meeting: March 5, 2024

Motion to adjourn made by Angella Arndt and Kerby Selmer
Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tania Uram
Secretary