

Omaha Quilters' Board Meeting  
July 16, 2024

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President, Eilene Hengen at 7 PM

Members present: Andi Chakravarti, Liz Fleming, Yvonne Wilson, Cindy Erickson, Angella Arndt, Nancy Wells, Molly Phillips, Angie Reed, Melissa Hamilton, Barb Andrysik, Patty Alexander, Carol Nish, Kerby Selmer, Eilene Hengen, Tania Uram, Zanteen Dean, Amy Robertson

Approval of the minutes for May 2024: 1. Tania Uram. 2. Kerby Selmer

Approval of the treasurer's report for June 2024: 1. Liz Fleming. 2. Barb Andrysik

President: Eilene Hengen turned the meeting over to our incoming president, Kerby Selmer, with a tap of the gavel and a smile.

President Elect: Carol Nish – no report

Programs: Yvonne Wilson – A good number of people have signed up (15) for the August workshop. She is pleased that we will save some money on a couple of the upcoming speakers who will not need hotel rental and one speaker who will be here courtesy of a grant; this equals money saved in her budget. She also named the speakers for the rest of the upcoming year. Yvonne also noted that our website has incorrect information listed for the Boys Town Mothers Club; Kerby will take care of that.

Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Lange – There has been an incorrect Post Office address listed in the directory that has caused some confusion. Several items were sent to the wrong PO box but the post office people were kind enough to route them to our box; corrections are being made.

Recording Secretary: Tania Uram – no report

Treasurer: Patty Alexander – The budget sheet shows a partial charge for the storage unit assigned to the quilt show because the quilt show equipment uses the majority of the storage unit space. Taxes for admissions tickets and the mercantile were listed on the budget sheet. Our numbers for the quilt show were slightly higher this year than for 2023. In the final report from last year, the balance showed us \$15,000 underwater but we have made up \$4000 of that amount; the investments have done well so the balance is better.

Patty made a mistake and sent a check for \$3500 to the wrong vendor but that is being sorted out. There is a proposed budget for the rest of the year that will be approved in August.

We have 3 CD's coming due in August. We have no immediate need for the cash so the question is whether or not to renew all 3 CD's again. It was suggested to perhaps not invest one of them in case the cash is needed going forward.

Carol Nish said the County Register has not been paid; she will contact them to be sure.

Newsletter: Amy Robertson & Amanda Frampton – Articles for the newsletter are due on the Friday before the quilt guild meetings.

Membership Chairman: Melissa Hamilton – The post office box number for our mail was incorrectly listed in the directory resulting in mail mishaps. The post office appropriately redirected the mail and the problem has been solved. As of now, we have 131 paid renewed or new memberships; 65 renewed at the May meeting with the rest renewing at the quilt show. Melissa thinks we should follow this plan next year as well.

Quilt Show 2025: Liz Fleming – Changes are underway for the Quilt Show 2025 starting with a new date of 7/31-8/1/2025 and our venue will be at the Scott Conference Center which has a café on site and convenient free parking right across the street. The date for the Quilt Show 2026 will be 6/4-6/2026. Book marks are already being made advertising the next show.

Block Exchange: Barb Andrysik – no report

Bus trip: There was mention of a bus trip to Kansas City Quilt show.

Camp WannaMakeaBlankie: Eilene Hengen – There was discussion about the minimum number of participants needed to make Camp Wanna happen. Eilene will check with the hotel people to be sure of the numbers. At this point, 2 more registrants may be needed to keep camp from being cancelled. A thought was made that switching to a day camp or day retreat might work going forward.

OQG Facebook: Nancy Wells, Amy Robertson – Nancy thanked those who posted pictures of the quilt show and encouraged all others in the guild who would like to post photos of their own quilts.

Golden Thimble: Nancy Wells, Angella Arndt & Eilene Hengen - Eilene is the newest member of the committee, replacing Nancy Peters.

Helping Hands: Angie Reed – no report. It was suggested that Angie keep a tally of the number of quilts that are created and donated.

Librarian: Barb Trochim – no report

Properties: Andi Chakravarti – She has come across an old key marked 'property of USPS' but it doesn't fit any of our locks. Suggested to ask Dorothy Lange about it and then to take it to our post office branch and let them deal with it. The post office at 84<sup>th</sup> and Center is the only post office we have ever used.

A question was made about replacing a large grommet on the flag/banner that has been used at the Quilt Shows. New banners for better visibility are being made so spending money repairing this old one was not considered worthwhile.

Andi would like to set a date, perhaps late September, to organize the storage unit and was asking for volunteers from those groups who use the unit the most, ie. Santa's workshop, Quilt show, etc. Melissa Hamilton suggested having Boy Scout volunteers who need service hours help with the truck unloading after the quilt show. She will contact them for more information.

Kerby Selmer's name needs to be added to the list of storage unit administrators. The meeting room at the Community center will be set up for our monthly meetings with the same configuration as last year with the round tables.

Long Range Planning: Cindy Erikson – no report

Quilts for Veterans: Kerby Selmer – no report

Quilt Mom: Kerby Selmer – we need the raffle tickets from the printer before the Wolfe Family Quilt show this weekend.

Rising Stars: Zanteen Dean & Fran Williamson – Zanteen has already lined up speakers for the meetings in August, October and November; She is waiting to hear back from a couple of other possibilities for next year.

Webstitcher: We don't have one at this time. If problems arise, contact Kerby and she will take care of it.

Holiday Party: Angella Arndt – The date is 12/10/24. ~~The location isn't set yet.~~ *More info*

Children's Emergency Fund: Debbie McMillin & Jessica Selega – no report

Live Auction: Nancy Wells – all is going well.

Santa's Workshop: Ona Steinauer – no report

Mystery Quilt: Janelle Reed – the design will be tied to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Stocking Challenge: Molly Phillips – Becky Draper will be taking over for Molly.

OQG 50 Year Committee: Cindy Erickson, Amy Robertson, Angella Arndt – They are requesting \$200 from the budget towards gifts and hardware for the celebration. The logo block(s) have been chosen from the ones entered at the show.

Old Business: It was suggested that the chairmen and members of each committee be listed so that members can know who they are. Melissa Hamilton has an old spread sheet of info that she update it and include it in the directory. Melissa would like to add a member or two to her membership committee. She has asked for no money from the treasurer and she said she was surprised at how many people are not wanting a paper copy of the directory.

New Business: none  
Announcements: none

Next Guild meeting: August 13, 2024  
Next Board meeting: August 6, 2024  
Motion to adjourn: 1. Angella Arndt 2. Eilene Hengen  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Tania Uram, Secretary