

Omaha Quilters Guild Board Meeting
February 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Kerby Selmer.

Those in attendance: Dorothy Lange, Jessica Selega, Melissa Hamilton, Angie Reed, Kitty Bailey, Nancy Wells, Andi Chakravarti, Barb Andrysik, Zanteen Dean, Patty Alexander, Carol Nish, Kerby Selmer, Eilene Hengen and Tania Uram

The minutes of the December 2024 meeting were approved as written by Melissa Hamilton and seconded by Eilene Hengen.

The treasurer's report was passed around and was approved as printed by Zanteen Dean and Melissa Hamilton.

President – Kerby Selmer: no report

President-elect – Carol Nish asked each committee member present if they were continuing in their position for next year; she is looking to see how many people need to be replaced. Carol told us of the Heartland Quilt Network that is based in Kansas City. Their organization promotes guilds in the area as well promoting quilt shows. The cost is \$25 annually for us to join and have our quilt show advertised on their website. We agreed to give it a try.

Programs – The numbers for the upcoming classes were mentioned.

Corresponding Secretary – Dorothy Lange: no report

Recording Secretary – Tania Uram: The 2025-26 Non-profit Corp. Biennial Report came for renewal and was turned over to Kerby.

Treasurer – Patty Alexander reported that the post office box rent (\$200/year) and the liability insurance have been paid as well as the sales tax from the past quilt show. There was a snafu with Cobalt bank last month as some computer glitch causing checks written by Patty to not be honored. Finally, that was corrected.

Thank-you notes came from Project Harmony for the \$14,859.00 in cash. Camp Fontenelle sent a thank-you note and receipt for the value of \$3000 for the quilts and gifts from Helping Hands.

Past President/Advisor – Eilene Hengen: In January she dropped off 15 twin bed quilts from guild members for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace group.

Newsletter: have news articles submitted by Friday for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Membership Chairman - Melissa Hamilton: no report

Photographer: Jessica Selega – no report

Quilt show - Kitty Bailey says that the book marks are being passed out and the quilt entry form is now live on the website. It was decided to raise admission prices for the quilt show; new prices will be \$11 for a daily ticket, \$16 for a multi-day ticket and \$10 for seniors or groups of 10 or more. Each price increased by \$1 and this is partly to offset the sales tax per ticket of .60 that we owe the state. We will be accepting credit card payments for membership and at the mercantile with a convenience charge being added to the total. Patty will set up the app to charge sales tax on applicable purchases. Melissa Hamilton will be available on site to assist with the Credit card purchases.

Having our announcement on the lighted marquee at 72nd and Dodge is now only available to members of the American National Bank; Angie Reed is a member so she will be our contact for that.

Block Exchange: Barb Andrysik showed us the block design for February and says Sally will have the pattern available for possible lay-outs of the blocks.

Bus Trip: Kerby Selmer has done some research and gave us details for a proposed 1-day bus trip to Kansas City on June 14th. The cost per person would be about \$68/person. The luxury bus has 54 seats. It was suggested that we advertise this trip at the quilt meetings to gauge interest and possibly invite members of Cottonwood Quilt Guild if we have extra seats.

Camp WannaMakeaBlankie: Eilene Hengen said that "camp" will now be a day-camp held at Celtic Quilter due to large cost increases at Camp Joy Holling. Camp will be October 16-18.

OQG Facebook: no report

Golden Thimble: Nancy Wells said that nominations are being requested for this year's honoree. Reasons for honoring the person should be included (not just because you like them!).

Nancy also questioned why the amount of money in the budget sheet was only \$50 instead of the amount off \$311.00 that should have been forwarded from the previous year. Patty will make that adjustment.

Helping Hands: Angie Reed said that the representative from Sleep in Heavenly Peace will be at our quilt meeting. Her group also donated 25 baby quilts and 50 burp cloths to EPS.

Librarian: Barb Trochim – no report

Properties: Andi Chakravarti asked if there are requests or needs for the upcoming meeting.

Quilts for Veterans: Kerby Selmer – no report

Quilt Mom: Bev Adams said there were lots of people at Fabric Bash last weekend but not many were buying raffle tickets.

Long Range Planning: Cindy Erickson - no report

Rising Stars: Zanteen Dean – The Rising Stars class for February will be taught by Tania Uram. The topic will be “Raw Edged Fusible Applique.”

Webstitcher: Kerby Selmer – no report

Holiday Party: Angella Arndt – no report

Children’s Emergency Fund: Jessica Selega reports that the Christmas party went really well with about \$15,000 in cash raised, \$1000 in gift cards and 14 cartons of toys and other items donated. The folks from Project Harmony were thrilled; all extra toys not used for Christmas are saved for use during the year.

Live Auction: Nancy Wells said the silent auction raised \$1850.00 and the live auction brought in \$7200.00. The theme for next year’s auction is “Memories of Quilting.”

Santa’s Workshop: Ona Steinauer has stepped down from her job as Mrs. Santa after doing a smashingly great job for the past few years. We are looking for her replacement.

Stocking Challenge: no report

Mystery Quilt: Janelle Reed has put out the most recent clue.

50 Year Committee – no report

Old Business: none

New Business: none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 with Nancy Wells and Andi Chakravarti moving to say ‘adieu.’

Respectfully submitted,

Tania Uram, Secretary