

NEBRASKA STATE QUILT GUILD
Board Meeting
April 24, 2010
Material Girl, Grand Island, NE

Sandy Hanson called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

The following members and committee chairs were present:

Sandy Hanson, President	Jean Ford, Historian
Susan Weber, President Elect	Jan Hibbs, Library
Sheila Beins, Acting Secretary/Pres.Asst.	Fay Kliewer, QN 2010
Marty Kleppinger, Treasurer	Barb Hinrichs, QN 2010
Connie Phillips, Region I	Shirley Lavene, QN 2010
Sharon Clark, Region I	Vickie Wiens, Quilt Mom
Pat Varner, Awards/QN 2012	Leanne Killion, Threads
Beryl Knotwell, Bylaws & Policies	

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Minutes of the previous meeting were approved via email.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Marty Kleppinger reported YTD income of \$6918.41, YTD expenses of \$2445.47 with a net income of \$4472.94.

Total NSQG assets including checking, savings, and CD's is \$77,441.09.

REGION REPORTS

Region I- no report
Region II- no report
Region III- no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quilt NE 2010 - The registration is available online. The committee has received 11 requests to have a hard copy mailed. Do not know how many registrations received to date – those are mailed to Bonnie Kucera. Have had a good response to the jackets. Reminder that the jackets are unisex sizes – run larger than women's sizes (Fay brought a sample along for people to try on.

Threads Across Nebraska – Leanne brought posters and brochures for those attending to take back to their communities and guilds. The proposed lease agreement for 2011, 2012 and 2013 at the Buffalo County Exposition Center was reviewed. They have guaranteed a price of \$3600 per year for all 3 years. The Kearney Visitors' Bureau has committed a \$500 contribution per year towards the conference expenses. The dates for 2012 and 2013 have been moved to the 2nd weekend in October in order to avoid conflicts with the AQS show in Des Moines. Food services will be available. There are no additional facility fees (Grand Island charged \$1.50/person) or electrical hookup fees (Grand Island charged

\$50/vendor) charged beyond the lease agreement. The only additional costs will be the rental fee for the pipe to hang quilts.

Discussion regarding the timing of the event (spring vs. fall) was held. It was agreed that the October date was still the best option. Concern about the availability of volunteers was voiced. Leanne and others from the Kearney area noted that they had no concerns regarding the recruitment of the volunteers needed. They feel the move back to Kearney will make the recruiting even easier.

Aside from Threads, Leanne reminded us that Heartland Express provides free publicity for quilting events across Nebraska. Contact Leanne with information. Pat Varner encouraged all of us to make a deliberate effort to support the state quilt and all its projects.

***Motion by Barb Hinrichs**

To change the location of Threads Across Nebraska to the Buffalo County Exposition Center in Kearney for 2011, 2012 and 2013 by accepting the lease agreement of \$3600 rent per year for 3 years.

Seconded by Susan Weber

Motion carried.

Quilt NE 2011 – Susan Weber reported that she has been in contact with Sue Tilleman (chair). The National teachers have been contracted. Sue is exploring ideas to encourage our members to invite non-members to attend. Sue does not have a co-chair but has her committees in place. The convention will be in Kearney. Susan will encourage Sue and her committee chairs to attend and shadow this year's committee members at QN 2010.

Quilt NE 2012 – Pat Varner reported the convention will be held in the new LaVista Convention Center. The theme is “Quilt Magick” and will revolve around an Old English boarding school (a/k/a Harry Potter and Hogwarts). The National Teachers have been contracted. Alice Cruz will be in charge of the vendor mall. The convention will be fun and imaginative.

Awards - Have not received a lot of nominations to date. The deadline for nominations is April 30th.

By-Laws and Policies - No report. Need to review past minutes to determine if a “Newsletter Committee” was formally added to the standing committees as noted in the Policies and Procedures. Possibly around January 2008.

Education - Sandy Hanson reported that the National Quilting Day event at the IQSC (although not a NSQG sponsored event) had over 700 in attendance. Sandy attended and as President welcomed visitors and shared NSQG membership information.

Historian - Jean Ford has received missing scrapbooks from Marjean Sargent. She has also received an old camera (not digital) and a disc with all the pictures from QNE 2009. The scanner has not been located but assumes it is probably outdated. All 25 years of

scrapbooks will be displayed at Quilt Nebraska this year. Following the convention, all but the most recent will be returned to the state archives.

Library - Jan Hibbs reported that the book this year is “A Baker’s Dozen” by the staff of That Patchwork Place. It retails for \$21.99. The total retail for 291 books would be \$6399.00. That Patchwork Place has given us a 57% discount, making the actual expense for the books \$2752.86. Supplies have been \$180 and estimating approximately \$600 for postage. The books should be mailed by the end of April to 290 libraries.

Membership – Written report provided by Darice Cecil. The membership brochures are available. All attending are asked to review the list of quilt stores in their area and take brochures to deliver.

***Motion by Darice Cecil**

To add the Quilt Shops and Other Related Businesses list solicited for the Membership Directory to the NSQG website.

Seconded by Susan Weber

Motion carried

Suggestion was made to see if the webmaster could link to a map of Nebraska showing the locations of the stores – if there is one available.

***Motion by Darice Cecil**

To add the Nebraska Quilt Guilds list gathered for publication in the Membership Directory to the NSQG website.

Seconded by Susan Weber

Motion carried

Discussion of increasing the fees to Quilt Shops and Businesses to be included in the Membership Directory was held. Those in attendance requested more background on how the fee suggestion was arrived at. The matter was tabled until the June meeting.

Raffle Tickets - Vickie Wiens reported on the locations the quilt has been displayed and tickets sold. To date 2479 tickets have been sold. Vickie also reported on upcoming locations for the quilt. To date, transportation from event to event has been an issue. She is trying to avoid mailing because of the expense. All were encouraged to let Vickie know of any help they could be in transportation and also encouraged to buy tickets to sell. The budget was made with the intent of selling all 5000 tickets.

QNE Site Selection - No report. It was noted that it is not a requirement to contract shuttle service. We are now only booking facilities 3 years out, instead of the 5 we had been doing in the past. Sandy is working with the chairs to obtain a list of criteria used when deciding on locations.

Nebraska State Fair – Sandy Hanson reported that the State Fair Board has hired Cindy Levis as the Quilt Superintendent. **A white glove chairperson (or committee) is still needed.** Committees for Receiving, Judging, Scribing, Hanging/Take Down, and Computer Support are in place. The Quilt Entry book is being rewritten as a separate book

and will include several new categories and other changes. The quilts will be hung in the new Exhibition Hall. There will be pickup and return delivery to North Platte and Lincoln. The quilts will be hung on August 27th and released on September 6th.

Sandy will ask Darice to send an email request for a volunteer to chair the white glove committee.

The guild has received a request from the State Fair to confirm its \$25.00 awards for Pride of Nebraska, Best Jr. Youth and Best Sr. Youth.

***Motion by Jan Hibbs**

To continue award commitments for 3 awards (Pride of Nebraska, Best Jr. Youth, And Best Sr. Youth) in open class.

Second by Marty Kleppinger

Motion carried

Marty Kleppinger will complete confirmation information with the State Fair.

Website - No report.

Surfin Stitchers - No report.

Nominating – Susan Weber reported that as of this a.m. the ballot was completed. The committee members were Susan Weber, Bonnie Kucera, Dianne Thomas, Esther Kleinkauf and LeeAnn Meduna. The Slate of Officers is as follows:

District 3 – Esther Kleinkauf

District 2 – Laura Franchini

District 1 – Gloria Bernadt

Treasurer – Patty Young

President Elect – Sandra Kosch

OLD BUSINESS

***Motion by Connie Phillips**

To ratify email vote to make change in paper used for Newsletter

Second by Sharon Clark

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Sandy has received a request from Carol Brandl and LeAnn Frobom to hold their Quilt Nebraska registration credit until 2011. The Policies and Procedures outlining this credit were reviewed. The request is in order and Sandy will advise Carol and LeAnn and the appropriate Quilt Nebraska Chairs.

***Motion by Susan Weber**

To allow Carol Brandl and LeAnn Frobom to hold their QNE credit until 2011

Second by Jan Hibbs

Motion carried

Sandy Hanson reported that 4 quilt tops have been donated to NSQG to do with as decided. IQSC has examined them. They are good examples from the 1930's. Sandy proposed that they be used as fundraisers to possibly co-sponsor the National Quilting Day at IQSC in 2011. The event sponsorship pays the revenue that the Museum loses in free admissions on the event day. Sandy reported on information she received from the Dept of Revenue on possible avenues of fundraising and our non-profit status.

***Motion by Susan Weber**

To co-sponsor the National Quilt Day Event at IQSC with the Lincoln Guild

Second by Connie Phillips

Motion Withdrawn.

Sandy will contact the Lincoln Quilt Guild. Pursuant to Policies and Procedures, we need a letter asking for sponsorship indicating specifically the event and the dollar amount requested.

***Motion by Jan Hibbs**

To use the four donated quilts as money making projects, to be sold by silent auction, two at QuiltNE 2010 and two at Threads 2010

Second by Susan Weber

Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS

Beth Birnstihl from the State Fair Board has asked NSQG to coordinate the making of a quilt, or group of quilts, incorporating blocks from all 93 counties. Sandy will contact her and advise that there is already a series of three quilts specifically made for the State Fair with all the counties represented. Beth should contact Doug Brand at the Jones National Bank in Seward to make arrangements for them to hang at the state fair.

Susan Weber raised the possibility of the formation of a publicity committee. Article 7 of the Bylaws allows the President to appoint a committee as the need arises. Susan will work on a description and report at the next board meeting.

***Motion by Connie Phillips**

To approve the Treasurer's Report as printed.

Second by Jean Ford

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Beins, Acting Secretary NSQG