

EMPIRE QUILTERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2006

ATTENDEES: Jennifer Bigelow, Pat Decker, Anita Duncan, Natalie Garfinkle, Larry Gifford, Michael Greenberg, Joan Hellmann, Sylvia Hughes, Barbara Hull, Linda Kelly, Paula Kenney, Marilyn Korn, Leila Lieberman, Veronique Milliez, Beth Pile, Cindy Russell, Cynthia Spurles, Kitty Squire, Denise Walsh

Member Attendee: Gail Lefton

President Jennifer Bigelow commenced the board meeting at 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES: The following motion made by Joan Hellmann was seconded by Beth Pile and passed by the board: The December 2005 minutes be accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kitty Squire reported that we raised \$1493 at the December Fund Raiser. Regarding the Treasurer's Report for the period Nov. 14-Dec. 14, 2005, the following motion made by Leila Lieberman was seconded by Sylvia Hughes and passed by the board: The Treasurer's Report be accepted as it appeared in the newsletter.

Discussion ensued concerning fund-raising ideas for the show and guild. Members are encouraged to give ideas to Kitty or Ways and Means Chair/Raffle Quilt Chair Paula Kenney. Regarding guild fund-raising, the board will hold a bake sale at the May meeting. Paula will investigate selling Empire coffee mugs at the May bake sale and report back to the board in February as well as report on the efficacy of selling treated Empire paper shopping bags. Gail Lefton volunteered to assist Paula. See "Raffle Quilt" and "Quilt Show," below, for those fund-raising ideas.

PROGRAMS: Chair Barbara Hull will coordinate today's unfinished quilts meeting and will give prizes for various categories based on a tally system. First Vice President Marilyn Korn will help.

SERVICE COMMITTEE: In conjunction with our February charity meeting, Jennifer reported that 20 wives of United Nations delegates are coming to help with our raffle quilting. Jennifer, Marilyn and Joan will coordinate their efforts. The board decided that the February charity quilts are to be sent for local programs. Service Co-Chair Denise Walsh will coordinate efforts on charity day and today, she will try to ascertain who are bringing machines and discuss supplies needed.

RAFFLE QUILT: The board discussed sending the raffle quilt to the September 2006, Ft. Washington show in order to sell raffles there, with the stipulation that we donate 32 hours of service at that show. Chair Paula Kenney said that our New York Beauty raffle quilt will be put together this month and it is hoped we can send it for quilting to Janice Hairston of Newark, New Jersey, (Maison Janice) by the end of January and have photos of the quilt ready by February. Additionally, Janice Hairston will be doing the raffle quilting without charge; she is a show sponsor.

QUILT SHOW: Chair Larry Gifford discussed pre-selling tickets to the show and coordinating this effort with other guilds. Larry reported that as of January 1st, the show is out of the planning stage as we go to contract this month. He wants to maintain a "Show Corner" in the newsletter as plans materialize. Our upcoming show will be on Paducah's website starting in March. Larry will try to get preliminary show cards to Barbara Hull for dissemination at the Long Island Quilters' March show. After today's board meeting, Larry will lead a tour of F.I.T.'s Great Hall.

BUS TRIP: Marilyn will announce the upcoming bus trips today.

RAFFLE COMMITTEE: Co-Chair Pat Decker announced that there are over 400 fat quarters left over from the December meeting. She is using some for raffle prizes today.

MISCELLANEOUS: Jennifer reported that someone wanted to donate a Kenmore sewing machine to the guild. She will investigate to see if the machine is light enough to sell or, if it is heavy, she will tell the person to donate the machine to a school, etc.

Michael reported that he has about 50 pounds worth of Quilters Newsletter magazines, starting with the first issue, donated several months ago. It was agreed he try to sell the magazines on e-bay.

Jennifer asked which members are going off the board at the end of June so that Nominating Chair Sylvia Hughes can work on filling the vacancies. Secretary Joan Hellmann said she is ending her tenure as secretary after the June meeting; Gail Lefton volunteered to be secretary for the 2006-2007 term.

Leila Lieberman is not continuing after June as Block of the Month Chair. As few members participate, the board discussed eliminating block of the month next year. Webmaster Cindy Russell noted that the Block of the Month site is the site most "hit" by quilters despite the lack of participation at the monthly meetings.

Natalie Garfinkle announced that she will be leaving her position as Quilter of the Month Chair at the end of June.

Second Vice President Michael Greenberg said he will complete his second term.

Barbara Hull would like to get a volunteer to groom as the next Program Chair.

Jennifer announced that Lee Ebs husband, Ken, passed away in December.

Pat Decker moved and Joan Hellmann seconded the following motion passed by the board: As all business is concluded, the meeting be adjourned. President Bigelow adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Submitted by Joan E. Hellmann, Secretary