

ATTENDEES: Jennifer Bigelow, Emma Green, Michael Greenberg, Joan Hellmann, Sylvia Hughes, Linda Kelly, Paula Kenney, Marilyn Korn, Mary Levins, Leila Lieberman, JoAnn Montalbano, Veronique Milliez, Beth Pile, Cindy Russell, Kitty Squire, Marion Webber

President Jennifer Bigelow commenced the board meeting at 11:05 a.m.

MINUTES: The following motion made by Marilyn Korn was seconded by Beth Pile and passed by the board: The January 2006 minutes be accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The following motion made by Joan Hellmann was seconded by Sylvia Hughes and passed by the board: The Treasurer's Report be accepted as it appeared in the February newsletter.

President Bigelow reported that Focus Groups Chair Dorothy Arkell was badly hurt in a fall and will not be with us for the rest of the year. Discussion ensued as to a replacement for her. Some people suggested were Benedicte Caneill, Stefanie Sheehan and Pamela Leonard Wexler. Second Vice President and Focus Group liaison, Michael Greenberg, will follow up. Sunshine/Welcoming Committee Chair Beth Pile sent a card to Dorothy and a card to Lee Ebs for the passing of her husband, Ken.

RAFFLE QUILT: Chair Paula Kenney reported that the final stitch was put in the top of our raffle quilt last night. Treasurer Kitty Squire pointed out that Anna Krassy and Jennifer Bigelow should be recognized for their great efforts ensuring the quilt was accurately completed. The two-sided raffle quilt measures 96 ½" x 108" and is going to be machine quilted by Janice Hairston (Maison Janice) of Newark, New Jersey this week. When it is back in March, photos will be taken and then posters and postcards will be made up. We will have it appraised by Eugenia Barnes at the March 25-26, 2006, Long Island Quilters' show in Freeport, L.I., N.Y., and the quilt will be insured. Other points follow:

1. Raffle books were discussed and the board recommended that each member sell five (5) books. Each book will hold six (6) tickets to be sold for \$5 or one (1) ticket for \$1.
2. Our guild rents quilt-hanging fixtures from the Smithtown Quilters, with whom we share the fixtures for shows. Michael Greenberg will follow-up on the rental with the Smithtown guild.
3. Paula will contact the Mancuso representative of the Fort Washington, P.A., quilt show to discuss exhibiting our raffle quilt at that September 2006 show. Mandatory hours of service at the show in order to exhibit our quilt--approximately 32 hours--will also be discussed with the Mancuso representative.
4. Jennifer will write a letter to Benartex stating the difficulties in working with their printed foundation blocks inaccurately marked; 8 ½" blocks often were 8" / 8 ¼".

SERVICE COMMITTEE: In conjunction with our February charity meeting, Jennifer reported that twelve wives of United Nations delegates and their hostesses are coming to help with our raffle quilting. While photos of charity quilts and members' working on the

quilts will be put on our website, we legally cannot put the United Nations ladies on our website.

WAYS AND MEANS: Chair Paula Kenney discussed the costs of cups for fund-raising. As our cost would amount to \$3-\$4 per cup which would have to be doubled to make a profit, plus the fragility of handling, etc., the board decided not to use cups. Paula showed us treated paper shopping bags and gave us costs (small-\$385/100 and large- \$425/100, plus a \$45 black/white logo start up fee). As the board wanted to consider a more permanent fabric-type bag, Paula will continue investigating. Library Co-Chair Sylvia Hughes brought up the need for storage space for ways and means items as well as for library materials.

Paula also reported that she will be having surgery and will not be able to attend more meetings for a long time period. She asked for someone to take over the chair of the Ways and Means Committee, permanently. Jennifer will announce the need for a volunteer to take over that committee at the meeting today.

MEMBERSHIP: Kitty Squire suggested we purchase a \$25 gift certificate from The City Quilter to be given in a drawing to an early membership renewal member. The following motion was made by Joan Hellmann, seconded by Michael Greenberg and passed by the board: A \$25 gift certificate, purchased from The City Quilter, be used as an early membership registration/renewal incentive and awarded by lottery at the June 2006 meeting to one member who has paid for the 2006-2007 membership year. Jennifer will announce this at today's meeting; early membership registration/renewal for the September 2006-June 2007 year starts immediately.

BUS TRIP: First Vice President Secretary Marilyn Korn is prepared to collect money for both the March and April quilt show bus trips if Bus Trip Chair Franziska Riede is unable to attend today's meeting. Joan Hellmann said that Franziska sent an e-mail to bus trip participants stating that a 21-seater bus is to be used for the April overnight trip and that she is planning to come to the meeting today.

JUNE MEMBERS' FLEA MARKET: As we are having a speaker in June, the traditional members' June flea market will start after the speaker has given her program. Block of the Month Chair Leila Lieberman reported that a person contacted her about selling 25 yards of fabric. It was recommended that Leila tell the person to pay for an advertisement in our newsletter or to come to the June meeting as Leila's guest at which time, after the speaker's program, that person can sell her fabric at the flea market.

Marilyn Korn moved and Kitty Squire seconded the following motion passed by the board: As all business is concluded, the meeting be adjourned. President Bigelow adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by Joan E. Hellmann, Secretary