

EMPIRE QUILTERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 13, 2006

ATTENDEES: Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, Pat Decker, Emma Green, Michael Greenberg, Joan Hellmann, Sylvia Hughes, Barbara Hull, Marilyn Korn, Mary Levins, Leila Lieberman, Veronique Milliez, Alice Oberstein, Beth Pile, Cindy Russell, Cynthia Spurles, Kitty Squire, Marian Webber. Member Attendee: Gail Lefton

At President Jennifer Bigelow's request, First Vice President Marilyn Korn commenced the board meeting at 11.00 a.m. President Bigelow was engaged in sewing the sleeve on our raffle quilt to be displayed at our meeting today.

MINUTES: The following motion was made by Sylvia Hughes, seconded by Alice Oberstein and passed by the board: The April, 2006 minutes be accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The motion to accept the Treasurer's May newsletter report was made by Mary Levins and seconded by Joan Hellmann but required discussion as Mary Butler requested accounting of workshops and lectures. Treasurer Kitty Squire had prepared a workshop/lecture cost/expense breakdown which she reported to the board and gave copy of same to Mary. It covered the following costs: Lecture -\$1,075.00, Workshop - \$1,710.80, Lecture expenses - \$1,296.47, Workshop expenses - \$2,321.40. Given that information, the board voted the following: The Treasurer's Report be accepted as it appeared in the May newsletter.

QUILT SHOW: Michael Greenberg announced that we can use Smithtown Quilters' 60 sets of frames for a cost of \$300. Transportation from their guild to our show is at our expense. A Show Committee discussion will follow as to the need for more black fabric. Kitty reported for Show Chair Larry Gifford that we will need a motion allowing for the disbursement of show budget monies over the summer, as various show needs arise. We will get a figure in time for the motion to be called in June. We received completed contracts from four vendors but much of our show information was not received by major show venues.

We will be getting the raffle quilt appraised and insured by Hartford. and official photography of the quilt will take place this week by Cindy Russell and her husband. Members' quilts will be judged by Donna Lamb and Eugenia Barnes two weeks before the show. As for quilt sizes, Mary will submit old applications to Webmaster Cindy Russell and Newsletter Editor Linda Lee Kelly for dissemination.

BUS TRIPS: Marilyn reported for Franziska Riede, Bus Trip Chair, that the September Quilt Show, usually held at Fort Washington, PA, will be held in Harrisburg, PA. As that location is too far to travel in one day, Fran is thinking, instead, of doing a shopping trip the weekend after the show in Harrisburg.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE: Chair Jennifer Bigelow announced that she would like to convene that committee during the summer and have them ready for submission in September.

HISTORY/ARCHIVES: Chair Mary Levins spoke of the need for space to take archival photos during show and tell. Members will be advised of the need to move chairs two rows back to enable photos to be taken.

LIBRARY: Co-Chair Sylvia Hughes reported that we will not have library time today.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENT: Chair Cynthia Spurles reported that the new quilt store, Purl, will next month again place an ad in our newsletter.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Jennifer reported for Editor Linda Lee Kelly that the printer will get 10% less on his invoice as he left off our board masthead from the newsletter.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chair Sylvia Hughes reported that the slate for board members for the 2006/2007 year is as follows: Gail Lefton to replace Joan Hellmann as Secretary, Anna Krassy to replace Leila Lieberman as Block/ Month Chair and Debra Levin to replace Natalie Garfinkle as Quilter/ Month Chair. We do not have a Focus Group Chair nor a Ways & Means Chair; Paul Kenney, present Chair of Ways & Means cannot continue in that capacity next year.

Program Chair – Kitty Squire will work with Barbara Hull, present Program Chair, for the 2006/07 term in addition to working as Treasurer. Kitty would like to devote her effort to programs and relinquish her duties as Treasurer once a new Treasurer is found.

PROGRAMS: FIT has new people for us to work with regarding contracts, which Jennifer anticipates signing by the end of June. Our meetings next year will be held on the second Saturday of each month with no exceptions.

RAFFLE COMMITTEE: Co-Chair Pat Decker reported that a 50/50 raffle will be conducted in June.

MISCELLANEOUS: Service Committee Co-Chair Alice Oberstein reported that King Manor Museum in Jamaica, Queens, would like us to demonstrate quilting at their museum on October 21, 2006. Additionally, Bayside Historical Society would like us to do a historical quilt for them. Alice will report back . Based on these and other requests, Kitty moved, Mary Butler seconded and the board approved the following motion:

We will create a “Members’ Bulletin Board” section in our newsletter and website to announce requests from not-for-profit organizations for quilts and other opportunities.

Additionally, City Quilter requested we place a classified ad in our newsletter for employment opportunities for our members; the board unanimously decided to do so.

President Bigelow thanked Marilyn for chairing the meeting and then assumed her chairmanship of the board meeting. She discussed the upcoming general meeting focus group issues that will involve membership in moving the guild into the future..

The following motion was made by Joan, seconded by Mary Butler and passed by the board: As all business is concluded, the meeting be adjourned. President Bigelow adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by Joan E. Hellmann, Secretary