



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2007

Attendees: Jennifer Bigelow, Anita Duncan, Anna Faustino, Larry Gifford, Michael Greenberg, Sylvia Hughes, Barbara Hull, Paula Kenney, Marilyn Korn, Gail Lefton, Debra Levin, Veronique Milliez, Beth Pile, Cindy Russell, Cynthia Spurles, Kitty Squire, Denise Walsh

Jennifer Bigelow called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

Minutes: The following motion was made by Marilyn Korn, seconded by Cindy Russell and passed by the Board: *that the minutes of the December, 2006 meeting is accepted as written.*

Treasurer's Report: The following motion was made by Larry Gifford, seconded by Paula Kenney and passed by the Board: *that the Treasurer's Report for the period November 16, 2006 through December 13, 2006 be accepted as it appears in the January, 2007 Newsletter.*

Kitty pointed out that the amount of revenue received from the raffle is approximately one month behind.

Programs: Kitty Squire announced that she did not feel she could hold both the Treasurer and Program Chairperson's positions simultaneously. She thought it would be a good idea for a committee to direct the programs for the Guild. Sylvia Hughes questioned whether we should explore having fewer speakers at our programs than we do now. It was suggested that a poll of the membership regarding programs would be a good idea. Larry Gifford made the following motion, which was seconded and passed: *that we form a committee to examine exactly what our programs should be.* We will put a notice in the Newsletter that the position(s) is (are) open.

Tina Marie Rey, who was scheduled to speak at our February meeting, is unable to attend. Instead, Jeri Riggs will speak regarding the joy of quilting and give a trunk show of her work.

NQS: It is time to renew our NQS membership. In order to do this, we need five (5) NQS members in the Guild. Beth Pile volunteered to take care of getting members NQS membership numbers and contacting NQS regarding renewal.

Show and Tell: Starting in February, Show and Tell will take place at the break in the general meeting. Charity Quilts will be displayed during Show and Tell.

Focus Groups: Chairperson Anna Faustino reported that in February Susan Louis will conduct a focus group on finishing your quilt for the Show. This will include binding, sleeve and label instructions.

Bus Trips: Aleeda Crawley and Sylvia Hughes are planning a trip to the New Jersey Quilt Fest on March 3rd. The one-day trip will cost forty (\$40.00) dollars, which will include the price of the ticket. In addition, a trip to the Lancaster show on April 14th and 15th is in the planning stages. A one-hundred (\$100.00) dollar deposit will be collected at the February meeting. Sylvia will be informing the membership of the trips and collecting money at the January meeting.

Library: Sylvia Hughes reported that the Library Committee has decided to sort books by category. To facilitate the sorting, they have purchased different colored tape to indicate the books in an

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individual category. The following motion was made by Paula Kenney, seconded by Kitty Squire and passed by the Board: *that the expenditure of thirty (\$30.00) dollars be taken from Guild funds for the purchase of various colors of tape.*

Service: Chair Denise Walsh reported that City Quilter has donated two (2) cases of batting for Charity Day in March. Denise is picking up the batting the week before the meeting to insure an early start.

Share Table: A large donation of buttons was given to the Guild by Anna Faustino. It was decided that they would be sold at the Share Table. Jennifer will ask for member volunteers to direct the sale of the buttons at the January meeting.

Business Cards: The following motion was made by Gail Lefton, seconded by Paula Kenney and passed by the Board: *that Michael Greenberg be authorized to spend thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars for an additional 1000 business cards for the Guild.*

Workshops: Since there is no leader for a February workshop, Kitty suggested that Guild members use our space to sew the curtains for the Show, if necessary. In addition members could use this time to finish their quilts.

2007 Quilt Show: Chair Larry Gifford reported on plans for the Quilt Show. Space considerations are still under review. A final decision on this will be made at the end of the week of January 15th after all the quilt application forms have been received. A final Volunteers List will be made after the submission of the forms telling where members want to work. It was suggested that members be advised that they only have to work four (4) hours all together. The time can include judging, set up or time at the show.

Posters are available for distribution. Members are going to be asked to bring posters to stores and other venues close to their homes. Rack Cards (like bookmarks) will be shipped to us on January 18th and Larry will distribute to quilt shops and hotels. A small ad in the Show Catalog will be available to individual Guild members for twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars each.

Paula Kenney has taken over the job of publicity chair for the Show. She will be contacting the media.

Quilts will be judged on March 10th. Quilters are asked to have their quilts at FIT by 9:30 AM. The judging committee will be there early for that purpose.

The Raffle Quilt Committee has collected approximately four thousand (\$4000.00) dollars so far. Paula is presently looking for other prizes to be raffled.

Beth Pile reported that the Boutique will be better defined at the end of January when all forms are received and we know what members will be submitting for sale.

Kitty asked for any photos or news articles regarding the history of the Guild. She and Mary Butler will use them in a PowerPoint presentation to be used at the Show.

Gail Lefton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paula Kenney seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Submitted by Gail Lefton, Secretary