



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2007

Attendees: Jennifer Bigelow, Anita Duncan, Michael Greenberg, Sylvia Hughes, Gail Lefton, Veronique Milliez, Alice Oberstein, Cindy Russell, Kitty Squire, Denise Walsh.

President Jennifer Bigelow called the meeting to order at 11:20 AM.

Minutes: The following motion was made by Cindy Russell, seconded by Kitty Squire and passed by the Board: that *the minutes of the March, 2007 meeting be accepted as written with the following exception: since Mary Butler would not be at the April meeting, a discussion of the Dyckman House project at the general meeting will be postponed until May.*

Treasurer's Report: The following motion was made by Michael Greenberg, seconded by Gail Lefton and passed by the Board: that *the Treasurer's Report for the period February 15, 2007 through March 12, 2007 be approved as it appears in the April, 2007 Newsletter.*

Kitty discussed several matters regarding Guild finances. The first was the 2007 Show. Preliminary numbers show that we made a profit on the show. The raffles grossed \$10,000.00, the gate was approximately \$16,000.00 and the boutique netted about \$1335.00. Kitty is still calculating our costs and will report the bottom line at a later date.

In view of the success of the 2007 show, the following motion was made by Kitty Squire, seconded by Denise Walsh and passed by the Board: that *the Empire Quilters shall have another quilt show in two years.*

In regard to the 2009 show, Silvia Hughes suggested that we needed two things to have a successful show: the right date and people to manage the show. Kitty Squire, Gail Lefton, Jennifer Bigelow, Denise Walsh and Silvia Hughes volunteered to form the steering committee for the next show. Suggestions were made for other people to be part of this committee.

The second financial matter discussed was the present and future invoices from FIT. At present we have received a bill for janitorial services of \$160.00 per month for the past six months or \$960.00. In addition we have received next year's agreement with FIT which reflects charges of \$825.00 per month for our space (from \$500.00 this year) plus \$220.00 per month for janitorial services for a total of \$1045.00 per month.

A discussion took place regarding steps which could be taken to alleviate the increase in costs. Some of the suggestions were to limit our meetings to a half-day, or to half the floor that we use now. It was noted that even with a half day of use, we would still be charged the 4-hour rate of \$220.00 for janitorial services. Another possible solution was to use another venue either within or outside of FIT. Jennifer will enter into negotiations with FIT regarding these proposed increases. Other venues are being investigated.

Due to the increase in costs, it will be necessary to raise dues for the 2007-2008 season. Kitty Squire made the following motion which was seconded by Michael Greenberg and passed by the Board: that *dues for next year will remain \$25.00 for seniors, and will increase to \$45.00 for other members. If a member's dues is paid by the June meeting, 2007, the dues will remain at the old rate. If paid after the June meeting, the new rate will apply.* This increase must be approved by the general membership. It will be presented for a vote at the May meeting. The June Newsletter will have the membership form in it. Jennifer will write this information in the May Newsletter.

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Membership Committee: The Membership Committee still needs a chairperson. Until one is nominated, Kitty Squire will serve as the Chair. She will ask various members to sit at the Membership table until a committee is formed.

Library: Silvia Hughes asked if the *\$295.00 that the Library made this season could be used to buy new books*. Gail Lefton so moved, Michael Greenberg seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the Board.

Jennifer stated that the slate of officers for next season would be presented at April 14th meeting and voted on in May. Barbara Hull suggested that files be brought to the May and June meetings to given to the new members of the Board.

Denise Walsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cindy Russell and passed by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Submitted by: Gail Lefton, Secretary