



## Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2007

Attendees: Tina Barth, Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, Anita Duncan, Michael Greenberg, Anna Faustino, Sylvia Hughes, Linda Lee Kelly, Paula Kenney, Marilyn Korn, Gail Lefton, Veronique Milliez, Alice Oberstein, Beth Pile, Cindy Russell. Member Attendee: Lee Ebs

President 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 Board Meeting of April 14, 2007 be accepted as written.*

**Treasurer's Report:** The following motion was made by Marilyn Korn, seconded by Beth Pile and passed by the Board: *that the Treasurer's Report for the period March 13, 2007 to April 15, 2007 be accepted as it appears in the May, 2007 Newsletter.*

**Member Sales at June Meeting:** Jennifer stated that members had requested that they be able to sell at the June meeting as is the Guild custom. It was decided that this would not be fair to our vendor for that month, and the Board decided against it. Member sales will be scheduled for next year.

**Ways and Means:** Paula Kenney and Anita Duncan volunteered to help Larry Gifford with Ways and Means matters. A discussion took place regarding ways for the Guild to make money. No conclusions were reached.

**Increase in Dues and Fees:** Gail Lefton mentioned that in the April meeting we had decided to raise dues, but we had not increased guest fees. Michael Greenberg made a *motion to raise the guest fee to \$10.00 for those under the age of 65 and to \$5.00 for seniors with a limit of 3 meetings as a guest allowed per year.* The motion was seconded by Silvia Hughes and passed by the Board.

There was a discussion regarding how members who had volunteered to work at the Quilt Show would be receiving their \$8.00 admission rebate. Marilyn Korn made a *motion that members would pay the amount of dues that were decided by the membership and that Kitty Squire would send them their rebate later.* The motion was seconded by Gail Lefton and passed by the Board.

**Charity:** Marilyn Korn met Alex Rodriguex of Benartex at the AQS Quilt Show, and found that Benartex supplies free fabric for charity groups. It was decided that Denise Walsh would write him a letter asking for such a contribution.

**Library:** Sylvia Hughes told the Board that the complete list of library books is available on our website by both title and author.

Gail Lefton reminded the Board that although they had voted to allow the library committee to invest the money they had earned this year in new library books, this expenditure would have to be agreed to by the general membership. It was decided that it would be brought before the members at the May meeting.

Sylvia told us that 60 books are missing from the library. She agreed to bring this before the membership at the General Meeting. Marilyn volunteered to police the library table next year.

**By-Laws:** Jennifer stated that many changes have taken place in the Guild since our By-Laws were revised last. She asked for volunteers to revise the By-Laws. Jennifer, Paula Kenney, Gail Lefton, Michael Greenberg, and Mary Butler volunteered to help. In addition, it was suggested that Kitty Squire would make a good addition to this team. Jennifer wants the new By-Laws ready by December.

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**FIT Outreach:** Tina Barth asked if she could communicate with FIT regarding having a student category at our next quilt show. She also discussed suggesting to FIT that they design courses centered around quilting as a medium. Perhaps student quilts could be displayed the week before the show. It was suggested that she speak to Larry regarding contacts he had made at FIT during the quilt show this year. The Board encouraged Tina to pursue her ideas.

**Miscellaneous:** Jennifer reviewed the agenda for the General Meeting of May 12th. She also told us that there were three segments about the Quilt Show on [quilterstv.com](http://quilterstv.com). Additionally, she offered congratulations to Anna Faustino for her winning a blue ribbon for Best Pictorial Quilt at Paducah.

Cindy Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Korn and passed by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Submitted By: Gail Lefton, Secretary

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## Empire Quilters General Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2007

At the April and May Board Meetings, the Board decided several items pertaining to the Guild. In accordance with the Guild By-Laws, these decisions have to be approved by a majority of members at a General Meeting. On May 12, 2007 the following items were decided by the members at the General Meeting.

**Election of Officers:** President Jennifer Bigelow announced the slate of nominees for the 2007-2008 year. The membership elected the slate without opposition.

**Library Funds:** Michael Greenberg made a motion that the \$295.00 that the Library made this year be invested in new books. The motion was seconded by Sylvia Zeveloff and passed by the membership.

**Increase in Dues:** The Board suggested increases in dues and fees for all but senior members to the following amounts: \$45.00 for regular membership, \$25.00 for senior membership (no increase) \$10.00 regular guest fee, \$5.00 senior guest fee. Many seniors protested that they wanted to share in remedying the Guild's increased costs. The following decisions were made.

Marilyn Korn made a motion that regular membership dues be increased to \$45.00. This was seconded by Emily Klainberg and passed by the membership.

Joan Hellmann made a motion to increase dues for senior memberships to \$30.00. The motion was seconded by Sonia Rieber and passed by the membership.

Teresa Vega made a motion that guest fees be increased to \$10.00 for non-seniors and to \$5.00 for seniors with a limit of three (3) guest visits per year. The motion was seconded by Emily Klainberg and passed by the membership.

**Rebate for Admission to Quilt Show:** President Bigelow advised the membership that those who had worked at the 2007 Quilt Show were entitled to a rebate of \$8.00 on their dues. She asked that the dues be paid in full and stated that a refund would be sent to the individual members by Treasurer Kitty Squire. Again many members protested. They felt that the monies should go toward our increased costs. It was decided that those who did not want their rebate should indicate it on their membership form.

Submitted By: Gail Lefton, Secretary