



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2007

Attendees: Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, Aleeda Crawley, Anita Duncan, Larry Gifford, Sylvia Hughes, Barbara Hull, Paula Kenney, Marilyn Korn, Gail Lefton, Veronique Milliez, Beth Pile, Kitty Squire, Denise Walsh. President Jennifer Bigelow called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

New Board Member Attendees: Nancy Castel, Alicia Cruz, Lauren Dieterich, Lee Ebs, Anna Foss, Claire Leffel, Rita Reid.

Jennifer Bigelow convened the meeting at 11:03 AM.

Minutes: Marilyn Korn made the following motion which was seconded by Paula Kenney and accepted by the Board: *that the minutes of the May, 2007 Board Meeting be accepted as written.*

Treasurer's Report: Gail Lefton made the following motion which was seconded by Aleeda Crawley and passed by the Board: *that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as it appears in the June, 2007 Newsletter.*

Treasurer Kitty Squire told us that after all expenses were totaled, the Quilt Show made money. Larry Gifford stated that he wanted to go over the numbers with Kitty, because he figured the start-up moneys differently from the way Kitty did. However, he agreed that we did well. Marilyn Korn asked for the numbers from Quilt Show be posted once in the fall and saved for future reference. Jennifer stated that the final Quilt Show numbers would go in the September Newsletter.

Ways and Means: The Guild has received correspondence from Macys informing us of a program the store has for non-profit organizations. The Guild would have to purchase coupons from Macys and could sell them to members at an increased price to make money for the organization. Although the Board was not very excited about this opportunity, Jennifer passed it along to Larry for investigation. Barbara Hull suggested that we look into other ways to partner with stores and restaurants in order to make money.

Charity: Marilyn Korn reported that Michael Greenberg has been emailing Alex Rodriguez of Benartex regarding a donation of fabric for our charity projects. She suggested that we work through Diane Harris to get fabric for our charity quilts.

Library: Sylvia Hughes is hoping to have stolen books returned to us. Since many of them are out of print, she will attempt to replace them by looking on Amazon. It was also suggested that we list the books on our Yahoo site, in case anyone would like to donate one of the titles to the library.

Membership Cards: Paula Kenney suggested that beginning in September all members should wear their membership cards. If a member wished to take a book away from the Library without checking it out, he would have to leave his or her card with the Librarian. This would cut down on the theft of our library books. It would also be necessary to have a membership card to take part in a focus group. Focus groups are open to members only and not to guests. Paula will write an article in the September Newsletter to articulate this policy.

Bus Trips: Aleeda Crawley reported that the bus trip to Lowell, Massachusetts was sold out and that the Guild would make a profit on it. Ways of assigning seats were discussed and Aleeda stated that health and emergency contact forms would be distributed to participants.

Trips under consideration for next year are the Schweinforth Art Center, Quilts=Art=Quilts, Houston, Paducah and the Eastern Suffolk Quilt Show.

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Workshops: Chairperson Mary Butler reported on workshops for the fall. Workshops will be taught by the following:

September	Jo Coon
October	Joan Shay
November	Marilyn Belford
December	Anna Faustino

Community Outreach: Mary Butler reported that the Dykman House Quilt Project is going well. She expected all the appliquéed blocks back at the June meeting. They would be quilted over the summer and the quilted blocks would be returned in September and the quilt put together.

Programs: Lee Ebs reported that the list of programs for the 2008-2009 season will include the following:

September	Speaker Jo Coon
October	Speaker Joan Shay
November	Speaker Marilyn Belford
December	Holiday Fund Raiser
January	Speaker Mark Lipinsky
February	Speaker Pat Yamin
March	Charity Quilt Day
April	Speaker Sharon Pederson
May	Speaker Barbara Barber
June	Speaker Leora Raikin

Jennifer Bigelow mentioned that she would like to place posters in various shops to announce the programs.

Miscellaneous: Nancy Castel stated that some members wanted to have a flea market at the September meeting. Since there was no vendor scheduled for that meeting, it was decided that the members would act as the vendor. Kitty Squire made the following motion which was seconded by Rita Reid and passed by the Board: *that we would allow members to show their wares at a small (3' x 3') table for \$10.00 and at a large table for \$20.00. More than one person would be allowed to share a large table. This would be proposed at the General Meeting on June 9th. The flea market will take place in the area where the Executive Board Meeting is usually held.* Larry Gifford was chosen to address the General Meeting in regard to the flea market.

Paula Kenney noted that we have 150 tote bags left to sell as well as lanyards and pins. She stated that we have to make money on these items so we can buy more items for sale.

As secretary of the Guild I would like to take this opportunity to restate two items that came up at the meeting which concerned me:

1. If you have a long list of items to present at the Board Meeting — especially if the list includes names — could you please give me a copy for the minutes.
2. If for some reason you cannot read the minutes on line or prefer to receive them in another way, please give me your name and address at the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 PM.

Submitted By: Gail Lefton, Secretary

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