



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes January 12, 2008

Attendees: Jennifer Bigelow, Nancy Castel, Alicia Cruz, Lauren Dieterich, Lee Ebs, Anna Faustino, Larry Gifford, Sylvia Hughes, Linda Lee Kelly, Gail Lefton, Veronique Milliez, Beth Pile, Cindy Russell, Kitty Squire, Denise Walsh

Member Attendees: Julie Detar, Michael Greenberg

Minutes: *Cindy Russell moved that the minutes be accepted as written; Larry Gifford seconded the motion which was passed by the Board.*

Treasurer's Report: Kitty Squire stated that our December fund raiser made \$2975.00. She stated that grant money for programs had been entered as deferred income in 2007, but it should be entered as 2008 income, as should deferred member's dues. *Gail Lefton made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Lauren Dieterich and passed by the Board.*

Newsletter: There is an ongoing problem with getting our Newsletter out on time. We need a printer who can print, fold and seal the Newsletter, plus mail it if possible. We have received bids from several printers. *Sylvia Hughes moved that we use a Connecticut printer for the February, 2008 Newsletter and see how it works out. The motion was seconded by Lauren Dieterich and passed by the Board.*

Bus Trips: Aleeda Crawley is working on some new trips. She is looking at trips to Lancaster and Connecticut.

Library: Sylvia Hughes will not be able to continue to chair the Library Committee for the near future. She will be going over her duties with someone to see if this other person will be able to fill in for her. After a discussion, it was decided that we would continue to sell magazines at the meetings, and have books available if a member requests a title. The titles are listed on our website.

Charity: Guild Member Julie Detar wants to have guild members make a raffle quilt for New York Cares. It was suggested that Julie would have to coordinate the project, and that she make an announcement at the General Meeting, and write a small article for the Newsletter.

Raffle: Nancy Castel announced that she has purchased a lot of great things for the raffle with the money we budgeted for her. She spent \$474.00 and divided the items among the raffles left in the year. She has given the bill to Kitty.

Sunshine: Chair Beth Pile printed a card with our logo, and a note saying "Have a Happy Birthday". The Board decided that we would continue to mail such cards to members on their birthdays.

Apple Quilt: We will continue to distribute raffle tickets at today's meeting, after which remaining packets will be mailed. We will be taking it to the Brooklyn Show in March.

2009 Show: There will be a meeting with FIT this week to confirm our Show dates for 2009. There is still no one to chair a member's boutique for the 2009 event.

Programs: Chair Lee Ebs reported that she was thinking about a meeting with focus groups as the program instead of a speaker. She also suggested perhaps having someone from the Container Store coming in to discuss storage items instead. Lee took a vote among Board members to see which they wanted. She is still considering which program to go with.

Cindy Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Submitted By: Gail Lefton, Secretary