



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes February 9, 2008

Attendees: Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, Nancy Castel, Betty Chen, Aleeda Crawley, Alicia Cruz, Lauren Dieterich, Lee Ebs, Anna Faustino, Anna Foss, Larry Gifford, Paula Kenney, Gail Lefton, Beth Pile, Rita Reid, Cindy Russell, Kitty Squire

Member Attendee: Julia Detar

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM.

Minutes: *Kitty Squire moved that the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2008 be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by Larry Gifford and passed by the Board.*

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kitty Squire noted that deferred dollar amounts from the 2007 budget were added to the 2008 income. *Cindy Russell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as it appeared in the February, 2008 Newsletter. The motion was seconded by Lauren Dieterich and passed by the Board.*

Newsletter: Kitty stated that the Newsletter was done in a timely manner using the new printer, but the cost was \$485.00. Included in this was the cost of printing the mailing labels which was \$47.92. Additionally, postage is presently about \$100.00 per month.

Ways to save money on the Newsletter were discussed. They were:

1. Print only four times per year.
2. Print Bi-Monthly
3. Give a handout at each meeting covering what would be needed in the coming months.
4. Use Staples for printing
5. Change printers

Pros and cons of each idea were discussed. It was decided that Lauren Dieterich would head a committee to discuss solutions to the Newsletter problem. Members of the Board who volunteered to take part in the discussion were: Aleeda Crawley, Lee Ebs, Anna Foss, Gail Lefton, and Kitty Squire. It was decided that Linda Lee Kelly would be drafted as a member of the committee.

Brooklyn Show: The Brooklyn Quilt Show will be held on March 8th and 9th. Our Apple Quilt will be at the show.

Programs: Pat Yamin will be signing copies of her book which will be for sale at the General Meeting today. Anna Faustino will be signing copies of her book at the April meeting.

2009 Show: Co-Chair Larry Gifford reported that Empire has confirmed the dates of March 21st and 22nd, 2009 for our next Show, with setup on Friday March 20th. We will be going to contract in approximately two weeks. Judging will be March 14th and 15th.

Beth and Larry are sending postcards to vendors regarding the Show. This year there will be a price differential, with a premium for a space on the main floor. Those who will have spaces on the lower level will have to wait until September, 2008 to talk to us.

Blocks for the Dear Jane Raffle Quilt are due today. The Little Red Quilt House will be quilting the quilt in exchange for one-year's Newsletter advertising and an ad in the Show program.

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Bus Trips: Aleeda Crawley showed us the brochure she designed for several bus trips through August of this year, including two overnight trips. Checks should be payable to Empire Quilters and sent to Aleeda.

Publicity: Anna Foss asked if there was anyone to do publicity for Empire and the upcoming Show. A discussion of publicity was tabled to the Show Committee for discussion.

Scrap Table: There were large donations of fabric this month. It was decided that those fabrics which were in clear bags would be sold for \$5.00 per bag. Members would be able to look at the bag but not open it. The other fabrics would be put on the scrap table as usual.

Raffle: Nancy Castel reported that the raffle for last month brought in \$250.00.

Lee Ebs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary Butler and passed by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05PM

Submitted By: Gail Lefton, Secretary