



## Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes September 13, 2008

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**Attendees:** Gail Lefton, Paula Kenney, Lauren Dieterich, Rita Reid, Lee Ebs, Janet Randolph, Veronique Milliez, Larry Gifford, Cindy Russell, Sylvia Hughes, Aleeda Crawley, Denise Walsh-Horowitz, Beth Pile, Gail Sanders, Linda Kelly, Anna Foss, Claire Leffel, Carole Hoffman

**Member Attendees:** Dorothy Arkell, Diane Rode Schneck

Vice President Paula Kenney called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM. She welcomed back the members of the Board and introduced new Board members Gail Sanders (Raffle) and Janet Randolph (Focus Groups).

**Minutes:** *Cindy Russell moved that the minutes of the June, 2008 meeting be accepted as written. Larry Gifford seconded the motion which was accepted by the board.*

**Treasurer's Report:** *Lauren Dieterich moved that the report of Jun 30th through August 10th be accepted as written. Cindy Russell seconded the motion which was passed by the board.*

**Guild Budget:** Lauren Dieterich reviewed the proposed Guild budget for the 2008-2009 season. *Gail Lefton moved to accept the budget as presented. Cindy Russell seconded the motion which was accepted by the board.* Lauren will speak in regard to the budget at the General Meeting and copies will be available for members. The budget will be voted on by the membership at the next General Meeting in October.

**Handouts:** Cindy Russell presented new handouts — Executive Board Contact Information, which included Executive Committee Liaisons and an updated New Members handout.

Cindy and Anna Foss suggested that some members might want their quilts in the records of the Guild, even though they do not want to participate in Show and Tell. They suggested that the member send a photo of his or her quilt along with some information regarding the quilt or the influences reflected in the quilt. Cindy will speak regarding this at the General Meeting.

**Nominating:** Paula Kenney stated that Lee Ebs, Linda Lee Kelly and Denise Walsh-Horowitz are going to step down at the end of this term; we will be looking for people to fill these positions. Anna Foss suggested that members of the Board write a description of their responsibilities so that those who are asked to take over will be able to better decide if the job is for them.

**2009 Show:** Chair Larry Gifford reported that contracts have been signed for use of space on the upper level of the Show. All spaces available for vendors have been taken. We have asked for six (6) rooms in the seminar area for additional vendor space, Member's Boutique, Vendor Rest Area and Office. Larry was happy to tell us that International Fabrics and French Connections would be vending at the Show.

At the General Meeting today members will be picking up their raffle tickets for the Broadway Jane quilt as well as their Show information.

Paula reported that she had ordered the following premiums for sale at the Show:

- Mugs With Broadway Jane Quilt On Them and Empire Quilters on the Back
- Colorful Tee Shirts With Empire Quilters On the Left Breast
- Lead Pencils With Empire Quilters On Them

At present we are planning to sell the mugs for \$12.00, tee shirts for \$15.00 to \$18.00 depending on the size, and \$2.00 for the pencils.

Past premiums — bags, pins and lanyards — will be on sale at meetings and City Quilter for \$15.00 for all three items. Jennifer will ask the Little Red Quilt House if they would be interested in selling these items for us.

**Bus Trips:** Aleeda Crawley is looking into a retreat for the members. She is thinking about a three-day weekend in the Hudson Valley for \$300 to \$350 including transportation and meals.

**Donation:** Diane Rode Schneck was approached regarding our Guild making a donation to the International Quilt Study Center and Museum at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Because of the Center's good works, Diane would like this to be a substantial donation. Our name would be on the wall of the center with other donor guilds. Diane suggested that she and Judy Doenias could teach a class or two, and the cost of taking the class would be contributed to the center. Judy and Diane generously volunteered to donate their time and expertise, and the guild would donate the space. It was decided that we would pursue this idea and that a few members would serve on a committee with Diane to come up with a plan. The event would be planned for after the 2009 Show. Of course, any contribution a member wanted to make would be gladly accepted. [See page 3 for Diane's Proposal]

**Miscellaneous:** Lee Ebs announced that Show and Tell would take place before the Speaker today only. Larry wanted to speak at the General Meeting regarding the need for volunteers to set up for the November 9th flea market. We are also looking for items for December's auction.

Claire Leffel and Carol Hoffman belong to the Village Squares Quilt Guild. Their guild is having a show on November 8th and 9th and will not be available to do Show and Tell at the November 9th Meeting. We need a volunteer to take over their duties on that Sunday.

Member May Eason has suggested that we offer students with active ID's a discount to join the Guild. *Beth Pile moved that we allow students to join the Guild at the Senior rate of \$30.00. The motion was seconded by Lauren Dieterich and passed by the Board.*

*Cindy Russell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed.*

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Submitted by: Gail Lefton, Secretary

***See the next page for Diane Rode Schneck's proposal.***

## **Proposal for Empire Quilters**

**to benefit the University of Nebraska-Lincoln international Quilt Study Center**

### **The goal:**

To raise money (amount to be determined, anything will be acceptable) for the Quilt Study Center, in recognition of Empire Quilters getting our name on their donor wall, as the NY state representative. (All 50 states are represented.)

### **Target:**

While we were assured that any amount is fine, we should make a definite statement to support this important institution. I would personally like to see us raise between \$500 and \$1000.

### **Proposal:**

I realize that these are tough economic times, and people are less likely to dig deep in their pockets to make a donation, so here are some alternatives.

1) A special auction of quilts: I would personally donate at least one antique top, and possibly a small handmade piece of my own, and I would invite fellow members and teachers to do the same. The auction could be held as part of the auction festivities in December, or at another future meeting.

2) One or two special classes, to be held at a time to be determined by the program and workshop chairs, to be taught by Judy Doenias and myself, at a nominal cost. Our services would be totally donated. The guild could charge at least \$25-30 a person, for up to 18 people per class, and any proceeds would go to the Center. (The guild would be reimbursed for any expenses like the meeting space, etc.)

The class topics can be anything in either of our repertoires, as long as it isn't something that we're currently teaching elsewhere in the immediate area.

I suggest I could do either a String Quilting class, which several people have expressed interest in, in the past, or something involving hand applique. Judy has a wide range of topics she could teach, either by hand or by machine. If we could get a meeting space for a whole day, we could each teach a half day (3 hour) class, or it could be spread out over two days for two full day classes.

Respectfully submitted, September 13, 2008

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