



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes February 14, 2009

Attendees: Jennifer Bigelow, Beth Pile, Lauren Dieterich, Kitty Squire, Gail Lefton, Janet Randolph, Larry Gifford, Anna Foss, Sylvia Hughes, Cindy Russell, Aleeda Crawley, Anna Faustino, Rita Reid, Lee Ebs, Denise Walsh Horowitz, Carole Hoffman

Minutes: *Lauren Dieterich made a motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Kitty Squire and passed by the Board.*

Treasures Report: Treasurer Kitty Squire reported that money has been coming in from vendors for space at the Show. In addition, we have been given a grant of \$1000.00 from JP Morgan/Chase.

Cindy Russell made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report. The motion was seconded by Anna Foss and passed by the Board.

By-Laws: Section 1.a was changed to include the following amendment:

Section 1.a.1 In order to reduce the risk of not being able to fill all Executive Board positions in a single election, there will be a one-time extension of one year of the terms of the Secretary and Second Vice President for the 2009-2020 guild year, resulting in staggering the election of the President, First Vice President and Treasurer with these two officers.

Larry Gifford made a motion to accept the wording for the amendment. Kitty Squire seconded the motion which was passed by the board.

Article III – Membership, Section 4 will be amended to read as follows:

Membership may be revoked for cause, including, but not limited to, misappropriation of Guild funds or property, disruptive behavior, etc, by the Board of Directors. The member will be informed in writing no less than ten days prior to the Board meeting at which a vote to revoke membership will be taken, and the member will be permitted to address the Board of Directors before the vote. The member shall be removed following an affirmative vote of 2/3 of a majority of the directors. Notice in writing shall be sent to the member within ten days of the vote.

When membership is revoked any dues paid are forfeited. The person is no longer permitted to participate in any guild-sponsored activities, including meetings, focus groups, workshops, trips, etc. Such activities will be monitored using a "Do Not Admit" list that will be maintained by the Membership Committee.

Beth Pile made a motion to accept the wording as amended. Mary Butler seconded the motion which was passed by the board.

It was decided that the new wording for the By-Laws would be read to the General Meeting and voted upon today. In addition it will be published in the Newsletter.

March Meeting: Judging of quilts for the 2009 Show will take place in the two classrooms, one of which is where the Board meeting usually takes place. The Board will meet in the large room where the scrap table is usually placed. Wristbands for the Show will be sold at this meeting. Our usual Charity Day event will be the program.

Library: Chair Sylvia Hughes requested that the Library Committee be notified at least two weeks before a meeting if there will be no Library table at that meeting. The next Library table will be in May. The June meeting will be for returns only.

Bus Trips: Chair Aleeda Crawley announced that the cost of the bus trip to Paducah has been reduced by \$100.00. The price was \$460.00 and is not \$330.00 to \$360.00. There will be forty people going. Two new members joined the Guild because of this trip.

Programs: Mary Butler has been emailing possible speakers. There are fifteen spots to be filled.

2009 Show: Larry Gifford announced that we now have 22 vendors committed to appear at the Show. He will be finding out about two more this week. He has contacted out of town vendors regarding the new room rate at the Holiday Inn. In addition, posters are now available for distribution.

Emily Klainberg has sent a list of volunteers to all committee chairs, who will be calling members regarding their assignments.

We have received applications for 190 quilts for the Show as well as 45 Challenge quilts. All quilts will be hung.

April Meeting: There will be a separate seating area for guests at the April meeting. Badges or wristbands will identify the guest at the time of the meeting. If anyone prepays for the meeting, they will get an email with a ticket. More people will be needed to check in guests. There will be a business meeting in April.

June Meeting: Larry announced that he would not be available to set up the June meeting, which would be our member's flea market. Aleeda and Kitty volunteered to take care of it.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Submitted by: Gail Lefton, Secretary

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The following items were discussed and voted upon at the General Membership Meeting of February 14, 2009:

Section 1.a.1 of the By-Laws: *Lee Ebs made a motion that this section be amended as presented. The motion was seconded by Sonny Rieber and passed by the membership without discussion.*

Article III, Section 4: There was a discussion regarding the definition of the wording "disruptive behavior." Some members felt that there should be two levels of revoking of membership, one with repeal. After much discussion *Joan Hellmann made a motion to accept the Section as presented. Cindy Russell seconded the motion which was passed by the members.*

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