



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes April 4, 2009

Attendees: Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, Lee Ebs, Anna Faustino, Anna Foss, Sylvia Hughes, Paula Kenney, Anna Krassy, Gail Lefton, Veronique Milliez, Rita Reid, Cindy Russell, Kitty Squire, Janet Randolph.

President Jennifer Bigelow called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM.

Minutes: *Cindy Russell made a motion to accept the minutes of the February and March meetings as written. The motion was seconded by Sylvia Hughes and passed by the Board,*

Treasurer's Report: Kitty Squire presented the highlights of the report, most of which concerned the Show. The final admissions amounts were \$20,105.00. Based on an average of \$9.00 per person, this meant that the attendance was 2,200 people. Income from the Raffle Quilt was \$7,600.00 and the Sewing Machine Raffle made \$1,100.00. Revenue from the Fish Bowl was \$950.00. We have not yet deducted all the bills from the income, but it looks like the Show will make money.

2009 Show: The most negative thing that happened at the Show was that the quilt submitted by Renee Fields was never hung. It was a small quilt (5" x 5") and although we know that it was received, we never found it. We will take steps at future shows to make sure this never happens again.

Most comments that we heard about the Show were positive. Paula called most of the vendors and found that they were pleased. Most felt that given the economy, they had done well. Debbie Wasserman of Patchwork Art was unhappy with her location in the seminar room at the back. The woman who sold Asian fabrics (also in the back) asked to return. Thoughts were the office and volunteer room moved to the end of the hall where some of the vendors were. Therefore, the vendors would be closer to the rest of the Show. Additionally, there was a good turnout of volunteers.

2009-2010 Meetings: All of the dates for the 2009-2010 season will be the second Saturday of the month except for the month of November, in which we will meet on the Sunday, November 8. Paula and Jennifer will be meeting with FIT on Thursday, April 9, 2009 regarding rental rates for next year.

Nominating: Jennifer reviewed the slate of officers for next year. Copies of the proposed slate are on the membership table. They will be put on the website and voted on at the next General Meeting. *Kitty Squire made a motion to accept the slate of officers. The motion was seconded by Cindy Russell and passed by the Board.*

Bus Trips: Jennifer Bigelow reported in place of Aleeda Crawley who will be arriving late. The Paducah trip is sold out. Due to an error by the hotel, all of the participants in the trip will be staying at the Thrifty Inn. This is across the street from the Paducah mall which has the added benefit of being close to places to eat and shop. Aleeda has one more trip planned this year – to New Jersey State Guild Show in June.

Programs and Workshops: Mary Butler reported that now that the meeting dates are set, she will begin signing up people to speak.

Miscellaneous: Diane Rode Schneck had spoken to us in the fall regarding a guild contribution to the International Quilt Study Center and Museum at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. Our speaker in June will be from that center and we would like to have something in place by then. There was a discussion regarding the amount of our contribution as well as how to raise the money. Jennifer said she would touch base with Diane regarding this subject.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Submitted by: Gail Lefton, Secretary