



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes May 9, 2009

Attendees: Gail Lefton, Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, Larry Gifford, Cindy Russell, Sylvia Hughes, Janet Randolph, Anna Foss, Lee Ebs, Veronique Milliez, Anna Krassy, Kitty Squire

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

Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were corrected to reflect that a motion had been made to accept the Treasurers report and that the motion had been seconded and passed.

Anna Foss made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mary Butler and passed by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: According to Treasurer Kitty Squire, last month's report was incorrect. We have and spent more money than we budgeted for.

Cindy Russell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Sylvia Hughes and passed by the Board.

Bus Trips: Jennifer reported that the trip to Paducah was a great trip which was taken by thirty-seven people. A shopping trip to Lancaster is planned for June 20th. The registration forms are in the front at the membership table.

Programs: Chair Mary Butler told us that we now have speakers booked through April of 2010. Sherry Shine will be speaking at the November (Sunday) meeting. Naomi Shelnut will be doing a doll workshop on Saturday. In February, 2010 we will have the focus group program which will be coordinated by Kitty Squire.

Elections: Election of new board members will take place today at the General Meeting.

Ways and Means: Chairman Larry Gifford reported that all tables are filled for June's flea market. Larry wants to rent a second storage area for items such as guild tee shirts, mugs, etc. that are now residing at member's homes. The area we now have is full of items for our Shows. Larry will get pricing for the second, smaller area and present it at the next meeting. Larry also asked for suggestions for a fund raiser for the December meeting.

FIT Rental: Jennifer and Paula met with FIT to negotiate the rentals for next year's Guild season. We will be getting twelve (12%) percent off of the not-for-profit rate plus maintenance.

Community Outreach: We have received a notice from the Queensborough Community College Adult Education Coordinator. They want to offer a course in quilting in the continuing education area. They asked us to see if anyone would like to conduct the class. We will present to the membership.

Lee Ebs called our attention to an organization that provides shelter for homeless veterans. They need 52 twin size quilts for their beds. Lee is willing to lead the group and perhaps use her home as a meeting place over the summer. It was suggested that she could use the room where the Board Meeting is held to baste the quilts. It was also suggested that she could take some of the larger pieces from the share table for use as backing. She will be making announcement at the general meeting.

International Quilt Study Center: Diane Rode Schneck came in to discuss our contribution to the center. *Paula Kenney made a motion to present the representative of the Center with Guild Donation of \$500.00. Cindy Russell seconded the motion which was passed by the Board.* It was decided that we would make a commitment to raise money from the members and make another donation at a later time. Diane will be presenting ideas regarding how to raise the money.

Misc: Diane Harris asked if she could leave bookmarks from the Alliance for American Quilts at the information table. Permission was given.

June Meeting: The library will be open at the June meeting for return of books only. There will also be a raffle. There will be no share table or focus groups. There will be Show and Tell and QoM.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03PM.

Submitted by: Gail Lefton, Secretar