

ATTENDEES: Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, Pat Decker, Natalie Garfinkle, Larry Gifford, Emma Green, Michael Greenberg, Joan Hellmann, Sylvia Hughes, Barbara Hull, Linda Lee Kelly, Paula Kenney, Marilyn Korn, Leila Lieberman, Susan Louis, Veronique Milliez, Alice Oberstein, Beth Pile, Cindy Russell, Cynthia Spurles, Kitty Squire, Denise Walsh.

President Jennifer Bigelow commenced the board meeting at 11:00 a.m. and distributed agendas.

MINUTES: The following motion made by Marilyn Korn was seconded and passed by the board: The September 2005 minutes be accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The following motion made by Beth Pile was seconded and passed by the board: The Treasurer's Report for the period August 14, 2005-September 14, 2005, as printed on page 10 of our October 2005, newsletter be accepted as reported.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Marilyn Korn reported that she received part of the total fabric amount which Marcus Brothers is sending us for charity quilts; she brought the fabric in today for the service table.

WORKSHOPS: Chair Mary Butler reported that in light of the administrative problem resulting in the cancellation of tomorrow's workshop with Joan Shay, members would be invited to use the reserved space to work on their projects, without charge.

The November 20th workshop with Carol Taylor is entitled "Arc-I-texture," and the December workshop will be "A Gathering," perhaps to talk about mini-focus groups.

In 2006, the "Folded Flowers" January workshop will be given the morning of our meeting day, Saturday, January 14th. The February 4th workshop is entitled, "Afri-Mosaics" and a "Mother's Day Brunch," for May, is an idea to be explored.

Discussion ensued concerning the need for increased afternoon focus groups, members as teachers, etc. An article will be put in the newsletter and on our website asking for members' input regarding teaching, attending and time scheduling.

RAFFLE QUILT: Chair Paula Kenney announced that the meeting to work on the raffle quilt has been cancelled due to the need for further design element discussion.

PROGRAM: Chair Barbara Hull said that due to the administrative problem resulting in the cancellation of speaker Joan Shay, we would view a one-hour film called "Woman's Work" as an alternate program. Barbara is working on programs for 2006. Joan Shay will be our speaker for September 2006 and for November 2006, Linda Cantrell.

FINANCES: Treasurer Kitty Squire announced that she would inform the membership that 2/3 of our funds will go into an HSBC insured money-market account to earn interest and 1/3 in the checking account. Kitty again handed out copies of a proposed budget and asked that we review it and vote on it next month.

QUILT SHOW: Chair Larry Gifford handed out a listing of committee chairs and will try to garner more people to work on the show today. There is much vendor interest in our show. Discussion ensued concerning machine vendor exclusivity.

DECEMBER 2005 FUND-RAISER MEETING: Second Vice-President Michael Greenberg, in conjunction with Ways and Means Chair Paula Kenney, discussed arrangements for that meeting. Firstly, a formal auction will be avoided. Secondly, new/gently used items will be requested as opposed to flea market “junk.” Thirdly, guest fees will be waived for that meeting.

The following fund-raising ideas will be implemented: 1) Chinese Auction - like a silent auction with prepaid tickets. Members will be told to bring rubber stamps/labels to expedite making their choices. 2) Super Raffle- members will be asked to bring in good/gently used items 3) Games of Chance - members will be asked to bring in fat quarters in November and December to play these games. Susan Louis will hold the fat quarters given next month for the December meeting. 4) Bake Share – members will be asked to share their baked-goods as opposed to selling them.

NEWSLETTER: Mailing Chair Susan Louis reported that there were problems with our new printer and we will, starting with the November newsletter, using the services of our “old” printer, John Monroe of Parchment Press, New Jersey. He is charging \$.73 per copy including collation and sealing. Labels are on Excel. Mr. Monroe will ship the newsletters to Susan via UPS at a cost of \$15; Susan will add postage stamps and mail.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Jennifer announced that Susan Louis is stepping down as committee chair. A meeting will be planned for discussion.

MEMBERSHIP: Kitty created a form for members to note any changes to their name/address information when signing in at the membership table in order for us to update our membership listing. Discussion followed concerning placing the listing on our website.

HURRICANE KATRINA AID: Paula Kenney announced that today we would hold a special 50/50 raffle; the 50% of the raffle proceeds, which ordinarily would go to our guild, will instead go to hurricane victim aid. Also, Mary Butler is in discussion with the American Red Cross concerning aid to disaster centers for displaced people.

RAFFLE COMMITTEE: Pat Decker reported that today there are eleven raffle gift packages. Discussion followed concerning fewer versus many raffle items.

SERVICE COMMITTEE: Denise Walsh will announce that she has Marcus Brothers fabric for members to use for charity quilts. She will place the names of the people who take the fabric on a list. Discussion followed concerning using that fabric for the fund-raising games of chance in December; Michael will ask members to bring in fat quarters for the games of chance.

MISCELLANEOUS: Larry Gifford announced that he is in possession of the speakers' box. Barbara Hull said it would be needed for the January meeting.

President Bigelow adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:40 p.m.

Submitted by Joan E. Hellmann, Secretary