

EMPIRE QUILTERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 8, 2006

ATTENDEES: Jennifer Bigelow, Pat Decker, Larry Gifford, Emma Green, Michael Greenberg, Barbara Hull, Leila Lieberman, Veronique Milliez, Beth Pile, Cindy Russell, Kitty Squire, Denise Walsh. Member Attendee: Gail Lefton

President Jennifer Bigelow commenced the board meeting at 11.00 a.m.

MINUTES: The following motion was made, seconded and passed by the board: The March, 2006 minutes be accepted as written

TREASURER'S REPORT: The following motion was made, seconded and passed by the Board: The Treasurer's Report be accepted as it appeared in the April newsletter.

FOCUS GROUPS: Michael Greenberg announced that there were four focus groups taking place after the meeting: Fabric Postcards with June Callendar, Crazy Quilting, Hand Quilting and Quilt as You Go. The board discussed various issues concerning focus group meetings such as large numbers of attendees, end-of-meeting time constraints, and difficulties group leaders and participants endure within a large focus group setting.

Also discussed, as a guild fund-raiser, was the possibility of the Fabric Postcard Focus Group members to make postcards for the upcoming show's members' boutique. In addition, Beth Pile suggested that next year's focus groups concentrate on preparing for the show. The board also discussed the lack of a committee head for the focus groups.

SERVICE COMMITTEE: A Beth Israel Hospital representative approached Denise Walsh to inquire whether members of the Empire Guild could make small baby quilts for that hospital to be permanently hung in the maternity, childrens and neo-natal wards. The quilts would be hung with some form of designation deliniating the name of the quilter, the guild's logo and/or recognition of the quilter as a member of Empire, as well as how the quilt was created. The information regarding this project will be published in the newsletter and announced at the General Meeting.

RAFFLE: In order to increase fundraising, the board decided to hold a 50/50 raffle at the June meeting and, in addition to our existing raffle, to regularly hold 50/50 raffles.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Anna Krassy volunteered to head Block of the Month next year.

QUILTER OF THE MONTH: Debra Levin has agreed to head Quilter of the Month next year; Debra is our May Quilter of the Month.

MARCH 2007 QUILT SHOW: Larry Gifford announced that our show will be a judged show and that the judges have now been selected. The submission categories have been determined and will be posted on our website. Due to space limitations, the size of the submitted quilts cannot exceed queen-size. It will cost \$20 to enter two quilts (the limited number of quilts that may be entered per member exhibitor) for judging. However, due to space limitations, only one of those quilts may end up on the exhibit floor, as selected by the exhibiting member. Each exhibitor must volunteer four hours for the show. The entry fee to the show, for everyone, will be \$8 for one day and \$15 for both days. Those who have fulfilled their four hours of volunteer work will be eligible for an \$8 rebate on the following year's membership fee. This holds true for members who do not exhibit but complete four hours of volunteer work as well as for members who exhibit and must contribute four hours of show work.

Larry will again be meeting with FIT representatives to explore acquiring additional space for vendors. He is also in discussion with Sew Right and Baby Lock concerning sponsorship.

GUILD PURCHASES: The following motion was made, seconded and passed by the board: We will ask the membership for approval of the following purchases 1) a Quilto game set and 2) portable quilt display frame from our general funds and to spend approximately \$700 from our show funds for the printing of 3) raffle tickets and 4) postcards.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1) Empire Logo -- The Board discussed whether the logo had ever been/or should be in color and decided to leave it in grey scale. Also discussed was whether the logo had been registered. As a gift to the guild, Michael Greenberg generously made up business cards with the guild's logo and meeting information that he would like to provide for members to pass out to interested parties.

2) Yahoo Group -- Michael announced that the Yahoo Group for members was up and running; he advised that instructions for joining would be provided to the membership.

The following motion was made, seconded and passed by the board: As all business is concluded, the meeting be adjourned. President Bigelow adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by Kitty Squire, Treasurer