



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2006

Attendees: Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, Pat Decker, Anita Duncan, Larry Gifford, Michael Greenberg, Sylvia Hughes, Barbara Hull, Paula Kenney, Marilyn Korn, Gail Lefton, Debra Levin, Veronique Millez, Beth Pile, Cindy Russell, Cynthia Spurles, Kitty Squires Denise Walsh.

President Jennifer Bigelow called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

Minutes: The following motion was made by Kitty Squires, seconded by Marilyn Korn and passed by the Board: that the minutes of the September, 2006 meeting be accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: The following motion was made by Marilyn Korn, seconded by Michael Greenberg and accepted by the Board: that the Treasurer's Report for the period August 16, 2006 – September 13, 2006 be accepted as it appears in the October, 2006 Newsletter.

Treasurer Kitty Squires asked for raffle monies to be brought in as one receives it. Checks should be made out to Empire Quilters.

Additionally, Kitty spoke to the need for members to receive or read the newsletter on line. It was suggested that a push list be made up for the purpose of emailing the newsletter to members. It was decided that Kitty would speak at the general meeting and ask for members to sign up to get the Newsletter emailed to them.

She also showed us the tote bags (\$20.00) pins (\$5.00) and lanyards (\$4.00) that would be available for purchase starting at the October meeting.

Kitty asked us to review the budget she handed out at the September Board Meeting and she was asked for a Show Budget sheet. Larry Gifford, Chair of the Quilt Show stated that there was no formal budget for the Show and that we were paying for items as the need arose.

Quilt Show: Larry reported that we paid FIT \$7000.00 for use of the main hall and the auditorium. He met with FIT on September 13th and he has established a budget of \$5000.00 for staffing, for which we will be billed after the Show. We have decided to move some of the vendor space—so far we have twelve (12) vendors, two of which have not been accepted. A few other vendors have expressed interest and we have sent them show packets. Two additional rooms and two gymnasias may become available for our use; we will try to finalize the space questions by November 1st.

Jennifer brought to our attention that the Quilter's Guild of Brooklyn still has not found a place to have their 2007 show. She suggested that we ask them to join us at our Show. The pros and cons were discussed. It was the consensus of the Board that this is a good idea in theory but that there were many particulars to work out. We were still not sure how much space we will have allotted and the logistics involved would be considerable. The following motion was made by Marilyn, seconded by Mary and passed by the Board: that we contact the Brooklyn Guild and explore the idea of having the Show together if all things can be resolved. In addition, it was decided that at the very least we would make space available to display their raffle quilt and sell tickets for same.

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Kitty asked for members to bring in copies of their local newspapers so they can be contacted regarding the Show.

Additional Show related topics were as follows: the Show needs a Chair for Admissions and Group Sales; advertising rates for the Program have been established and Cynthia would be working with Anita and Pat regarding advertising for the Show Program.

Natalie Garfinkle presented the ribbon that she designed for the winning quilts. The following motion was presented by Marilyn, seconded by Sylvia and passed by the Board: that members make the ribbons as designed by Natalie as part of the December meeting and that they be paid for out of the program budget.

Fabric Donation: Vice President Michael Greenberg reported that the Guild had received a large donation of fabric ranging from fat quarters to four-yard pieces. It was decided that this fabric would be sold at the December Guild meeting. Paula Kenney volunteered to price the fabric. In addition, a donation of buttons had been received. The Board decided to auction them at the October meeting starting with a bid of five (\$5.00) dollars for the entire collection.

Quilter of the Month: Chair Debra Levin reported that Quilters were selected for all months of the year except April. Due to the Lancaster Show, it was decided that we would not have this feature at the April meeting.

Welcoming: Chair Beth Pile suggested that the names of new members be put in the newsletter. It was decided that this would be done.

Nominating Committee: Chair Sylvia Hughes stated that she wanted to start searching for members to fill Board positions which will become vacant at the end of June.

It was moved by Kitty and seconded by Michael to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Submitted by Gail Lefton, Secretary