



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2006

Attendees: Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, Anita Duncan, Anna Faustino, Larry Gifford, Michael Greenberg, Sylvia Hughes, Paula Kenney, Marilyn Korn, Gail Lefton, Debra Levin, Cindy Russell, Kitty Squire. **Member Attendee:** Natalie Garfinkle.

President Jennifer Bigelow called the meeting to order at 11:10AM.

Minutes: The following motion was made by Marilyn Korn, seconded by Cindy Russell and passed by the Board: that the minutes of the meeting of November 11, 2006 be accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: The following motion was made by Larry Gifford, seconded by Mary Butler and passed by the Board: that the Treasurer's Report for the period October 19th through November 15th, 2006 be accepted as it appears in the December 2006 Newsletter.

Jennifer reviewed the schedule of events for the General Meeting of December 9th. Sylvia Hughes asked if we could have Show and Tell first and it was decided that this would be done. It was also decided that the sewing of the ribbons for the winning quilts would be done at the podium end of the room.

Mary Butler has contacted the Morris Jumel Mansion in Washington Heights, which was the headquarters for George Washington during the Battle of Harlem Heights. Members are needed to do hand quilting demos on February 17th between noon and 4:00 PM. Mary is coordinating our participation.

Jennifer announced that she has received all archives of the Guild which were previously held by Marge Geary. This includes all old Newsletters and photos.

Vendor: We need a vendor for the January meeting. Marilyn Korn contacted Penny from TWE Beads, but found out that she no longer does shows or vends at meetings. It was suggested that we contact Carol Horn as a possible vendor.

Focus Groups: Chair Anna Faustino stated that in February she wanted to have a focus group on the perfect binding, but that she needed someone to lead it. Recommendations were given for Anna's follow up.

Quilter of the Month: It had previously been announced that we would not have a QOTM in April; however, June Calender has generously volunteered to show her work that month.

Workshops: Mary showed us the sample for Anna Faustino's May workshop. It will be held On Saturday May 5th – the week before our General Meeting.

Nominating: Sylvia Hughes once again stated the need for three people to serve as Nominating Committee for the 2007-2008 Board.

Newsletter: Jennifer stated that the January Newsletter would have a review of the 2007 Show's schedules and deadlines.

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2007 Quilt Show: The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to a discussion of our upcoming Quilt Show.

Submissions of applications, color photos of quilts and payment of quilt entry fees are due by the January 13th meeting, or may be mailed with a postmark no later than January 15, 2007. Susan Louis, Judy Shapiro and Jennifer Bigelow are getting ready for the judging. The quilts will be judged on the day of the March 2007 meeting in the space where our Board meeting is usually held; therefore, this meeting will have to take place elsewhere.

Michael Greenberg is in charge of space and layout of entries at the show. Mary Butler, Marilyn Korn and Kitty Squire volunteered to help Michael with the placement of quilts. Larry Gifford will have his floor plan ready by January and will be getting fire approval from FIT. Larry will try to secure a tour of the space for Board members in January. At this point we are planning a mix of quilts and vendors in each of the venues. In addition there is a possibility of one corner dedicated to Founders Quilts and another corner for children's activities.

Our show has been listed in the January/February issue of "Quilter's Newsletter Magazine" and the listing will be repeated in the March issue. An announcement will also appear in "American Quilter."

Anita Duncan and Pat Decker have done a great job in selling advertising for the show catalog. Posters, which were designed by Pat, will be available for distribution in January.

Anna Foss has emailed 140 guilds with suggestions of Bus Trips for the show. Several guilds have expressed an interest in attending.

Kitty Squire announced that the lecturers for the show will be as follows:

- ◆ **Lee Kogan** of the American Folk Art Museum will discuss the New York Beauties Quilt Exhibit which took place at the Museum a few years ago.
- ◆ **Leslie Levison**, founding member of the Empire Guild, will lecture about the history of the guild.
- ◆ **Mickey Lawler** from Skydyes will discuss her experiences as a quilter.
- ◆ **Marilyn Henrion**, quilt artist, will speak regarding her development as a quilter. There will be no Raffle, Block of the Month, or Scrap Table at the December meeting. Members will be asked to bring Holiday related items for Show and Tell.

Kitty will be writing an article for the newsletter regarding the speakers.

Lectures will take place in the auditorium. In addition, the space will be used for a slide show of Empire's first 25 years. Viewing the slides will give show attendees a chance to rest in between visiting vendors and viewing the quilts.

Marilyn Korn made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mary Butler and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM

Submitted by Gail Lefton, Secretary