



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2007

Attendees: Jennifer Bigelow, Nancy Castel, Alicia Cruz, Lee Ebs, Anna Faustino, Anna Foss, Larry Gifford, Carole Hoffman, Sylvia Hughes, Paula Kenney, Clare Leffel, Gail Lefton, Veronique Milliez, Beth Pile, Rita Reid, Cindy Russell, Kitty Squire, Denise Walsh

President Jennifer Bigelow called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Minutes: Secretary Gail Lefton corrected the minutes of the September, 2007 meeting by saying that she was going to attach the 2007-2008 budget. Larry Gifford moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Paula Kenney seconded the motion which was passed by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Kitty Squire noted that the 2007-2008 budget seemed to show a \$5000 deficit. However, when one adds the \$10,000 grant as deferred income we arrive at a \$5000 surplus. Kitty stated that she based the budget on last year's numbers. Gail Lefton moved to accept the budget as it was explained by Kitty and the Treasurer's Report as it appeared in the October, 2007 Newsletter. The motion was seconded by Sylvia Hughes and passed by the Board. It was decided that the budget would be posted on the web and in the Newsletter and would be presented at the November General Meeting for a vote.

Revised Liaison List: Jennifer has revised the list of liaisons to various committees. She will send out the revised list via email.

Ways and Means: The City Quilter has agreed to sell our 25th anniversary bags for \$20.00, out of which they will keep \$5.00. Larry will drop off the bags today. It will be possible to buy the bags on the CQ website as well. We will put a anniversary pin on the bag for free. Larry will be sitting at the Membership Table today to sell lanyards.

Charity: Certain charity projects that are of importance to individual members but are not Guild projects will be put on the website. Cindy will post as much information on the site as she can. We decided that we needed a Charity coordinator, and Denise agreed to take on this task. Cindy will pass the requests she gets from the web to Denise.

We have been contacted by Project Common Ground to make bed quilts for a shelter for homeless veterans. Jennifer moved that Denise contact them and that we add these quilts to those we are doing on Charity Day. Paula seconded the motion which was passed by the Board.

Library: Sylvia has begun to buy new books for the library. Kitty and Jennifer are reviewing the list of books to be bought and will see if they have any of the titles in their extensive collections. Sylvia would like members to let her know which books they would like to have in the library.

December Meeting: Larry reported that the December meeting would be a combination of raffles, auctions and charity. He has asked the vendors from the 2007 Show to donate items for the event. All of them have agreed to do this, but as yet we do not know what items they will send. We will raffle and auction what we can. In addition, we are thinking of having a drawing out of the fishbowl as we did at the Show. There will be no vendor, scrap table, raffle or library that month.

In addition members will be asked to make a stocking for charity. Beth Pile has brought in patterns for the stockings. Denise brought in patterns for small bears, which can be put in the stocking. In addition,

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Nancy Rabatin has angel patterns which were designed for charity. Suggestions were made for other items which could be put in the stockings.

Denise and Larry will write about the December meeting for the Newsletter.

Apple Quilt: The Apple Quilt is finished and photographed. It is called "Big Apple Quilt." Raffle tickets will be handed out in November and December and then mailed to members.

Dear Jane Quilt: The fabric and pattern kits are ready to be handed out at the meeting today. The blocks will be made of a black Batik and Moda Marbles. We anticipate having Brenda Papadakis as a speaker at the 2009 Show.

Programs: Lee asked for volunteers to sell Joan Shay's products after the General Meeting. Paula and Nancy volunteered to do so.

Focus Groups: Joan Hellmann and Marilyn Korn will be doing a charity focus group in November.

Community Outreach: Mary Butler reported that a photo of the makers of the Dyckman House Quilt was being taken today. The New York Times would be covering the Dyckman House event. The tour will be taking place on October 21st at 204th Street and Broadway.

By-Laws: Kitty reviewed the changes in the Guild By-Laws which will be posted on the web. We will put copies of the By-Laws at the Membership Table for those members who want to review a copy of the entire document. Larry Gifford moved that the Board accept the By-Laws as written. The motion was seconded by Denise Walsh and passed by the Board. The By-Laws will be voted on by the membership in the November General Meeting.

Rita Reid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alicia Cruz and passed by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM

Submitted By: Gail Lefton, Secretary