



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes May 10, 2008

Attendees: Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, Nancy Castel, Alicia Cruz, Lauren Dieterich, Lee Ebs, Anna Faustino, Anna Foss, Larry Gifford, Carole Hoffman, Sylvia Hughes, Linda Lee Kelly, Claire Leffel, Gail Lefton, Veronique Milliez, Beth Pile, Cindy Russell, Kitty Squire

Member Attendee: Michael Greenberg

President Jennifer Bigelow called the meeting to order at 11:05AM. Vice President Lauren Dieterich chaired part of the meeting because Jennifer had to direct the setting up of the General Meeting room.

Minutes: *Kitty Squire made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2008 meeting as written. Cindy Russell seconded the motion which was passed by the Board.*

Treasurer's Report: *Larry Gifford made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Cindy Russell and passed by the Board.*

Community Outreach: Mary Butler reported that seven or eight Empire members attended the Dykman House to celebrate the formal introduction of the reproduction quilt made by Empire members. About 100 people came to tour and attend what turned out to be a very beautiful day.

Newsletter: Kitty reported that the last Newsletter cost us \$185.00 for the eight-pager printed on copy paper, plus \$80.00 to mail. The projected income from advertising for 2008-2009 should be \$2100.00, which would bring us close to the break even point. *Cindy Russell moved that the advertising rates for the Newsletter remain the same for next year, at which time we will revisit the rate/cost ratio. The motion was seconded by Gail Lefton and passed by the Board.*

Programs: Anna Foss is working on the January, 2009 program regarding storage of fabric. Her original idea was to have a speaker from The Container Store, but that did not work out. She now is looking for members who are willing to show photos of their stash, storage etc. Prizes will be offered.

Raffle: Nancy Castel will no longer be doing raffles. We need a member to volunteer for next year. Jennifer will ask Rita Reid her plans for next year.

2009 Show: The budget has been revised again. It is attached. *Cindy Russell moved that we pass the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Bigelow and passed by the Board.* Copies of the budget will be available at the General Meeting today. It will be voted on by the General Meeting next month.

A discussion took place regarding whether the members should make ribbons for winning quilts or not. The decision was tabled and referred to the Show Committee.

Larry reported that he had received fourteen positive answers from the initial mailing he did to vendors. There were three new vendors who expressed an interest in coming to the Show. They were International Fabrics, Rainbow Dyes and French Connections.

Our raffle quilt has been named Broadway Jane. We will all be able to see it at our next meeting.

Workshops: Two teachers will teach workshops only if they can have two-day workshops. Mary Butler will bring it up at the General Meeting to see if there is any interest in these two-day classes.

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Member Sales: Jennifer mentioned that she had calls from members regarding sales of books at meetings by members who are authors. Some members wanted to know if the Guild received a percentage of these sales. After a long discussion it was decided that members should be allowed to sell their merchandise. *Anna Foss moved that members in good standing without vendor standing who had a book or invention that they wished to sell could do so without paying anything to the Guild. Said member would have to get permission to do so. The motion was seconded and passed by the Board.*

Cindy Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Anna Foss and passed by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Submitted by: Gail Lefton, Secretary