



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes December 13, 2008

Attendees: Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, Aleeda Crawley, Lauren Dieterich, Lee Ebs, Anna Faustino, Anna Foss, Sylvia Hughes, Paula Kenney, Claire Leffel, Gail Lefton, Beth Pile, Rita Reid, Cindy Russell, Gail Sanders, Kitty Squire.

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

Minutes: *Kitty Squire made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Aleeda Crawley and passed by the Board.*

Treasurer's Report: *Gail Lefton made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written. The motion was seconded by Lee Ebs and passed by the Board.*

2009 Show: Chair Paula Kenney reported that less money was coming in from the sale of raffle tickets than in 2007. In addition, members were returning tickets without money. Chair Larry Gifford will be having an operation in January but will be attending the Show meeting on January 7th. Paula Kenney will be assuming many of his responsibilities regarding Vendors at the Show. The deposits are being received from the Vendors. Advertising for the Show will be appearing in Quilter's Newsletter and the Country Register. Brenda Papadakis will be teaching a Master Class at City Quilter the weekend of the Show and City Quilter will be splitting her expenses with us.

January Meeting: Our January meeting will concern new perspectives in organizing and will be presented by Anna Foss and other members of the Guild. Anna will be speaking on this subject at the General Meeting today.

Bus Trips: Chair Aleeda Crawley reported that there are plenty of seats available for the trip to the Winterthur Museum on January 31st.

Aleeda is planning a trip to Paducah for the annual AQS Show. She is planning a 14-15 hour bus trip, with members staying for two nights. She will be supplying prices at a later date.

Library: Sylvia Hughes is leaving a list of available books at the membership table.

Nominating: Chair Paula Kenney reported progress in the nominating process. Sandy Howell has agreed to do Show and Tell. Paula will be nominated as President, and Anna Krassy will be nominated as Treasurer. The position of First Vice President is still open. Gail Lefton and Lauren Dieterich have agreed to extend their terms for one year as Secretary and 2nd Vice President respectively. Lauren will also be taking over the editing of the Newsletter.

The extension of the term for Gail and Lauren would make it possible to stagger the new positions being filled at any given time in the future. A discussion ensued regarding the best way to do this. Jennifer volunteered to write up something to update the by-laws regarding staggering the election of the Executive Board Members as well as writing something on which the membership could vote.

Miscellaneous: Kitty Squire related that a new member had used our Membership List and had emailed all of our members to promote her business. A discussion took place regarding the best way to address this. Cindy pointed out that in previous by-laws it was specified that the list could not be used without permission. Jennifer said that she would speak to the member in question as well as rewrite the section of the by-laws reflecting the proper use of the Membership List.

Cindy Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Rita Reid and passed by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.

Submitted by: Gail Lefton, Secretary