



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes March 7, 2009

Attendees: Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, Aleeda Crawley, Lee Ebs, Larry Gifford, Sylvia Hughes, Paula Kenney, Gail Lefton, Beth Pile, Kitty Squire.

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM.

Minutes: The minutes for the February meeting were not available. They will be reviewed at the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Kitty Squire informed us that we have the money to meet the Show budget. *Larry Gifford made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Paula Kenney and passed by the Board.*

2009 Show: Kitty reported that the final meeting of the Show Committee would be held on Wednesday, March 11th. We are expecting three bus trips at the Show. Larry told us that the Show would have twenty-four vendors, all of whom had paid. The Boutique will be in Seminar Room 9, and the Set-Up and Charity Committees are ready to go. We are attempting to have better signage than we had at the last show. The final proof of the program is being delivered to Emily Klainberg. There will be a map in the program with the location of the vendors. Larry commended Betty Chen for her great efforts in getting donations for raffles—all of them are being delivered to Paula Kenney.

April Meeting: The April meeting will take place in the Auditorium; this information will be put in the Newsletter. The entrance is on 27th Street and Seventh Avenue. We will need space for the vendor and Board meeting. This will be discussed in a meeting with FIT on Monday, March 9th.

Library: There will be no book sale at the end of the year. Some suggestions were made regarding how to raise money for the Library. One suggestion was to buy new books and include them in the raffle, thereby increasing the raffle revenue as well. Aleeda suggested that we buy one new book and have one person hawk it for a separate raffle. We would let everyone know that the raffle monies would go to the Library. It was the consensus that this was a good idea that we should try once or twice.

Ways and Means: Larry is looking for another idea for fund raising at the December meeting. We also need to decide whether to do a raffle quilt for next season.

NQA: Beth Pile reported that the NQA has a silent "Little Quilt" auction during their show. Beth is making a quilt and submitting it on our behalf.

Workshops and Speakers: Mary Butler has asked for ideas for these important Guild functions.

Focus Groups: Janet Randolph announced that there were 30 people who attended the focus group on color last month. In May Lauren Dieterich will be doing an intermediate color focus group.

Community Outreach: Anna Foss announced that she has received several pairs of used glasses for New Eyes for the Needy. Donations of hearing aids are also accepted. There are two drives a year—one in the Fall and one in the Spring. Anna has volunteered to take donations to the organization.

Sister and Brother Guilds: Garden State will be selling raffle tickets for their raffle quilt at the May meeting.

Cindy Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Paula Kenney and passed by the Board

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Submitted by: Gail Lefton, Secretary