



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes November 8, 2009

Attendees: Gail Lefton, Beth Pile, Mary Butler, Alice Brody, Kitty Squire, Sylvia Hughes, Aleeda Crawley, Renee Fields, Naomi Shelnut, Lauren Dieterich, Anna Krassy, Paula Kenney, Sandi Howell, Janet Randolph

President Paula Kenney called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

Minutes: *Kitty Squire made a motion to accept the minutes of October 10, 2009 as written. The motion was seconded by Alice Brody and passed by the Board.*

Treasurer's Report: *Aleeda Crawley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Renee Fields seconded the motion which was passed by the Board.*

Kitty Squire reported on the meeting which took place between Aleeda and her regarding Bus Trips. The attached report details all the trips which took place last year. She noted that every trip lost money. One of the main reasons for the losses was that buses are only available for either 15 or 49 people. Our trips average 21 people; therefore, our needs fall somewhere between the types of buses. Kitty suggested that we use only 15-person buses or that we combine with other guilds to obtain the numbers necessary for a large bus.

In addition, there are checks which Aleeda received of which Kitty has no record. Aleeda is checking with the members involved to see if they have a record of the cancelled checks. One of the venues charged us twice and we are seeking reimbursement from this facility.

Kitty pointed out that the Brooklyn guild is interested in working with other guilds and Bus Trips might be a good place to start. Aleeda mentioned that she does send information regarding trips to other guilds two months before the trip. She also stated that a smaller bus adds \$25 to \$40 per person per trip, but hereupon if the cost of the bus is not covered, the trip will be cancelled.

Beth Pile noted that trips have fallen off in the other guilds to which she belongs. She told us that Philadelphia and Lancaster have organized their own buses for their venues. The Hampton Jitney also makes trips to these places.

Paula Kenney reminded us that we promised to let the members know what had happened regarding the bus trip shortfall. She did not feel that we could do it today due to the number of visitors we would be having at our meeting. Aleeda said she would write a letter for the Newsletter and send copies to Kitty, Cindy and Paula.

Monthly Fundraiser: Chairperson Naomi Shelnut mentioned that our monthly endeavors raised \$500 in September and \$300 in October. Naomi asked for quality products for the fundraiser. She said often she is finding garbage in the donations.

Kitty announced that we will be selling tickets for the Featherweight machine donated by Janet Randolph today and next month. The drawing will take place at next month's meeting. Another fundraising idea — to have 12 people bring in a yard of a certain kind of fabric — batik, Japanese, etc., and sell tickets for that as a large prize.

Aleeda is writing grant applications for a total of \$15,000.00 which will be ready for next year.

Workshops: Chairperson Mary Butler wanted to get a consensus regarding the money being spent on workshops. For instance it is costing \$3000.00 to bring Sharon Schamber here in January. Only seven people have signed up for the two-day workshop. We need a minimum of ten people to cover her costs.

Board members reminded Mary that we had a grant to cover workshops. In addition, Sylvia Hughes suggested that many members might not know who Sharon is. She suggested more information in the Newsletter, and a copy of a book or magazine article at the Membership desk so members can learn more about the teacher. The Board agreed with Sylvia's assessment.

Kitty Squire made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Renee Fields and passed by the Board.

Gail Lefton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Submitted by: Gail Lefton, Secretary

See next page for the Bus Trip report.



Trips Accounting

Presented at the November 8, 2009 Board Meeting

TRIP			EXPENSES			DIFFERENCE
# OF PARTICIPANTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL INCOME	REASON	AMOUNT		DOLLARS
FALL FOLIAGE TRIP	AVG	BY ALEEDA'S #S				
17	\$55.00	\$930.00	BUS	\$1,550.00		\$(620.00)
WINTERTHUR						
17	\$75.00	\$1,120.00	BUS	\$2,350.00		
5	\$35.00	\$175.00	MUSEUM	\$621.00		
TOTAL		\$1,295.00		\$2,971.00		\$(1,676.00)
LANCASTER						
21	\$58.00	\$1,216.00	BUS	\$1,587.50		\$(371.50)
LOWELL						
28	\$150.00	\$4,520.00	BUS	\$3,100.00		
			HOTEL	1706.40		
			ENTRIES	\$380.00		
			EXPENSES	\$220.04		
			SACRED	\$60.00		
TOTALS		\$4,520.00		\$5,466.44		\$(946.44)
PADUCAH						
36	\$360.00	\$11,945.00	BUS	\$9,900.00		
			HOTEL	\$4,484.00		
			MUSEUM	\$190.00		
			ENTRIES	\$650.00		
TOTALS		\$11,945.00		\$15,224.00		\$(3,279.00)
SOMERSET						
28	\$45.00	\$1,225.00	BUS	\$1,587.50		
			ENTRY	\$224.00		
TOTALS		\$1,225.00		\$1,811.50		\$(586.50)
SUBTOTAL		\$21,131.00		\$28,610.44		\$(7,479.44)
MONEY COLLECTED IN 2008						\$1,970.00
CHECKS KITTY DOES NOT HAVE RECORD OF						\$1,706.00
BUS CANCELLATION						\$600.00
						\$4,276.00
GRAND TOTAL						\$(11,755.44)