



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes January 9, 2010

Attendees: Paula Kenney, Alice Brody, Lauren Dieterich, Anna Krassy, Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, Aleeda Crawley, Renee Fields, Sandi Howell, Sylvia Hughes, Veronique Milliez, Rita Reid, Kitty Squire.

Minutes:

The President called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

December 2009 Minutes: *Kitty Squire moved that the minutes for the meeting be accepted; Alice Brody seconded the motion. Motion passed by the Board.*

Treasurer's report: Kitty Squire questioned the expense regarding A. Faustino December Program. Mary Butler said this was for the workshop space.

Kitty explained that the donations expense of \$162 was for the homeless shelter party. Anna Krassy will update the records.

Alice Brody moved to accept the treasurer's report with amendments; Mary Butler seconded the motion. Motion passed by the Board.

Trips: Aleeda gave an update regarding the planned Lancaster trip. 24 people are needed and so far 9 have signed up. Deadline to sign-up and pay is the February meeting. Aleeda will speak to membership at the main meeting. If not enough sign up, the trip will be cancelled.

2011 Quilt Show: Paula Kenney indicated there is a great deal of interest in having a show, but to date, there are few volunteers. Specifically, since Kitty is not chairing the show, we need volunteers for that job.

Kitty Squire will have a meeting this afternoon (following the main meeting) about the show, including reviewing the various committees' responsibilities. Handouts are available. Kitty and Jennifer agreed to work behind the scenes with whoever agrees to chair the show.

Sylvia Hughes asked if we don't have a chair for the show, does that mean there won't be a show. Paula answered 'Yes.'

We have volunteers to chair 3 committees: Denise Walsh will chair Volunteers, Renee Fields will chair Publicity; Barbara Feinstein and Emily Klainberg will chair the Judging Committee.

Kitty suggested the show be scheduled for the weekend of March 26–27, 2011. This date was selected after looking at the calendar to avoid conflicts with major holidays (Passover, Easter) and other major shows. Jennifer will contact F.I.T. to inform them of our intent to host a show that weekend. This is to have them mark the calendar. But past experience indicates we won't be able to confirm and contract for this date until they have the academic calendar set (probably September).

Paula indicated there are many vendors interested in participating in our show — probably more than we'll be able to accommodate.

Getting Volunteers: Suggestions were made for how best to get volunteers for the show committees, including the meeting scheduled for this afternoon (including reviewing job descriptions); directly requesting specific people to take on a role — it's harder to say no when directly asked versus when an open request is made; send a note when newsletter is e-mailed reminding members there are committees that need volunteers. Kitty and Jennifer indicated that the lead team needs to be in place by February, given the amount of work that needs to be done and that many people on the committees will be new to this.

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Raffle quilt: The name is *Subway Series*. Mary Cargill has the quilt top nearly finished. The quilt needs to be appraised; Jennifer Bigelow volunteered to take the quilt to Genie Barnes in the summer to be appraised. Kitty Squire will research whether we need to register this raffle. Also, Kitty indicated that we can NOT sell raffle tickets out of state. People question the validity of this since many members live out of state and will sell tickets to people where they live. Also discussed — cannot sell tickets via the website.

February Meeting: Kitty explained that there will be 6 members leading workshops/demonstrations. She suggested that order of the meeting be

- General business meeting
- Block of the Month
- Show and Tell
- Monthly Fund raiser (this will be a 50/50 raffle only)
- Share table — so members can buy supplies before the workshops; share table will NOT be open during workshops

Then members will divide into the classes (see website and newsletter for list of classes). Sessions should be about 45 minutes.

Someone asked where to get the materials list. Answer: on-line, newsletter, or contact the class leader.

Note — vendor may sell through all but the general business meeting part of the meeting.

June meeting Vendor or Flea Market: Paula Kenney asked the Board to discuss whether to schedule a vendor or have another Members' Flea Market for the June meeting. The Board also discussed whether to plan for 2 meetings with Member Flea markets each year.

Some Board members received an e-mail suggesting that we go back to having the flea market like we used to a few years ago — where members pay 10% of what they make to the guild, rather than paying a flat rate for the table. Several people expressed concern or belief that in the past, some people didn't pay the 10% — some sold and never paid the guild anything.

The discussion concluded with consensus that we would continue to have flea market with a flat fee for tables; rates would remain \$10 for a small table and \$20 for large table. Jennifer questioned if more should be charged if the member brings shelving units to expand on their space. It was agreed that no additional charge would be made as long as the shelving unit is within the allocated space — and not expanding it.

Kitty Squire suggested that next year we should only schedule Member Flea Markets to be for a meeting that is on a Saturday. Having this in November this year, which was on a Sunday, didn't work out as well for most people. This suggestion was agreed. Sandi Howell suggested that the first flea market next year be held in October.

The Board agreed to have a Members' Flea Market at the June 2010 meeting. Ways and Means is responsible to organize this and manage member sign-up.

Other: Paula Kenney reminded the Board that all members should be wearing their membership cards so it is easier to monitor attendance of member-only activities.

Rita Reid moved to adjourn the Board meeting; Renee Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. by the President.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Bigelow — Member at large.