



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes April 10, 2010

President Paula Kenney called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Attendees: Gail Lefton, Aleeda Crawley, Veronique Milliez, Mindy Wexler-Marks, Sylvia Hughes, Janet Randolph, Mary Butler, Kitty Squire, Lisa Kehrle, Debra Levin, Alice Brody, Beth Pile, Paula Kenney, Anna Krassy, Jennifer Bigelow, Anna Foss, Sandi Howell, Naomi Shelnut

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Anna Krassy pointed out the bus trip to Lancaster made a profit. *Gail Lefton made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. The motion was seconded by Alice Brody and passed by the Board.*

Show: Mary Cargill will be getting a floor stand so more than one person can quilt at one time. We will be getting a license from the NYS Gaming Commission for the raffling of the Quilt. This license will have to be renewed on January 1st of 2011. Lisa Kehrle presented the budget for the Show. *Kitty Squire made a motion to accept the budget for the Show and to have the Membership vote on it at the meeting in May. The motion was seconded and passed.*

Membership: Kitty stated that we had 150 senior members and 223 regular members. She proposed raising the membership fees to \$60.00 for regular memberships and \$40.00 for seniors, and to eliminate special fees for students. A discussion ensued with the following results:

Naomi Shelnut made a motion to increase the yearly dues for all members to \$55.00. If a member wants their Newsletter mailed to them they will be assessed an extra charge of \$5.00 per year. The motion was seconded and passed by the Board.

It was decided that Paula would present the proposal for dues to the membership at the General Meeting today, and the members will vote today. Anyone who wants to pay next year's dues today may do so at the new rate. If they wish to join today they will have to pay this year's dues.

Aleeda Crawley made a motion to change the By-Laws to read that the question of membership dues be reviewed at least every two years. This motion was seconded and passed. It was decided that Jennifer will write the proposal for the Newsletter and that it would be voted on at the May General Meeting.

Library: Sylvia Hughes will not be at the next meeting. Tina Barth, along with Sylvia's friend Pat Henry, will be in charge of the Library in her absence.

Quilter of the Month: Debra Levin wanted to know if we wanted to revise the number of times we had a Quilter of the Month presentation. It was decided to have QOM four times a year for approximately ten minutes. Out of respect for the QOM, it was also suggested that this presentation be the first item on the agenda.

Donations: Renee Fields presented her idea to have a donation program for anyone who wanted to make a donation in honor or memory of someone he/she knows. They would receive an acknowledgment card with a picture of our raffle quilt on the front. The first cards will have the Broadway Jane quilt on the front. *Kitty made a motion that the proceeds from this program will be given to the general fund. Larry Gifford seconded the motion which was passed by the Board.*

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Show and Tell: Sandi Howell mentioned that she would not be here next month to conduct Show and Tell. Anna Foss volunteered to fill in for Sandi.

Miscellaneous: Aleeda noted that the Garden State Quilters are having a Show in May, 2011. She asked if they could rent our drapes and poles for their show. Larry explained that although we own the drapes, which they can rent, they will have to deal directly with the other guilds which own the poles.

Jennifer Bigelow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Submitted by: Gail Lefton