

Quilters Unlimited Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2017 Meeting

12 SC Members Present – Peggy Allen, Kerry Cohen, Linda Stright, Karen Skinner, Karen Kunz, Marsha Walper, Jeanne Brenner, Judy Rainbrook, Laura Keller, Pam Doffek, Sue Issac and Betty Rinkel.

Peggy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Old Business:

Peggy received an emailed letter from Denise Vinson, current President-Elect, resigning from the position effective immediately. The letter was given to the secretary for records keeping.

Peggy mention that Barbara Wiggins, Programs Chair, was having hip surgery and wanted to have reminder in newsletter about the June program of “Trash to Treasures.”

Betty said she had not received very many entries for the quilt show. Sue Issac noted that the entry submissions were not being emailed to Betty, only Barbara. This seems to be why Betty did not have many entries. They will work together to get Betty the full information and change form to email her in future.

Peggy received an email from a lady that wanted to post wooden craft/quilt hangers for sale on our Fabebook page. Karen Skinner noted that this had come up previously and she had discussed with Kerry as Publicity Chair and Jessica Duke as previous web coordinator as both are also the Facebook admins. It was noted that the page was to focus on what the quild was doing, not to be a forum for open discussion or product sales. Karen stated we could create another group page to allow for discussion by members only, but someone would have to administer that. Sales by those not within the guild could be problematic and we have the classified ads in the newsletter for members to post for sale items. All agreed that was the best position to have for the Fabebook page currently.

Peggy said Heather Strickland, treasurer, was not present due to her son being ill.

Peggy mentioned that the Audit committee had convened and submitted their report. Linda Brooks, Pam Doffek and Peggy Clark completed the 2016 audit for the guild. They reported 100% verification, net income of \$5,246.70, and the guild was solvent and on budget. The full report was given to the secretary for records keeping.

Karen Skinner noted the nominating committee had received an email from Janice France expressing her interest to be on the ballot for Treasurer next year. Others on the nominating committee include Shelley Bertels, Sue Skornia and they are looking for one more interested person. It was agreed that we would do an email blast and post in the newsletter about the President-Elect vacancy.

By-laws Change: The Treasurer issue has been tabled for the time being. Peggy and Karen will work on getting a email blast out for changing the current by-laws to say “no more” than three consecutive terms to the general membership for possible voting in July.

Reports for Committees:

Opportunity Quilt (2017): Karen Kunz reported \$1,196 in ticket sales. Bernina Connection displayed the quilt in their shop for 5 weeks. We discussed seeing if Sew Noles would be interested in doing so also.

Workshops: Jeanne reported that the Sharon Chamber workshops ended up being pricey. Tickets and travel were more than originally estimated and she had not been given the final bill yet. There were 13 in Friday's and 18 in Saturday's classes. Karen Skinner mentioned charging a fee for guests on the meeting night where we have a special guest lecturer/trunk show. This was discussed and noted as common around the area at other guilds and shops. A possible \$10 charge was mentioned. Discussion about doing this for the Ocala teacher coming in September circulated, but no decision was made on implementing this for this year or waiting until next May. Jeanne noted three people signed up after the meeting Thursday night for workshops. The September workshops are not full, but waiting until July to open to the public.

Awards Committee: Marsha Walper informed us there will be an announcement in the newsletter for the Distinguished Quilter Award.

Opportunity Quilt (2018): Marsha noted that the top was ready for quilting and Robin Wolfe will quilt it. We will wait until after this year's quilt show closes to reveal the finished quilt.

Membership: Laura made a suggestion to get volunteers to call up last month's visitors before the next meeting to remind them about the date. She also proposed having long term volunteers act as "buddies" at the meetings for new members or guests to show them around all the tables. All agreed this was great idea, but Laura needs to get volunteers to sign up for this.

Website: Sue asked if there were any committee notebook files to be updated, to send them to her for website posting. She also added photos of Sharon Chamber's quilts to the Show & Tell and the Programs pages of our website.

Newsletter: Karen Skinner noted earlier deadline of 5/27 for June. Since the classifieds as part of the newsletter had been working well, it was agreed to drop the Helping Hands email alias that costs \$3.

Philanthropy: Judy said the Jail Project would stop collecting sewing machines as it had become time consuming and a physical burden. They have given out 25 machines, with a possible 2 more to be handed out.

Challenge Quilts: Linda Stright noted turn in will be from 1-4 on July guild meeting day. This won't interfere with the sit n sew at the room.

New Business:

Karen Kunz mentioned having a couple tables at the June meeting for the guild to sell donated items. This was agreed upon and would be included in the newsletter and the email blast to members to bring in donations for the table. Proceeds will go to the guild and unsold items donated to one of our philanthropic groups.

Peggy wants to have a new members party as a President's Activity. The Bradford School is available for rental for \$35, has lots of parking, no stove, max of 40 people. After discussion, July 23 was settled and SC members will bring snacks for the event. Written invitations will be handled by Peggy. We will do a meet and greet, give a brief overview of all the activities and committees and possibly do a nametag activity.

The mention of nametags brought up whether they were required to enter for a door prize. No written policy in our P&P. Pam Doffek moved we make names not a requirement for participation in the door prize drawing and guest would be allowed to enter. Karen Skinner seconded. After discussion, the vote was 4 in favor, 7 against. This will be brought up at the next SC meeting for discussion with the door prize chair and voting on wording for a P&P policy.

Next SC meeting is 7/18. Peggy noted that we had to move the September SC meeting to 9/12 since the regular Tuesday was part of High Holy week and we didn't want to interfere with Temple Israel's activities.

Peggy moved to adjourn and Kerry seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Kerry Cohen, QU Secretary