



Quilters Unlimited

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STEERING COMMITTEE

May 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at Fellowship Presbyterian Church by President Karen Skinner. Those attending were Nancy O'Rourke, Silent Auction; Linda Davis, Show & Tell; Betty Rinkel, Audiovisual; Roberta Granville, Programs; Marsha Walper, Sit-n-Stitch; Stephanie Guttman, Audit; Kris Klob, Door Prizes; Karen Kunz, Silent Auction; Jean Brenner, Workshop & Library; Sue Skornia, Welcome; Pam Doffek, Vice-President; Karen Skinner; and Judy Stricklin, Secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting had been approved via email. Karen noted that dates of upcoming Steering Committee meetings can be found in the "Events" column on our website.

OLD BUSINESS

At the last General Meeting the membership unanimously voted to increase yearly dues to \$30 beginning January 1, 2016. This increase should cover core costs of the guild in 2016.

The Location Search committee has investigated a number of locations and has recommended moving General Meetings to Temple Israel. They have a large room with no columns and would charge \$750 per year. There are no scheduling conflicts for the next few years, and the space might be available for daytime events on Thursdays. However, there is a scheduling conflict with Steering Committee meetings on Tuesday; we could change to Monday or Wednesday, or meet elsewhere. Stephanie Guttman, who attends Temple Israel, offered to talk with anyone who feels uncomfortable about an unfamiliar place of worship. A motion was made by Pam Doffek to move General Meetings to Temple Israel, it was seconded by everyone, and the vote was unanimously in favor. It was agreed to move the meeting as of July, and to make our scheduled quarterly donation to Thomasville Road Baptist at the end of June.

The issue of mailing newsletters to members who do not receive them electronically was again discussed, as our intent from the last meeting was not clear. Review of the by-laws shows that there is no requirement that newsletters be provided to each member, and the number being mailed has decreased to 20. After discussion, Pam Doffek moved that members desiring a mailed newsletter provide a letter-size stamped self-addressed envelope at least 30 days in advance, Kris Klob seconded, and the vote was in favor.

Plans continue for the Sewing Party on June 13. Karen reports she has 13 definite "yeses" and 8 "maybes", and expects more members to come at the last minute. She will be sending them specifics on programs, and requested teachers to provide a short description of activities and any supplies needed.

NEW BUSINESS

An audit for 2014 has been done by Stephanie Guttman. She had done an audit in 2012 but not 2013, and indicated she was willing to do that. She recommended a better system of accounting for cash, and developed a proposed form for this. She also suggested a formal

policy for approved vendors.

Marsha Walper reported on a suggested change to the door prize at General Meetings. Beginning in January 2016, this would be replaced by a single "Quilter's Treasure" for which members would purchase tickets (suggested \$1.00 each or 10 for \$5.00) for a drawing. Part of the proceeds would go to the door prize committee for purchasing items for future "quilter's treasures" and part would go to the guild treasury. After discussion, a motion was made by Marsha to do this on a trial basis, Kris Klob seconded. This vote was affirmative but not unanimous.

Nancy O'Rourke and Karen Kunz reported on the Silent Auction, now renamed Quilters Unlimited Boutique. They have secured a table at Bradley's Country Days and are seeking other venues. Pictures have been posted on the QU Facebook page and there are advertising possibilities through our COCA membership. Pam Doffek will get information about on-line auctions.

Taloofa Fest in Midtown was the site for Opportunity Quilt ticket sales by Pam Doffek, Betty Rinkel, Susan Isaac, and Jeannette Iriye. Although they only sold \$20 in tickets, they felt that the community outreach was worthwhile. Betty has contacts at Mission San Luis and will check possibilities there.

Members of the committee to choose a Distinguished Quilter have been designated: Pam Doffek, Sue Skornia, Linda Dozier, Maureen O'Doogan, Jean Brenner, Marsha Wallper, and Karen Skinner. They have discussed some possible nominees, and whether to nominate anyone at all this year. There was discussion concerning this with members noting that there have been years with no Distinguished Quilter, and that the amount budgeted for a gift certificate is not as significant as the awards given previously.

A subcommittee is working on a draft of revisions to the by-laws.

Karen again described the concept of a Bragging Quilt which would highlight the guild's philanthropic projects and community services. As an example, since it is traditional for the President to give her Steering committee members a thank you gift, she distributed small wall-hangings with "Quilters Unlimited" embroidered on them. The embroidered words would also be embroidered on the Bragging Quilt.

Marsha Walper previewed the June program which has a theme of "Ships and Seas" and asked if anyone had a "Storm at Sea" quilt she could use as an example.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on July 14 at a location yet to be determined although Pam Doffek noted that space at her library is available during summer months.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Stricklin