

QC Eboard minutes 3/23

Meeting called to order at 7p at the home of Elaine Stone. Present were Jessica, Ann, Elaine, Irene, Susan, and Deborah.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer submitted the current budget and 3-month report. QC is in the black. Toward creating a budget for the coming year, the board analyzed the current year's, and a number of line-items were reviewed, beginning with a request from the scholarship committee for an additional \$1000 of resources:

The amount budgeted for scholarship is \$1000, which is 2.5% of QC's operating budget. This amount goes to benefit only four members of the group per year, which in a cost-to-benefit ratio seems a bit lop-sided. The board discussed the idea of spreading the money among more than 4 recipients. The board decided we need to know more details about the workings of the scholarship program: how many grants have been rewarded and, over the years, which members have benefited. Resolved: we will read the guidelines published in the website. The scholarship committee is eager to provide more funds for scholarship grants, and is ready to fund-raise to do so. The board applauds their dedication, however any such fund-raising efforts must be submitted to the board and approved before going into action.

An additional request from Susan Sapolsky, the QC historian, for funds to print up photos of quilt shows was discussed.

Membership co-chair brought up the subject of saving money by foregoing the use of plastic sleeves for name tags, and also that we need to provide an alternative to printing up the tags, as Mr. Howard will no longer be able to do this for us. Also, she will now offer the membership renewal form only through the website, foregoing the need to print it in Quiltations.

Can the sales table budget be reduced?

Ways to make the show more profitable were discussed, and some ideas thrown onto the table were: going to an every-other-year show, adjusting the hours of operation to reflect the more heavily attended hours is a possibility, charging 1/2 price admission for guests on member's night also a possibility; the board compared QC's show and policies to those of other guilds, and decided to discuss the issue in more detail when the quilt show chair is present. The raffle quilt is not generating income like it used to, and perhaps the raffle quilt and the challenge quilts could be done on alternating years. This issue will be discussed after the quilt show.

NEQM is asking for support, and they advertise our quilt show. The board feels the museum needs also to be more supportive and appreciative of the guilds.

The board will invite Suzanne Knapp and Jeanne Williamson to be recognized for their dedicated service to the guild at the May meeting. The president has guided City Quilt of NYC to QC's website for the information they requested. The guild did not participate in the email blast for the Ricky Tims seminar, simply informed the membership via the Yahoo group. The president also charged the board members with the task of reading all guidelines and documents on the website in order to familiarize themselves with the details of QC life.

Program chair submitted a schedule arduously worked out with the ACA. The schedule is final with one clarification needed from the ACA for the October date. Speakers have been lined up and once clarification has been received, contracts can be sent and bookings finalized. The ACA has allowed workshops in the schedule for September and May, which may not be used.

The next Eboard meeting will be April 12 at 5:30 at Panera Bread in Watertown. In the interest of saving time at the next meeting, the secretary asked that members read the

minutes of this meeting, which will be emailed to them; also that members send approval through email. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20p.