

QC EBoard minutes 11/17

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm at Elaine Stone's house in Lexington, MA. Present were Jessica Leger, Deborah Rocha, Ann Bonsett, Irene Dwyer, Elaine Stone, Melissa Radzysinski, Susan Stemporzewski, Stefanie Laurin, and Nancy Wasserman

The Board agreed to begin with details for the getaway weekend from Nancy so that she could leave early. The Silver Fox Inn in Waterville Valley, NH has offered these conditions: Fri/Sat nights for between 12 - 32 participants with a workroom available that will easily fit up to 32 people with sewing machines; \$175/person double occupancy or \$275/person single; includes breakfast and lunch. To reserve a spot a deposit must be made upon the reservation. The details of the getaway will be announced in the Jan. newsletter. It is possible that area quilt shops will offer the getaway participants a discount.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Ann moved, Elaine seconded and all voted in favor.

New Business: The treasurer traced the outstanding UPS charge to the snailmail printing charges for the newsletter, however the September newsletter was not submitted to the regular UPS store, so the mystery remains. At a total bill of \$235, the bookmarks announcing the future quilt show come out to around 10 cents each. A few will be mailed to each guild, but will not be placed out for members to help themselves. A new expense is \$335 for raffle tickets and \$35 for a photo of the raffle quilt. The profitability of the raffle quilt needs to be studied. Other ways to raise raffle funds could include increasing the membership dues, automatically including raffle tickets in the membership. The point is to assure that the membership buys 10 raffle tickets each. The treasurer will study the amount of new charges the ACA claims we owe them. Cost-of-living changes should follow the official rate. All QC budgets are projected from one year to the next and this is why the budget is closed out every fiscal year and then begun again. The treasurer will include a detailed survey of the raffle quilt expenses and earnings in the next Quiltations. The possibility of directing funds of future raffle quilts to specific charities was discussed, since several guilds have found great success this way.

The scholarship policy needs to be revisited. Would it be better to spread the wealth among more members, perhaps use the funds to help many members participate in QC workshops and getaways instead of dividing the scholarship budget among only four or so recipients.

Currently the QC budget is solvent and we will try not to dip into savings.

There are associate members who abuse their status. The definition of associate member is one who is allowed to attend two meetings and to exhibit in the quilt show. Some associate members attend more meetings than those allotted them, without paying the guest fee. An article will be placed in the newsletter reminding members of the rules.

There was a glitch in the membership booklet and two extra pages will be handed out to members to fill out the booklet.

All tables for the November Extravaganza have been sold. The funds, \$156, will be used for refreshments. Set-up is at 5p, there will not be a charge for guests. The speaker has requested canned goods in lieu of payment, and also that her xerox charges for handouts be reimbursed. There will be a short business meeting for announcements and to vote on the change in the newsletter/member-at-large spot on the EBoard.

New Business: The raffle quilt made \$52 at the Gathering. The board debated ideas about how to encourage the membership to buy their raffle tickets in order to raise funds on the quilt. A letter will be included in the raffle quilt ticket envelopes explaining the importance of purchasing at least the ten tickets issued to each member, if not selling

more tickets on behalf of the guild. The raffle tickets will be handed out at the January meeting, and anyone purchasing their ten tickets outright at that meeting will receive a fat quarter plus a chance for a gift basket.

The feasibility of continuing to produce a raffle quilt and to market it needs to be studied. Several alternatives were discussed: raffle baskets, silent auction of donated items or themed baskets, bunches of fat quarters donated by members, etc.

The NEQM is soliciting a quilt from every guild celebrating some aspect of New England. The quilt is due June 30.

The VP attended a program at the NEQM aimed at helping guilds to evaluate and to coordinate speakers. The growing stipends charged by speakers was discussed. The EBoard discussed also the idea of reserving a room at the museum for an all-day sewing event during which members of the guild could get to know the museum staff better.

The next EBoard meeting will be Jan 19, 2010. The President adjourned the meeting at 9p with an assignment to the board to be thinking about ideas for promoting the raffle quilt. Deborah seconded and all voted in favor.