

## 8/27 QC Eboard minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:15p at Elaine Stone's home. Present were Irene, Elaine, Ann, Susan and Deborah. The minutes of the previous meeting had been approved by the board over email, with one amendment suggested, and that amendment was approved by the board.

Ann handed the board copies of the program materials including the 2010-2011 calendar, Workshop registration information, workshop sign-up form, FAQ's, and workshop descriptions, all of which are available to the general membership on the website. There is one errata: Jennifer Beaven's lecture is on Tuesday, March 1, not Monday, March 1, 2011. The contracts for speakers from out of the country are more complicated, but all have been finalized. QC needs to provide lodging for Jennifer Beaven and for Sylvia Naylor.

The first meeting of the QC year will be Sep 20. Nancy Howard will be presiding over the new member's reception. Ann Bonsett will host the Show'n'Tell. Susan Sopolski will photograph the quilts shown.

The board discussed the proposed survey. Wishing to keep the survey very comprehensive, it was proposed to include only three questions:

1. Should QC maintain a yearly quilt show, or do a show every other year,
  2. Should QC alternate fundraising efforts between a raffle quilt and a quilt challenge,
  3. When the ACA contract comes up for renewal, should QC renew its relationship with the ACA or procure a different locale in which to hold our meetings/workshops?
- If you answered 'procure a different locale', would you be willing to serve on the relocation committee?

QC has 45 new members. Susan is coordinating with Nancy Howard to communicate the details of the first meeting, including the reception and workshop sign-up, to the new members well before Sep 20. Total membership is 388 paid and 4 as yet unpaid; breaking down into 312 regular members, 72 associate members, and 3 international members. The booklet and badges will be ready to distribute by the first meeting. Ann suggested including the names of the committee chairs in the booklet.

The subject of taking attendance was discussed, including using a basket raffle to encourage members to use their nametags and to record their attendance. Susan has several members willing to volunteer to help her take attendance before each meeting.

Irene gave the board an update on the good finances of the guild. We need to keep in mind that there is a possibility that we may need to move, and even if we stay at the ACA the rent will no doubt increase in 2012. To that end, the board encouraged the Treasurer to augment the amount the guild holds in savings for either inevitability. Various money-making endeavors were discussed, including using raffle baskets to raise funds.

Jessica and Elaine will hand deliver the donations derived from the quilt show to the ACA and NEQM. The board discussed including the American Textile History Museum as one of our donation recipients. The idea of organizing a few carloads of members to visit the Museum along with the Western Avenue Studios in Lowell was discussed.

Concord Piecemakers has a 30-minute demonstration provided by a guild member before every meeting. The board would like to see more sharing of skills between members.

Deborah moved the meeting close at 9p. Irene seconded and all voted in favor.