

RMCQ Board Meeting 12/07/11

Hosted by Kit Dunsmore

Attendees: Kit Dunsmore, Kay Jones, Charlotte Jackson, Susie Harvey, Annie Miller, Lorraine Spindler, Julie Wilson, Judy Gilmore, Gail Zirtzloff

Kit called the meeting to order at 4:12 with jingle bells!

Kay moved to approve the minutes and Susie seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Kay reported the monthly balance at \$11,011.88. Over \$300 of cards were sold at Bath Nursery from critique group show. Maybe we could sell single cards at quilt show? \$750.00 of note cards have been sold – perhaps we could do an email blast to call Kay at home for calendars or cards. Annie suggested putting a section on the website to promote calendars and cards with a button to direct to information about purchasing them.

Newsletter

Judy has talked to Joan who will do the next newsletter and then Judy will take over. That will be the February newsletter with a deadline of January 27. Mary Grande is newsletter person on Programs and will send their items. Show & Tell will send information in as well.

Website

Currently, the website says there is a profit/loss statement from 2009 on the minutes page. Annie can delete this. Susie moved to make the deletion, Judy seconded, and motion carried.

Annie has been working on the archive page and has organized it into more user-friendly charts. If you notice a link that does not work, let her know.

Committee Reports

Program

- Susie reported that the calendar only has June still unscheduled. We have a class scheduled with every presenter and we need to be sure to fill the classes. We have Heather Thomas scheduled in March. Mary McCauley needs a contract by end of year, and we do have the contract signed with Avenir/Linda Carlson. The fee for Lenore Crawford's workshop will be \$75.00 since her class fee is higher.

Membership

- Julie is sending letters to all new members and visitors thanking them for attending and inviting them to the next meeting and to visit the website. Nancy also hands out details about the guild when they sign up.

Show & Tell

- Gail Zirtzlaff has volunteered to host the show and tell portion of meetings! Judy Donaldson has long t-pins for mounting the quilts. Discussion about different themes for the show and tell: Small groups could do a night, first/last quilts, seasons, architecture, animals? Even if we have a theme we still want to have quilts that are recently finished and any workshop results. There will be no show and tell at the January meeting since it's at the Avenir.

Small Groups

- Julie will submit an article for the February newsletter on small groups. There will be new launches in May and September. Annie will put a button on the website for information.

Philanthropy

- Kit reported for Charlotte that we now have 40 quilts for Adoption Dreams Come True which will supply them for more than a year. We are now on for their board to attend our February meeting for presentation of the quilts. We need someone to chair this committee and need more members on the committee. The committee will need to choose a new project.

Business Sponsorship

- Kit reported the committee met and discussed the need to get this going. We can allow the sponsorship for an annual flat fee; information about the business will be in newsletter; the list of sponsors will be on the website with links to the business websites. The standard format in the newsletter will be a sidebar on first page of newsletter. The committee will be sure to be in good contact with both the newsletter and the website.

Miscellaneous

The proposed budget for the year was discussed. The programs and speakers are what make the guild interesting every month. Travel and hotels are the most expensive parts of bringing in speakers. Check into hospitality sponsors for speakers – this would save on hotel rooms. Managing expenses really depends on full classrooms for the workshops. Last year's membership was 115. We need to increase membership and hopefully, the business sponsorships will add some additional funding for savings. The budget may need some adjustment through the year. Julie motioned, Susie seconded, and the budget was approved for presentation at the general meeting.

Bylaws should be changed to include business sponsorships. Changes to the bylaws will take some time. Initial proposed revisions include business sponsors, timing for newly elected officers to take their positions, change wording to "records" being passed, and possibly more. We also need to be sure we

keep our tax exempt status which involves keeping up with reporting to the IRS, no person on the board can be making money from group activities, and no activities can generate large incomes.

Patti Joy has recommended a sitting committee for bylaws. Action will be taken next year to develop this committee.

New Business

Should we have membership cards? Membership person will need to work on this. Further suggestions were for "guest of" membership and possibly a punch card for guests.

We still need people for membership, programs, bylaws, philanthropy, and we need someone to head up business memberships.

Next meeting will be January 25 at Annie's house.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45.