

Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters

December 10th Meeting at REA Building

The meeting attendees included: Linda Hibbert, Kit Robinson (Treasurer), Darlene Bengford, Jean Poland (Website), Tina Hickman, Landreth Hamil, Vicky Anderson, Julie Breidt (Secretary), Stephanie Patterson (President), Kelly Gallagher-Abbott (VP Programs).

Welcome to all attendees.

A motion was made to distribute the meeting minutes to the committee list. The minutes will be approved at the next meeting then Jean will post them on the website. This was voted on and approved. Last month's minutes were not viewed by most of the committee, but will be posted by Jean and changes made if needed.

Our next meeting will be January 7th at Stephanie's house at 6:30 pm. We will be doing final planning for the January 14th meeting from 6:30 to 9:15 pm at the Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive.

Membership: Tina has had 50 people join as members so far. Membership is \$30 per year and it is \$5 for a guest to come to the meetings.

Website: Jean Poland has been updating and making adjustments on an ongoing basis. It looks great, but she is open to suggestions from users. The site is full of information, so go check it out.

Treasurer's Report: We have about \$3300 in the bank account now. Kit has set up a budget for the coming year, but the quilt show revenue and expenses are a major unknown at this time. Our group is getting a state sales tax license this month.

2008 Calender: We have sold 90 resale and 48 wholesale so far. They have been very popular and we are in the process to make more of them. If anyone wants to take them to area quilt shops to sell more of them, please contact Kelly to get them from her. After January they won't sell as well, so consider getting them out to the shops as soon as possible. The calendars have also been great gifts from our group to businesses that have helped get the word out about us.

Garage Sale: Stephanie reported that it made \$1,527.00 and was a great success. We still have things left over for another sale in the spring.

RMC Quilter's Quilt show: Help is needed to get things going and a meeting just about this show will be held Thursday, December 13th, noon at the Presser Foot. Jean mentioned she has a computer program that helps organize the planning process for an event of this size.

Newsletter: Kelly, Janet Schramke and Kathy Lewis are putting together a wonderful newsletter in a timely manner. If you have information to include, please contact Janet to let her know to expect your addition. All contributions are welcome, it just helps her job of organizing the pages to know what to expect.

Publicity: Vicky Anderson will be our publicity chairperson for the group and for the quilt show. She is the publisher of quilting magazines and has a lot of experience with advertizing. She will sell her magazines at the meeting and give \$5 back to our group for each sold.

Programs: The newsletter has the speakers and upcoming events. Our meeting in April will be a wine and cheese at MOCA. Perhaps in June we would have a garden meeting at Gwen Hatchette's. Kelly went over the contracts we would sign with the speakers. As she has been an invited speaker in the past, she was able to make the contracts as thorough as possible. We read through them and small changes were made to the contracts. We discussed if a speaker can't make a meeting, what to do. If weather is the problem for the speaker then the weather is a problem for us and we would cancel. If the speaker cancels, or is sick, then we would have the meeting and do more introductions and show and tells. Scramble in other words, but the meeting would happen. Gwen Hatchette and Kelly were thinking of doing a mask embellishing challenge. For \$10, members would buy a blank mask and embellish it for the March meeting. We would have the masks out on display at the meeting and vote on them. We then could also display them at the quilt show in August.

Hospitality: For the monthly meetings, it was thought volunteers could bring cookies. Darlene Bengford will organize this.

It was voted on and agreed to that we would give \$25 per month to the chairperson of the website and newsletter committees. These are positions that require more hours and expertise than the other board positions. Replacing these positions with outside resources, would be expensive and poor workmanship in these highly visible areas effects our first impressions with people.

New Business: CJ DiGristine was interested if we would want to sell name tags to the members. It would be durable and generate a little more money. Everyone thought it sounded ok. Our logo would be on the tags and a place for names.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Breidt, secretary of Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters