

Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters

Board Meeting Minutes, January 31, 2008

The meeting attendees were: Cathy Lewis(Quilt Show), Kit Robinson (Treasurer), Darlene Bengford(Hospitality), Jean Poland (Website), Tina Hickman(membership), Christi Beckman, Kathy Nicolai(Quilt Show), Susie Ratslaff(Philanthropy), Julie Breidt (Secretary), Stephanie Patterson (President), Kelly Gallagher-Abbott (VP Programs).

The next general meeting is Feb. 11th at the Senior Center from 6:30 to 9:15 pm.

All future board meetings will be held the last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Stephanie's beautiful house. The next meeting is February 28th.

Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Kit Robinson handed out the current cash flow budget, financial statements, balance sheet and income statement, for January 2008 and answered questions about them. We are doing well – all good news.

February program: We will add a short break of 5 minutes before the speaker. More chairs will be put out for seating (150). New people will have different tags than the members so we can see the new people to welcome them. The workshop will be on Feb 16th, from 9-4. A second workshop will be given on Sunday, Feb 17th, same times, due to high interest levels. Patt Blair will sell paints at the class. After Patt Blair speaks at the general meeting, there will be room for more people to sign up for the workshop. Darlene will have a note on the newsletter asking members to bring food to share to the meetings. People ate a lot at the first meeting. The board was asked to continue to greet people and create a welcoming environment. Many positive comments were given to us for the first meeting.

Membership: Tina announced that we are at 122 members and have 100 still on the interested list. Christi mentioned inviting the CSU Fiber and Textile Department/students to our meeting as guests. It was discussed that while we are "small" we could do this type of outreach to the community. Others liked the idea. Other groups may be suggested at future meetings of the board. Tina also mentioned that the members have a high interest in small groups. After the quilt show, we would get a Small Group Chair and pursue it more.

Upcoming events:

Masks: 22 have signed up and Kelly will take about 20 more to the next meeting to sign up more people. Kelly thought Gwen might be willing to supply a few masks as examples to help pique interest.

March: Bob of Make It Sew will talk about machine maintenance in general. He will offer a workshop that people can bring their machines to and get more specific guidance. He is willing to do one workshop the Saturday following the general meeting and perhaps another workshop the following month.

April: Patty Hawkins might do a workshop. Kelly will work with Patty to set up this.

May: Kelly will present Christine Dabbs as the featured artist of the quilt show and show examples of her work. We will also photograph and measure quilts that the members want to have in the quilt show. This will be our big “Let’s get excited for the quilt show” event. We will want to have sign-ups for volunteering in the back of the room.

Website: Jean has “hidden” the committee’s personal email accounts so that junk mail will be reduced. People will email to a holding place and not use our personal email account to reach us. Our current system of members wishing to have their quilts posted on the website do so by contacting Jean directly is working well. She is also working on the quilt show entries being online.

Newsletter: Janet will send it out after Friday at 5pm, until then any changes can be made.

Publicity: Vicki will present at the general meeting the types of sponsorship available for the quilt show. Vicki’s business, Meandering Publishing, will sponsor the first place viewer’s choice award of \$250. A second place award of \$150 will also be given out. Stephanie Patterson will sponsor the aprons and gloves that that volunteers will wear during the show.

Door prizes need to be replenished. Tina will be able to supply them for February and March.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Breidt, Secretary of Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters