

## Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters Board Meeting Minutes

**Date: December 15, 2008**

Time: 12:00-2:00pm

Location: Cookie Warner's home: 3903 Westfield Ct., Fort Collins, CO

### Attendance:

Cookie Warner, Janet Pugh, Kay Jones, Annie Miller, Maxine Carlstedt, Carol Anderson , Darlene Bengford, Landreth Hamil, Rebecca Judson,

Cookie Warner, President, called the meeting to order.

The 2008 secretary and treasurer were absent so there were no reports from those officers.

### Program/Workshops:

Maxine had a meeting of the program committee, 5 members attended. The programs scheduled for 2009 so far have been printed in the newsletter. A motion was made by Janet Pugh and seconded by Landreth that the RMCQ President may take workshops without paying the fee during her term, and that whichever member of the Program committee is in charge of a workshop does not have to pay a fee. The motion passed and will be in effect as of January, 2009.

### Hospitality:

Rebecca will have signup sheets at the meetings for volunteers who would like to provide refreshments at future meetings. Another suggestion was to place a donation jar near the refreshments table.

### Fund raising:

An idea for a studio tour much like home or garden tours was suggested. Everyone liked this idea. Cookie will ask for a show of hands of interest in this at the January meeting. Tickets would be sold and people would be given a booklet with addresses and maps for the tour. A suggested tour price was \$10. The tour would be some time in the summer. Landreth will check into the necessity and the particulars of event insurance for this.

### Small groups/education:

Carol needs volunteers for this committee. Kay will go through the membership lists to look for members who expressed interest in helping on this committee (and others).

### Membership:

Everyone is encouraged to pay dues if they have not already done so. We need at least 80 members to pay for the Senior Center venue. Other venues were discussed. The Lincoln Center is more expensive. A concern was expressed about moving the meeting venue around. People might not come if they can't remember the location for that month. Cutting the coffee service at the Senior Center would only save \$15. The consensus was that this service is worth the price. Other advantages of the Senior Center are the fabric walls for displaying quilts, the central location and the favorable setup for speakers. Meetings located

at other venues besides the Senior Center need plenty of advance notice. Any change in venue should consider first the needs of the speaker.

The difficulty of finding contact information was discussed. It was decided that people should be asked if they want their contact information published in a directory and that a directory be posted on the website or hard copies published. Most groups do have directories.

#### Publicity:

Landreth suggested networking among other regional quilting groups. We could share our program schedule and ask if they would print it in their newsletters and RMCQ could reciprocate. Everyone thought this was a good idea and encouraged Landreth to contact the other groups. Landreth would like everyone to look at the website and think about improvements and other internet publicity ideas to discuss at the next board meeting.

Show and Tell: Diane Smith may be interested in handling the Show and Tell. It was decided that the show and tell forms are unnecessary. At the meetings, Cookie will remind people to bring quilts (even if unfinished) from the most recent workshop. There will be a break after the Show and Tell. Quilters will be asked to remain by their quilts (if they wish) so people can chat informally at the break. Maxine commented that themes help people think about a quilt that they could bring in for that month. A theme would just be a suggestion. Of course, any quilt can be shown.

Door Prizes: Cookie suggested getting rid of the door prizes. There was a discussion about having a raffle/donation to participate in the door prize. Other quilt groups have done this but the returns small for the effort involved. If we did this, we would need a chair and a committee. The previous person responsible for this did purchase some items but this is not part of our budget. There was at one time a letter for soliciting door prizes from businesses but it was never used. Janet mentioned that speakers are encouraged to give a donation or in-kind item. Since the door prizes are not the main enticement for people to come to the meetings, the consensus was that this is not so important. Landreth will find out more about how other groups handle door prizes. There will not be any door prizes at the January meeting.

CQC: RMCQ is currently obligated to host the CQC meeting in July. Cookie recommended that RMCQ request to decline the obligation. Landreth so moved, Carol seconded, and all were in favor. Janet will contact the CQC with an expression that the RMCQ might be open to hosting CQC in some future year.

#### Future Board Meeting dates and times:

Every fourth Tuesday of the month at 4pm at Cookie Warner's home. The January meeting might be held at an alternative location.

RMCQ Organizational changes: Cookie raised the idea of changing the calendar time for board turnovers because some phone survey respondents felt they could not commit until after the beginning of the year and because December is such a busy time. There was concern that the budget and dues schedule would be affected. But the board turnover could

be independent of the dues schedule. Any change would probably involve changes to the bylaws. Board members were requested to think of pros and cons for this change. The subject will be discussed at the next board meeting.

**Bylaws and Parliamentarian:** Cookie will chair a committee to review the bylaws. Cookie will contact Patty Joy, Maxine Carlstadt, Janet Pugh, Landreth Hamil, Margaret Davis and Sara Laub to help on this committee. Cookie would also like a volunteer (and perhaps a backup) to serve as parliamentarian. The parliamentarian would help assure that business is conducted properly. If someone is not found, a request for volunteers will be made at the next meeting.

**Newsletter:** Joan Strosin (jstrosin@comcast.net) will post whatever needs to be posted. She wants items written exactly as they will be posted. If anyone needs help writing up items, they should contact Terrie Sandelin (terrie.sandelin@comcast.net).

RMCQ extends condolences and deep sympathy to Cookie Warner for the loss of her husband on December 18, 2008. Our thoughts are with the entire Warner family.

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