

RMCQ Board Meeting
February 24, 2009 4pm
Location: Cookie Warner's home

Attendance: Carol Anderson, Landreth Hamil, Jean Poland, Janet Pugh, Kay Jones, Maxine Carlstedt, Annie Miller, Rebecca Judson, Nancy Tracy, Cookie Warner

President Cookie Warner brought the meeting to order and asked if there were any changes to the minutes. None were reported. Landreth moved, Kay seconded, and minutes were approved.

Treasurer:

Nancy provided profit/loss statements for 2008 and 2009 to date. She also provided a budget with monthly estimated balances. The balances decline over the year, so we really need to do more fundraising. She recommended building the account by at least the same amount as was left over at the end of 2008, which was \$4300. This would bring our account total to \$8600 by the end of 2009. Landreth mentioned that some organizations try to have 2 years' worth of operating expenses as a cushion. Two years' operating expenses for RMCQ would be \$30,000. This could be a goal. A PO box has been rented. Our new address is: PO Box 272713 Fort Collins, CO 80525.

Program:

Maxine Carlstedt made a spreadsheet of program costs. The program/workshops for January and February made money, but the March program will cost money because there is no workshop.

Janet and Maxine visited Tom Lundberg and some of the students who will be giving presentations at the April 13 meeting. The lecture room holds 95 people and parking will be free. Maxine will provide a map to Jean Poland for posting with the announcements on the website. After the presentations, the large group will be split up into smaller groups for studio tours. Some of the art pieces are too large or are still in progress and not easily moved.

Guest fees will be collected and Janet will arrange to have a table for member checkoff and guest fee collection. Maxine and Janet also suggested having a collection box for voluntary donations to CSU's arts scholarship program. The group concurred that this was a good idea. Janet will provide the box. Annie noted that the last version of the February general meeting minutes stated that this was a free meeting. Maxine said that this referred to the fact that we don't have to pay for the venue. Annie agreed to correct that in the minutes and send an amended copy to Jean for posting.

Program schedule:

March 9: Annette Kennedy (no workshop)

April 13: Tom Lundberg (CSU)

May 11: Janet Jo Smith

May 12: workshop with Janet Jo Smith

June 8: Longarm presentation

June 13: Longarm studio tour

July 13: Laura Wasilowski

August 10: Denise Labadie (no workshop)

September 14: Marta Amundson

Studio Tour:

Landreth has been discussing the Studio tour with her other longarm friends. They have come up with a tentative plan. At the Monday, June 8 general meeting, we would have a presentation about longarms and what people need to know when they submit a quilt top to be quilted at such a studio. We would have one person give the presentation and then the group of longarm studio owners would answer questions at the end of the presentation. We would sell maps at the night of the general meeting and then if people didn't get one then they could get one at any of the studios. The map itself would be the entrance fee. Each person would have to have one. The tour would be held on Saturday June 13. We will need people to assist with maps and information at each studio. The studios will be in Ft. Collins, Windsor, and Loveland. Landreth may be able to get publicity from the Coloradoan for this. Landreth's longarm group will be meeting Thursday night Feb. 26. The longarm group will do more organizational work regarding the Studio tour. Possible studios for the tour so far include: Linda Hibbert, Landreth Hamil, Gwen Hatchette, and Stephanie Patterson. Landreth has three additional possible studios for the tour.

Janet pointed out that our budget takes into account the premise that we will not have to pay for 2 meetings at the Senior Center. One will be the April meeting. Carol moved and Landreth seconded a motion not to have a program in December. Motion carried.

At some future board meeting, we may cancel the meeting pending the acceptance of bylaw changes that will allow this (skipping the December meeting).

Janet had several ideas of speakers for the November program: Kathryn Stowe, Ellen Zak Danforth, and Jo McCoy. Kathryn was a prolific and very creative quilter in the 90's. Ellen's unique quilts have had recent national recognition. If they don't want to give talks, they could have trunk shows and interview sessions.

Cookie brought up the idea of round robin table demonstrations with the theme:

"So you want to enter a quilt show." This would address many nuts and bolts topics such as bindings, sleeves, and photography. This might be a topic for next winter.

Newsletter:

The newsletter deadline is Thursday February 26.

Jean Poland said she needs self-addressed-stamped-envelopes in addition to the \$5 for hard copies of the newsletter. Perhaps this could be clarified at future meetings or in the newsletter. Kay agreed to contact those who already signed up for this and clarify the policy.

Membership Directory and Privacy Policy:

Kay read out the privacy policy of the Front Range Contemporary Quilters. The group liked the wording and wished to have it adapted for our group.

She will prepare 50 copies of the hard copy directory for sales at the next meeting. Members who paid dues by the end of February will be included in the directory.

The directory will be \$1 per copy.

Hospitality:

Rebecca has napkins and carafes left from last year's Mask program reception. She would like to buy a plastic container for the Hospitality materials. At the next meeting she will have a jar for donations.

Someone suggested if a speaker provides a book, those who provide refreshments would be included in a drawing for the book. The group liked this idea.

Publicity:

Landreth arranged for a free table for RMCQ at the Fiber Fun festival out at the Ranch on Saturday February 28. Her mother will be preparing fabric squares as giveaways stapled to brochures with information about RMCQ. The information will include our meeting schedule, contacts (Cookie and Carol), website, and our new PO Box. She has also been submitting information to all the other guilds and many bulletin boards in the area.

Philanthropy:

Carol reported that the committee met on February 23. Nine people are on the committee. They decided to have a benefit project for the Loveland Habitat for Humanity. Loveland HFH has its fundraiser in May. They would like small (minimum 12", maximum 20") quilts for their auction. Kit will write an article for the newsletter. The quilts will be due May 1 and a work day is tentatively scheduled for April 4. Another possible beneficiary in the future might be the Loveland Friends of the Library. The library is planning an expansion next year.

Small Groups:

The Longarm group has formed. 15 other people expressed interest in small groups. Carol and Cookie will try to give guidance and help coordinate others for other groups.

Bylaws:

The bylaws committee met twice. They are planning to have recommendations for changes before the next board meeting. Landreth handed out bylaws recommendations and asked the board to review the recommendations and bylaws. The proposed changes will then be published in the newsletter and a vote will be taken in May. The major change will be to have elections in August and install new officers in September instead of January.

The next general meeting will be March 9 at 7pm at the Senior Center.

The next board meeting will be March 24 at 4pm at Cookie Warner's home.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Miller