

Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters
Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2009, 4pm

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Attendance: Cookie Warner, Stephanie Patterson, Kit Robinson, Brenda Dickison, Maxine Carlstedt, Carol Anderson, Landreth Hamil, Annie Miller, Kay Jones, Nancy Tracy, Jean Poland, Rebecca Judson

Cookie Warner began the meeting at 4:00pm and asked for approval of the previous meeting's minutes. Landreth motioned, Carol seconded and minutes were approved.

Treasurer:

Nancy reviewed the financial statements. Kit made a bookkeeping suggestion regarding workshop expenses. There was discussion about a previous agreement (Dec. 2007) to provide \$25 per month for the website and newsletter. The disbursements have never been made and the newsletter editor and webmaster have always just submitted bills for reimbursement as necessary.

To clarify this, Landreth formally asked to rescind this agreement to pay \$25 per month each for the newsletter and website. Kay seconded the motion, and everyone agreed.

Website:

Maxine suggested providing a presentation at a general meeting showing navigation around our website and all the materials and links on it. Everyone liked this idea.

Annie suggested burning a disk each year to provide a documented snapshot of our website.

Program:

Maxine reported that the virtual studio tour will be held on June 8 (our regularly scheduled general meeting for June) and actual studio tour will be held on Saturday, June 13. Maxine has scheduled three committee meetings to plan for the meeting and tour. Cookie offered to be a "studio sitter."

Julie Halquist has been making a list of potential speakers that have been suggested and looking up their schedules to see when these people might be in our area. The program committee is hoping to schedule programs with three accomplished local quilters: Betsy Cannon (specialty: embellishments), Do Palme (beadwork and political themes), and Charlotte Ziebarth (who has recently published a book). These are possibilities for 2010.

A location for Janet Jo Smith's workshop is still needed. There have been complications with getting insurance to use the CSU studio. Nancy will help investigate insurance options. Maxine is also looking into the possibility of using church facilities. Fifteen people have signed up for the workshop. The group commended the program committee for all their hard work.

Here is our schedule for the next few months:

April 13: Tom Lundberg (CSU) (See Newsletter for map and directions)

May 11: Janet Jo Smith (Senior Center)

May 12: workshop with Janet Jo Smith (CSU)

June 8: Virtual studio tour presentation (Senior Center)

June 13: Longarm studio tour (Fort Collins, Windsor, Loveland)

July 13: Laura Wasilowski presentation (Senior Center)

July 12 and 13: Laura Wasilowski workshop

August 10: Denise Labadie (no workshop) (Senior Center)

September 14: Marta Amundson (Senior Center)

Membership:

Kay Jones sold about 30 directories at the last meeting (49 will be printed). She will be printing an addendum for memberships received since February. Kay will bring the remainder to the May meeting.

Newsletter:

Joan Strosin has asked for a contact for board meeting information. Annie agreed to respond to any requests she has.

Kit discussed the previous board's policy about announcements and events listed in the newsletter. There were concerns that some items were placed in the announcement section when they should have been placed in the events section. Also, there has been confusion when some people send things to Kit and others send them to Joan. There has been a lot of thought going into the timing of announcements. If an item has been sent to Kit and it doesn't get into the next newsletter it doesn't mean she forgot about it. It just means that event winners or participants will be announced together and she may be waiting for other items that go with that particular announcement. Meanwhile, Joan may have received items and placed them in the newsletter at the last minute without coordination with Kit. More coordination and understanding of the process is needed on everyone's part.

Publicity:

Landreth made bookmarks with RMCQ information. Landreth's mother cut squares and stapled fabrics to the bookmarks for giveaways. Landreth coordinated the staffing of a booth for the Fiber Fun Festival. At least one new member was recruited at the festival and many of the bookmarks/fabric squares were given away.

Landreth has our link on 18 other online websites. The group applauded Landreth's many wonderful publicity efforts on behalf of RMCQ.

Landreth is donating a bulletin board that she purchased at Habitat for Humanity. The bulletin board will be used at general meetings. The policy for posting materials will be placed on the bulletin board. The board would be for information by members only and not for selling. Members' class and business information is appropriate. She would like an easel for the bulletin board. Jean offered to put an announcement about the bulletin board in the newsletter so that people would know to bring their information.

Fund Raising:

Landreth offered to coordinate a garage sale in mid-April in conjunction with shop-hop or some time in the summer. Cookie will talk more with Landreth about this.

She also had an idea to have a silent auction in conjunction with the Virtual studio tour presentation in June.

Annie brought up the calendar activity for discussion. Kit will coordinate with the person who constructed the calendar last year and obtain the software files. Kay also volunteered to work on this project. Criteria are already drawn up from previous years. There was concern about entries from the same quilters every year. Kit suggested that maybe people who have had quilts in the calendar for the past two years may not submit quilts for one year. After that, they may submit quilts for subsequent two years' calendars. There was concern about having enough quilts for the calendar. No decision was made about this.

Small Groups:

Julie Wilson is chairing a small group. Their first meeting is Wednesday, March 25.

The Longarm group had to pay for meeting space for the first few meetings and so they asked members for donations. They would like a one-time funds request of \$37 for the balance. Nancy asked them to make a written request. The longarm group now has a church for free meeting space.

Philanthropy:

Carol reported that a work day, Saturday April 4 (10am – 3pm), has been arranged for RMCQ members who want to make small quilts for the Loveland Habitat for Humanity fundraiser. The theme should relate to home, construction, communities working together or anything else relating to Habitat for Humanity's mission. The work day will be held at the United Methodist Church in Loveland. Directions and further details are in the Newsletter.

By-Laws:

Landreth read out a note to be sent to the entire membership regarding changes to the by-laws. The group approved and the note will be sent so that the entire membership can consider and comment on the proposed bylaw changes.

Annie asked for more guidance on what documents are to be kept by the recording secretary. Landreth responded that the bylaw sections about board member duties are somewhat vague on purpose. Each officer should try to come up with a job description and a notebook of materials to hand to successors. The Job description would explain duties in more detail and could be changed more easily than the bylaws.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

The next general meeting is April 13 at CSU.

The next board meeting is April 28 at 4pm at Cookie Warner's home.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Miller