

RMCQ Board Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2009
4pm, Cookie Warner's home

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

Cookie began the meeting by asking about the minutes from the last board meeting. Landreth moved to approve them as written, Nancy seconded and they were unanimously approved.

Nancy Tracy reviewed our profit/loss statement for the past month and our profit/loss statement for the year to date. The garage sale was a spectacular success. The income was \$3769.50. Thanks to all who helped to organize and work at the sale. There will be another garage sale in the fall.

Profit/loss statements are now kept in a binder and are available for anyone to read at the general meetings. Recently, she received one check made out to herself. Nancy asked to remind people that all checks should be made out to RMCQ. Landreth moved to accept the treasurer's report, Kay seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Programs:

Maxine discussed the Studio Tour. The booklet is finished and has been distributed to several area fabric and sewing stores. She will check back weekly to see how sales go. Booklets will also be sold at the June meeting. The committee worked on signs. The signs can be used for other events as well. They were used at the garage sale and there were many positive comments about them there.

There will be a book signing by Carol Shinn at Gwen Hatchette's home at the end of the studio tour day. This will celebrate Carol's new book "Freestyle Machine Embroidery" due out any day. Studio magazine has also donated magazine copies for prizes.

Landreth and Mary McCauley are almost done photographing the studios for the power point presentation. Mary Grande will help with preparing the presentation. Some of the studios will have their own volunteer assistants. Maxine will be contacting them all to determine how many more volunteers we need and which studios need them.

The rest of the programs for the year are as follows:

June 8: Virtual studio tour presentation (Senior Center)

June 13: Longarm studio tour (Fort Collins, Loveland) Passports are \$10.

July 13: Laura Wasilowski presentation (Senior Center)

July 12 and 13: Laura Wasilowski workshops - 2 different topics (The Ranch)

There are 8 people signed up for each of Laura Wasilowski's workshops. We need at least 12 to break even. Landreth described her many efforts to publicize the events.

There have been announcements within the other area guilds.

August 10: Denise Labadie (Irish stone quilts) (no workshop) (Senior Center)

September 14: Marta Amundson (Political and environmental themes) (Senior Center)

October 12: Kate Cox (Senior Center)

November 9: Finishing touches sampler meeting with round-robin presentations about embellishments.

Silent Auction:

A committee has formed to coordinate the silent auction: Landreth Hamil, Carol Herron, Gail Zirtzloff, and Sharon Wakefield. There are 15 unfinished quilt tops, 8 sets of blocks, bundled sets of magazines, some special books and many other items. The committee is photographing many items for posting on the website. Check out the collection and spread the word. Come to the June meeting with money or a checkbook! The money raised goes towards bringing all these wonderful top-notch speakers to our area for talks and workshops.

Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival Booths:

Forms for having booths at the RMQ Festival were sent to Landreth and Jean. Festival personnel will be the ones to hang all materials in the booths. The board discussed ideas for what to have in the booths. Everyone liked Janet's idea to have quilts that highlighted workshops offered by RMCQ. A laptop with the studio tour could also loop throughout the 2 days. Landreth made a motion to have 2 RMCQ booths at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival in August. Cookie seconded the motion. Concern was expressed about being able to get volunteers for the booth. However the deadline for committing to the booths is today. All agreed it was an opportunity to publicize RMCQ that we should not miss. Motion passed.

Website:

Jean will update the bylaws and archive the older version. Photos of all 15 of the Philanthropy quilts are posted. Two other website features she is working on are:

1. an unsubscribe feature
2. a way for people to submit changes to their address and other information

There have been problems with people who have yahoo email accounts. Their accounts sometimes treat RMCQ emails as spam. People with yahoo emails should designate RMCQ as a safe sender. Everyone expressed appreciation for Jean's excellent work on the website. Jean would like some help with the website. If anyone out there would like to help with emails or other aspects of working on the website, contact Jean Poland.

Membership:

It was suggested to Kay that we have a membership table at Gwen's house during the Studio tour. Volunteers are needed for 2-hour time blocks for this function.

Kay brought up the issue of half year memberships. Janet moved to allow the sales of half-year memberships beginning June 13. After this date, memberships will cover the July through December period and cost half the regular dues. Landreth seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Kay Jones and Kit Robinson are working on the Calendar. There is a need for someone with a color laser printer. The printer used in previous years is unavailable this year. The program used to generate the calendar is Adobe's "In Design." Alternatives are being investigated. Contact

Kay if you can help. The board will be contacted by email to approve the costs before the Calendar is printed. The committee is trying to finish the calendar in the next month.

Hospitality:

Maxine will contact Rebecca Judson about providing refreshments at the Studio Tour. Contact Maxine or Rebecca if you would like to help with this.

New Business:

There was a concern brought to Cookie at the last meeting about the appropriateness of selling raffle tickets for the Heart-Strings Quilt. The board supported Cookie's decision to allow the tickets to be sold. However, it was determined that this was a gray area in the standing rules and there was a concern about a precedent being set for other kinds of raffles. Child-safe and Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation are both non-profit organizations and the prohibition in our standing rules against sales at general meetings is specified for commercial entities. The raffle ticket sales do not jeopardize the RMCQ non-profit status. Tickets were sold by Child-safe, not RMCQ. The Child-safe charity does have a raffle license clearly marked on the tickets that were sold. The board will work on language to clarify criteria for activities like this in the future and will finalize standing rules amendments at the next board meeting.

Standing rule amendments may include some of the following elements:

1. Requests to sell raffle tickets must be made at a board meeting prior to the general meeting. The board must vote on the matter.
2. The raffle must benefit only established and documented non-profit groups.
3. The raffle promoters (the people making the request to the board) must be RMCQ members as well as have connections with the non-profit group holding the raffle.
4. The raffle sale must be legal and the ticket must have the raffle license number clearly shown on the ticket.
5. The item raffled must be a quilt or fiber art piece that can be shown as part of Show and Tell.
6. RMCQ members who are involved in philanthropy quilt projects for other organizations may place information about the activities at the information table/bulletin board at general meetings.

Cookie will appoint a nominating committee. The board provided her with several names of members who might be willing to serve on the nominating committee. Call Cookie if you have suggestions.

The board adjourned at 5:30pm.

The next General meeting is June 8 at 6:45pm at the Senior Center.

The next Board meeting is June 23 at 4pm at Cookie Warner's home.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Miller