

RMCQ Board Meeting Minutes (Amended August 25, 2009)
July 28, 2009
4:00pm at Cookie Warner's home

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

Cookie brought the meeting to order. Carol handed out notebooks and forms for committee reports to be submitted at the September meeting. Carol moved to accept the minutes of the last board meeting as published on the web, Landreth seconded the motion and all approved.

Nancy reviewed the last month and year to date profit/loss statements. There was a \$410 profit on the studio tour (not including the book signing) and \$628 profit on the silent auction. RMCQ was also in the black for Laura Wasilowski's visit. The quilt frames were purchased as agreed upon at the last board meeting. Janet will store them for now.

Programs:

Janet reviewed the upcoming schedule of speakers.

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

September 14: Marta Amundson (quilts with environmental and political themes) Senior Center

September 15: Marta Amundson, workshop (machine quilting and embellishing techniques) 9-4pm (\$45), Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1709 W. Elizabeth St., Fort Collins.

October 12: Kate Cox , Senior Center

November 9: Finishing touches: sampler meeting with round-robin presentations about everything you need to know to finish your quilt (binding, sleeves, labels, blocking, etc.)

There was discussion about obtaining a projector for Denise Labadie's talk (and for future programs). The projectors used in previous programs are unavailable. Maxine will investigate the prices and specifications for projectors and she will also check if the Senior Center has projectors for rent. As projector specs are investigated, we need to check if it can handle the projector-to-screen distance that we need. Board members also had suggestions of members to call who might have a projector to lend for our programs. (Addendum Aug 6: Projectors are available to use at the Senior Center for free!)

There was also discussion about the November Finishing Touches program. Some in the program committee expressed concern that the program would not be as interesting and that attendance might be low. Board members expressed support and enthusiasm for having the program as planned. It was stated that RMCQ consists of quilters with a wide range of proficiency and interests. It's understood that not everyone will be interested in every program. The program committee is planning to have a booklet for the meeting. The booklet would have all the written materials for each station and would have different color covers for the purpose of dividing up the group into starting points among the stations.

Regarding the October workshop with Kate Cox (October 12):

Kate Cox has four possible workshops that could be taught: Vests, Kimono, Wall quilt, or Wacky Wall quilt. Board members were asked to visit katecox.net to review her work. Cookie will ask for a show of hands at the next general meeting to ask the kind of workshop for which people would “most likely sign up.”

Maxine talked about the speakers scheduled for 2010 programs:

August: Vicki Pignatelli

June or July: Ruth Powers

A tour of CSU’s new museum is also being considered.

Other presenters for 2010 include:

Betsy Cannon (beading), Charlotte Ziebarth, Do Palma, and Linda Hibbert.

Maxine reported that quilter Ann Fahl will be in Grand Junction in November 2010. The quilting guild in that area asked if we would like to share transportation expenses as we did with Laura Wasilowski. Janet moved to bring Ann Fahl here November 2010 and to share the travel expenses with the Grand Junction group. Carol seconded the motion and all approved. Ann Fahl is a published author and creates pictorial quilts of birds and flowers.

Newsletter: Carol will contact Joan to verify that she would like to continue doing the newsletter. Ballot information is needed to give members who cannot attend the August meeting the opportunity to vote for officers. Carolyn Myers will supervise ballot counting.

Website: Joy Torelli is willing to work with Jean to learn about the website and help Jean. Jean suggested purchasing Web Expressions software (\$149) to have for whoever maintains the website. Landreth moved to purchase the software, Carol seconded and everyone approved the motion.

Membership: Kay reported we have about 140 members. We will start collecting renewals in November since we do not have a December meeting. There was discussion about workshop prices and special pricing for guests of members. Annie made a motion to set workshop prices for all non-members at \$30 above the member price. Workshop attendees who pay the non-member price will get membership for the remainder of that year. The policy would take effect with workshops in 2010. Published prices for this year’s workshops will remain as published and can be set at the program committee’s discretion. Carol seconded the motion.

Discussion questions and points:

After June, shouldn’t the non-member premium be reduced to \$15?

Should visitors and family members be given special pricing for workshops?

- The \$30 is a kind of payment for the privilege to take our workshop.
- It’s simpler if there is a standard non-member premium for all workshops.
- It might be too confusing if there are exceptions for the non-member price.

- It's a burden to decide who will make decisions about the exceptions

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Publicity:

Landreth is writing articles for various media. She is investigating a recurring feature of the Coloradoan having to do with green efforts in the community. Janet will see if our efforts are appropriate for this newspaper feature and help write articles if needed.

The publicity committee will need a new chair this September 2009. Landreth would like to step down as committee chair this August. Landreth suggested that at least two people work on the committee. The board is grateful for her tremendous efforts on this committee.

Hospitality:

Cookie will mention the need for volunteers to provide refreshments. The group concurred that we have the best refreshments around.

Fundraising:

There will be a garage sale likely on the third weekend in September. An announcement needs to be made at the next general meeting that we will begin taking things for the garage sale. The garage sale will be at Carol Anderson's house.

Philanthropy:

Kit is considering having a philanthropy project that would create small quilts for Cancer Treatment Centers.

Small Groups:

Landreth reported that the longarm group is considering setting up a workshop specifically for longarm quilters.

Janet suggested having the longarm group draw up guidelines for small-group-initiated workshops at the next board meeting.

CQC (Colorado Quilting Council) meeting: Janet wanted to give us a heads-up. CQC may be asking if we would like to sponsor next year's meeting. They have a morning meeting and workshops.

There is concern about the time it will take to prepare for the meeting. CQC will pay for room rental and some refreshments. We can discuss it more at the next meeting.

The board meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Miller