

**RMCQ Board Meeting
September 22, 2009,
4 pm at the home of Annie Miller**

Attendance: Carol Anderson, Maxine Carlstedt, Rebecca Judson, Kay Jones, Nancy Tracy, Annie Miller, Joy Torelli

Carol called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the minutes. Maxine so moved, Kay seconded, there was no discussion and the minutes were approved.

Nancy Tracy reviewed the profit/loss statements. Income for the month included memberships, guest fees and workshop income. Expenses included items for the technique kits, program expenses, and purchase of the program for website management. The merits of having a debit or credit card were discussed. Nancy will discuss getting a debit card with the bank. It would help especially with online payments.

Program committee:

Maxine reported that about half the membership has taken at least one workshop. Only 4 non-members have taken workshops. She asked for approval to send out a contract to Karen Eckmeier for the April 2011 program. Karen has authored the books "Happy Villages," "Accidental Landscapes" and "Layered Waves." Annie moved to send out the contract, Kay seconded the motion and all approved. The board looks forward to this program.

Here is the schedule to-date:

October 12: Kate Cox, Senior Center,

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November 9: Elda Kohls, a creative textile artist who has taught for over 30 years. She has also created DVD's. Elda is going to bring in a selection of quilts and wearable art. Her finishing is impeccable and she has won awards in Houston. Wear black – you may be selected to participate in the fashion show. Don't miss it!

2010 Programs:

January 11: Betsy Cannon, February 8: Charlotte Ziebarth, March 8: Do Palma,

June 14: Linda Hibbert, July 12: Ruth Powers, August: Vickie Pignatelli,

November 8: Ann Fahl

2011 Programs:

April: Karen Eckmeier

Julie Hallquist and Nora Jones are looking into doing an online survey (using surveymonkey) to get feedback regarding workshops and programs. Annie has used this before. The service is free if you have 10 or fewer questions and everything is automatically tallied.

Newsletter:

There was some discussion about the deadline for the newsletter. It was thought that the newsletter should go out at the beginning of the month. This would push the deadline back and compress the schedule for everyone. Carol will talk with Joan about this and let everyone know what the deadline will be.

Website: Joy gave Nancy the renewal invoice for web hosting services. There was discussion about whether a motion was needed to approve the expenditure. It was decided that we did not need one and that Nancy should just pay the bill unless there was some significant increase in the cost from year to year. Joy was asked if she could make a cross-reference from the forms section to the workshop page. People are looking there for the workshop registration form and not finding it.

Membership: It was suggested that we start soliciting for 2010 dues at the October meeting since there is no meeting in December. There was discussion about whether to offer a discount if people paid their dues ahead of time. No action was taken.

Publicity: Carol had several volunteers for various tasks of the publicity committee. It was reported that the UPS store had a good deal for copies on Fridays (4c each). The group liked the idea of having bookmarks that did not have the schedule on them so that they would be current for a longer time and so that someone would not have to go to all the shops so often.

Fund Raising: Carol reported that we had about \$800 income from the garage sale in September. For the calendars, we purchased the paper from Kinkos at cost. Vicki Carlson is graciously printing the calendars for the cost of ink. The committee will be working on the photos this week to see which quilts will fit best. The calendars should be ready by the October meeting and will cost \$10 each.

Show and Tell: Carol gave Rebecca a list of potential featured quilters to call. Everyone liked having Kay as the featured quilter at the September show and tell.

Philanthropy: Kit Robinson, Stephanie Patterson, and Janet Schramke may be taking over the Crossroads quilt project from a longtime group that has worked on it previously. Another philanthropy idea is to give money for microloans to a place like Kiva.org to women who are investing in a sewing business or something similar. We could take one of the boxes of fabric left over from the garage sale, sell it at the general meeting and use the money for a microloan.

The next board meeting is Tuesday October 27, 4pm at Annie Miller's house.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Miller