

RMCQ Board Meeting
October 27, 2009 4pm at Annie Miller's home

Attendance: Julie Hallquist, Maxine Carlstedt, Rebecca Judson, Nancy Tracy, Kay Jones, Carol Anderson, Annie Miller, Cookie Warner

Carol asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last board meeting. Julie so moved and Kay seconded. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved. Nancy handed out Profit and Loss statements for the year to date and the current month. Kate Cox's workshop income was not included in the statements but will be included for next month's statements. Some additional garage sale money was also still coming in. 2010 Calendar sales have begun and Kay has begun to collect 2010 membership dues. The RMCQ has \$11,900 in the bank. Annie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Julie seconded and the motion passed.

Nancy Tracy announced that she would not be able to continue as Treasurer after December. We're so grateful to Nancy for her excellent service, hard work and many hours this past year. Thank you!

RMCQ is searching for a new Treasurer. Nancy and others will be around to assist the new treasurer. If you have an interest, please consider volunteering for this position! Contact Carol or Nancy if you would like to find out more.

Programs:

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 (*under contract, the rest are tentative):

January 11: Betsy Cannon, February 8: Charlotte Ziebarth, March 8: Do Palma, April: Myrna Ficken*, April workshop: Elda Kohls*, May: Jo Fitsell*, June 14: Linda Hibbert*, July 12: Ruth Powers, August: Vickie Pignatelli, September: Lynn Jaenke*, October: Finishing Touches (a collection of techniques taught in rotating group, round-robin fashion), November 8: Ann Fahl

2011 Programs:

April: Karen Eckmeier

The board discussed the many in-kind services donated by people hosting the program guests. Among the expenses or services donated have been trips to DIA, meals and lodging. The board does not want the program committee members or hosts to feel obligated to pick up the tab for expenses related to hosting an RMCQ program guest. The board asked the program committee to come up with a standard reimbursement schedule for hosting speakers in private homes including mileage reimbursement, meal or lodging per diems, or terms of gratis workshops. Program committee members or hosts are expected to submit receipts for DIA trips and similar expenses involving program guests

to the treasurer for reimbursement. The board will review the Program committee's schedule and reimbursement policies at the next board meeting.

The idea of an evening program with a wine reception was discussed. It was decided that red wine and quilts don't mix. Also, there is the issue of people driving after having alcohol at an evening program. For these reasons, the board felt it was best not to pursue this idea.

Pat Joy and Landreth Hamil are making another set of technique kits. Landreth's first set of technique kits were very popular and it's hoped we can get others to continue this idea.

Janet Pugh would like to have a quilt challenge next January. The board liked this idea. Stay tuned!

Newsletter: There will be a December newsletter even though we don't have a December program. Joan provided a schedule of newsletter deadlines.

Website: There was a request to consider advertising on the website and/or in the newsletter. The board felt there was no need to change our policy regarding paid advertising (it's not allowed) at this time.

One person reported having difficulty with a scroll bar on the Philanthropy page. It wasn't clear if this was a problem with that person's computer or a problem with the page. Everyone was encouraged to visit the website and report any difficulties and committee updates to Joy.

Membership: Kay has begun to collect membership dues for 2010. She reports an average of 60 members attending programs. She will email a current membership list to board members. There was a suggestion to send new members a welcome email. Laura Costi is making new bookmarks and it was suggested that these be available at the membership desk at meetings.

Publicity: Landreth will be moving to Washington. She added much to RMCQ in her role as Publicity Committee Chair and RMCQ's top cheerleader. Her energy and enthusiasm will be missed. Carol had Landreth meet with some of the new publicity committee members. Nora Jones will coordinate this committee. Other members are: Laura Costi (promotional materials), Chris Mullany (news media), Mary Grande (communications with other local guilds), Leslie Singer (distribution of promotional materials), and Natalia Majors (bulletin board).

Fund Raising: The 2010 Calendars are out! Bring your checkbook to the November meeting! They look terrific and cost just \$10. Thanks so much to Kay Jones, Kit Robinson and Vicki Carlson for working on this project.

Show and Tell: It was suggested that Carol (or whoever is running the meeting) remind everyone that quilts of any skill level are welcome for Show and Tell. There is concern that people have been intimidated by the caliber of some of the quilts shown in the past. All quilts are welcome! We also want to encourage quilters to stand by their Show and Tell quilts during the break so people can discuss their quilt. Workshop participants should bring their workshop pieces whether in-progress or finished. It was suggested that perhaps there could be a list of prompts to help people explain their quilts more completely.

The Fiber Fun Fest will be at the Ranch on February 20th next year. RMCQ had a booth last February. It was a positive experience but the show was deemed too small and outside the scope of our activities. It was decided not to have a booth there next February. We do want to be sure to get a booth at the August Quilt Festival at the Ranch.

Carol will not be able to attend the November meeting. Maxine or Julie will fill in for her.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Miller