

RMCQ Board Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2010 4 p.m. at Annie Miller's home

Attendance: Joy Torelli, Cookie Warner, Carol Anderson, Nancy Drennan, Kay Jones, Maxine Carlstedt, Annie Miller

Carol Anderson brought the meeting to order and asked if there were any changes to the November Board meeting minutes. None were mentioned. Cookie moved to approve, Joy seconded, and the motion passed.

Kay provided expense/income statements for the month and the previous year. She reported obtaining the sales tax license for this year and she mailed 1099 forms to speakers. It was suggested that the year-end statement be posted on the web with the minutes. Kay will send this to Joy after adding our current bank account balance in a note at the end of the 2009 expense/income statement. Kay asked everyone to use appropriate forms when giving her money so she knows what the money is for. Committee chairs who anticipate expenses for 2010 should send Kay an estimate so she can compile a budget for 2010.

Programs:

Maxine reported that there are only 4 people signed up for the Elda Kohls Workshop so far. She sent out emails to people who had expressed interest. There are still a few months to publicize the workshop.

The Program committee has been working on ideas for alternate programs if a speaker ever has to cancel at the last minute. They have obtained permission for a one-time showing of an excellent DVD. The DVD distributor granted permission with the stipulation that we state who produced the DVD and where to purchase it. Another idea is for a fat quarter game to be played in conjunction with a silent auction or other activities.

Maxine reported about the cumbersome new procedures for reserving rooms for workshops at the Ranch. They won't take reservations more than 6 months in advance and it takes about 10 days to find out if a room is available after sending in the online query. This is done online and can't be done over the phone.

Program Schedule:

February 8: Charlotte Ziebarth, (with workshop - Photoshop Elements)

March 8: Do Palma,

April: "Julie's Surprise" Julie Hallquist is working on this.

April workshop: Elda Kohls,

May: Jo Fittell, "Ten mistakes that art quilters make" (tentative)

Her workshop may involve evaluating the work of individuals and design individualized exercises. (tentative)

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

Membership: Nancy Drennan is chairing this committee. There was some discussion about color coding guests' name tags. Nothing firm was decided. E-mail lists were discussed. A larger email list including people who have not yet paid their dues for the current year will be maintained in hopes of encouraging people to consider joining again. Instructions for how to have one's name removed will be included with future email blasts. A smaller up-to-date member list will be sent to board members prior to each board meeting.

About 70 members have paid dues for 2010. At this time last year we had 139. The board was hopeful that this would improve in February. In March, past members who have not renewed would be encouraged and if they had decided not to rejoin, they would be asked if there was a reason.

Newsletter: It was noted that the most recent newsletter was quite long and some wondered if this was a problem. The board did not feel that this was a problem.

Meeting Place: Cookie stopped by the Drake Center but was unable to speak to someone about room rates there. She will try to contact them again.

Small Group: Cookie reported that our newest small group has grown and now has 15 members!

Website: The links section needs to be refreshed. Current links listed will be removed. Those businesses will be contacted to ask if they would like to continue having their link listed. An effort to publicize the links section will be made by reminding members of the website feature in the newsletter. Members will be reminded that they may place a link to their quilt-related business there. If a business requests a link, Joy will check the roster and confirm if the person making the request is a current member. The link section will be refreshed yearly.

Publicity: Bookmarks are in stores now. Information will be updated in March.

Fundraising and Philanthropy: There may be a fundraiser involving the left-over garage sale materials. Stores will be asked if they would like to donate bags with the store name on them. Shoppers could purchase a bag and select as many items as will fill the bag. This could also be a philanthropy project with proceeds going to the microloan site Kiva or other non-profit involving fabric and sewing. There is an Africa grocery bag project in Loveland that may be investigated. The Quilt Show website also publicized a project

in Ghana involving girls who learn to dye fabric and sew items to make money for their education.

Calendars: There was some discussion about changing the format of the Calendars. Since we still have so many jewel cases, we may have to keep the same format for a couple more years. Down the road, the membership may be asked if they would like a different kind of calendar or a screen saver. Carol had a “birthday” calendar format that she showed the group. While it is a terrific idea, unfortunately this type of calendar is only needed once and can be used for many years.

Show and Tell: Reminders to bring quilts should be placed in the newsletter. Rebecca has contacted potential quilters to be a “featured” show and tell quilter. Carol will also verbally encourage everyone at every meeting. Members should especially make an effort to encourage newcomers and first-timers when they bring a quilt.

Technique of the Month: Chris Mullaney has been working on this.

August RM Quilt Festival: We have been accepted to have a booth but no contract has been received yet.

Carol plans to attend a Colorado Association of Quilt Guilds meeting on February 20 in Parker. She would like it if someone else from RMCQ could also attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Miller