

RMCQ Board Meeting
March 30, 2010 4pm at the home of Annie Miller
Attendance: Brenda Dickinson, Nancy Drennan, Joy Torelli, Carol Anderson,
Julie Hallquist, Kay Jones, Annie Miller, Rebecca Judson

Carol asked for approval of minutes from the last board meeting. Kay motioned, Julie seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer

Kay handed out the treasurer's report. The report doesn't include sales tax payments yet. Kay reported that two workshop coupons given out in 2008 were still outstanding. Annie moved to void the coupons at the end of August. Joy seconded. Motion passed. Carol will announce this at the next meeting.

Julie asked about needing to spend a certain amount on charitable donations as part of the 501(c) 3 status. Nancy thought not. There is an income limit. We're non-profit but not charitable.

Julie asked about a limit or goal for our bank account. Kay said that our fiscal goal is to build up a 2 year cushion. Only the program committee has given Kay a budget. Carol asked others to provide Kay with expected expenses as soon as possible.

Nancy asked about checking account interest. Kay agreed to talk with the bank about savings accounts, CDs and other options. Julie moved to accept the treasurer's report, Nancy seconded and the motion passed.

Membership:

Nancy asked everyone to review the list emailed out today. There are 97 members to date. This is only a few short of the number of members we had last year at this time. Nancy is preparing the roster. She needed help with board member list. Fundraising and Publicity chairs are still vacant. Landreth had a discount card for last year's roster. Carol has a discount fob for printing at a place in Loveland. Last year we charged \$1. 80 were printed last year. Nancy will print 75 this year.

Regarding nametags, there was a suggestion to have everyone make their own. But several board members thought it would be nice to keep the standardized tags. Nancy will write "Guest" on the bottom half of the sticky name tags given to guests. We have 4-5 guests per meeting. No one has contacted Nancy to ask that their contact information be kept out of the roster. There was confusion about Katie Wilson's contact information.

Program :

Julie

The following speakers are tentative pending board approval to send out contracts.

2011

January: Judith Trager "Journey Without Maps" Front Range Quilter.

February: Jeannie Sumrall Ajero: Printing on Fabric

March: Carol Ann Waugh (recently featured in book: 500 art quilts)

She would talk about her progression from traditional to art quilter and her experience as a professional quilter.

Carol moved, Kay seconded and all approved to send contracts to the above 3 speakers.

The committee is also considering Gregory Case. He is a professional quilt photographer and he recently moved to Pueblo. He'll be here in Fort Collins on April 12.

Pricing for workshops has been a challenge. In the past, the formula has been to take the fee and divide by 10. Travel fees are getting expensive and the committee hasn't had much luck partnering with other nearby quilt guilds. The committee is trying to come up with a new pricing scheme.

The workshop fees should reflect the difference in travel. Travel should be split between workshop and evening program. Workshop space costs would be credited to workshop fees. Julie went through examples using two of our 2010 speakers to illustrate the dilemma and the problem.

Some program committee members are wary of increasing fees while others feel the workshop fees could be increased. Board members felt it was ok to increase the fees to reflect increased travel and other expenses.

The program committee has worked very hard on all of the wonderful programs. There is concern that committee members may be overworked. Ideas to lessen the organizational burden might include reducing the number of workshops offered, or checking the feasibility of hiring an events planner. Other alternative programs could include retreats or group trips, and quilting videos. The committee has already lined up a DVD that could be played if an emergency keeps a speaker from attending.

Perhaps the workshop fee could be reduced for the facilitator. This could entice others members to get involved.

The board expressed praise and gratitude for the fantastic work of the program committee.

The rest of the 2010 programs are:

April: "Confessions of a Longarm Quilter." Julie Hallquist will present the program and there will be a trunk show of at least 9 longarm quilters.

April 13-14 workshop: Elda Kohls,

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

May 11: Workshop with Jo Fittell: Jo's workshop will involve evaluating the work of individuals and she will design individualized exercises.

June 14: Gwen Hatchette

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

The nominating committee will be formed in June, the slate of candidates will be presented in July and elections will be held in August. Carol reminded everyone to write a job description.

Publicity: Laura is printing more bookmarks.

Fundraising and Philanthropy: Carol Herron and Rebecca are going to help Carol with preparing everything for the fabric sale.

Show and Tell: There will be no open show and tell in April. Open Show and Tell will resume in May.

Website: Joy will look into getting a program to alter PDFs so that we can have fillable forms.

Calendars: Send in your applications! We want to have the calendars available for the RMQF show in August.

RMQF August: we have 4 booths. 1 booth can be for selling calendars and for membership, program and workshop information. Members will be able to show their quilts in our booth for free. We also need to have our list of white-glove volunteers by July.

An organization in Utah wants to buy our excess jewel boxes. Annie moved to give permission to Kay to resell the jewel boxes. Joy seconded. Motion passed.

Philippa Lack wants to place the RMCQ logo with a link to our site on her website. Nancy will email it to Julie to pass to Philippa.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Miller