

Redwood Empire Quilter's Guild
August Board Meeting
August 10, 2009

The August 2009 Board meeting was a potluck dinner held at the home of treasurer, Lynn Todoroff. Those present were: Susie Freese, Carol Hansen, Donna Hauser, Betty Hendrickson, Teresa Hodgson, Diane May, Cheryl Pekar, Pat Reeves, Helen Saunders, Gerry Smeltzer, Gayleen Smith, Maggie Stimson and Lynn Todoroff.

Call to Order: President Betty Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 7:25pm.

Approval of Minutes: The current secretary was not able to attend the meeting so the minutes from the previous meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

2009-2010 Budget: Lynn Todoroff passed out the following forms to the board members present:

1. REQG balance sheet dated 8-9-09
2. Profit and Loss Budget Performance Aug 08-Aug 09
3. Profit & Loss sheet with no amounts listed for discussion

Lynn began the discussion of the budget and provided proposed budget amounts of the line items that she and President Betty had discussed before the meeting. Each item was discussed in a roundtable fashion by the board members present.

Some of the specific income and expenditures discussion included:

- It was suggested that the treasurer, if possible, separate out the Awards and Premiums for the Redwood Acres Fair and the Humboldt County Fair.
- Central Office will be asked to separate out the amounts for general Guild printing vs. newsletter printing. Effort will also be made to separate out postage for the newsletter vs. general Guild postage. This will be done to try to track expenses more closely.
- Dues are very hard to track in the proper year because they come in all during the year but the board members will try to keep track of the yearly dues in the appropriate fiscal year.
- The items were discussed and budget amounts for fiscal year 09-10 were assigned to each item.
- Some type of auction/money-maker will be held in the spring but it may not be a silent auction. More information to follow during the 1st vice-president's portion of the agenda.
- National vs. in-house speakers were discussed. Usually the 2nd vice president lines up the national speakers for the following year. There are no national speakers lined up for this year. Helen will try to arrange for a national speaker in the spring of this year as well as next year.
- Humboldt Area Foundation is usually budgeted for a \$2,000 yearly donation. This amount helps build the principle of the fund that provides interest that is turned into grants by the committee. Maggie suggested that the yearly \$2,000 be added to the interest to be used for the grants. Last year the HAF committee was not able to fully fund the requests because there was not enough interest earned. Maggie felt that the principle deposited with the Foundation was sufficient to provide some interest and that the money

usually sent to the Foundation for the REQG account could be spent with the accrued interest.

- Discussion centered on the Community Development—REQG Fair Award and the REQG Fair Premium. It was suggested that Fair Award be deleted in favor of Fair Premium which would represent the money given to the Redwood Acres Fair for prizes for quilt entries. The prize given to the Humboldt Co. Fair is a membership and should not be listed as a monetary amount.
- NCQC dues line item will be deleted and the amount spent for NCQC dues will be placed in Fees and Dues.
- The insurance amount for the budget will be increased so that liability insurance can be added to the policy.
- Opportunity Quilt will have \$600 budgeted for ticket printing expenses and \$600 for supplies.

President: Betty thanked everyone for the wonderful job they did on the quilt show. It was a success and she wanted to thank everyone that helped for their hard work.

1st Vice President: Cheryl outlined the REQG year activities:

September: Meet the officers night. Board members and committee chairs will give a three minute talk about their office and be prepared to show a quilt representative of their beginning work as a quilter and a newer quilt that will show how they have progressed in the craft.

October: Quick and Easy gift ideas. Cheryl is looking for some additional members to give demonstrations. She will contact REQG business members to see if they would like to demonstrate and they would be allowed to sell at the meeting, if they wish.

November: Saved for national speaker, if possible.

December: Holiday potluck and she would like to spotlight a couple of charities such as Miranda Rescue and the Library. Cheryl will continue to work on this program.

January: Introduce the Challenge and a possible trunk show.

February: Skills night that will feature either traditional or non-traditional skill building.

March: Community Quilts Night—work night on Community Quilts.

April or May: National Speaker

May or April: Some type of money maker—garage sale/auction/silent auction or possibly baskets auctioned off that are donated by the members.

June: Potluck and annual meeting.

Cheryl also had other new and fun ideas that she is working on. Cheryl will post the agenda for the night and also the agenda for the following meeting at the Guild meeting to try to increase member interest.

2nd Vice President: Helen has discussed offering two workshops by members. If a national speaker cannot be lined up an additional workshop will be scheduled.

Secretary: Absent

Treasurer: Discussed previously at this meeting.

Parliamentarian: Absent

Community Quilts: Absent

Librarian: Absent

Membership: Maggie will be taking over the membership table and will work with Pat Reeves to input the membership data.

Newsletter and Publicity: Jean Avant was not able to attend, however, she did send a letter outlining suggested cost-saving changes to the newsletter. Jean proposed a decrease in size of the business ads. Susie reported that Eel River Guild offers a one time a year offer to the businesses to place a full-sheet ad free in the newsletter. The business would pay for the printing and other additional fees but the ad would be included in a REQG monthly mailing. Details would have to be investigated.

Opportunity Quilt: Absent

Block of the Month: Susie will be starting a new program that will include a wall quilt of the month in addition to the Block of the Month program. A limited number of instruction sheets would be available at each meeting so that expenses would be kept to a minimum

Challenge Quilts: Jerry and Diane are working on project ideas and will present the Challenge at the January 2010 meeting.

Humboldt Area Foundation: Donna will submit an article to the newsletter outlining the program.

New Business: It was noted that the storage unit at Redwood Acres needs to be cleaned. Available board members will arrive at the September meeting at 5:15p to clean out the storage area.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayleen Smith
Proxy secretary