

Redwood Empire Quilt Guild
Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2008

Call to order: The board of directors meeting of the Redwood Empire Quilt Guild was held in Arcata, CA on January 12, 2008. The meeting convened at 6:40 p.m.. President Betty Hendrickson presiding.

Members in attendance: Sherril Adams, Linda Barry, Peggy Boedecker, Susie Freese, Carol Hansen, Betty Hendrickson, Teresa Hodgson, Nancy Ingram, Lorna Matthews, Bilee Peters, Helen Saunders, Sharon Stewart, Maggie Stimson, and Jennifer Watrous.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Carol Hansen, seconded by Sherril Adams that the minutes of November 10, 2008 be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual, August through December, were distributed.

Board of Directors Reports:

First Vice Presidents/Second Vice Presidents: There are two types of programs handled by the vice presidents. They are the regular monthly programs and then the special programs. The program for February will be "Meet the Teachers." This will include guild members as well as non-guild members. The guild historian was asked to participate with a "history books" table. A Flea Market is scheduled for March. The fee for a table is \$5.00 with those proceeds going to the guild. Flea market items are not limited to quilting items and additional donations from participants' revenues will gladly be accepted by the guild. The April program is still pending but may include a quilted garment program. The May program will include board of director nominations for 2009-2010 and the June meeting is traditionally a potluck with election of officers. Second VP Saunders reported that although they are still checking on the possibility of a national speaker, workshops highlighting the use of guild instructors are being planned. A workshop offering basic quilting skills is tentatively scheduled for late spring with another possible in early fall. There was some consensus that setting goals and targets could enhance program planning.

Secretary: Clarification on providing information for the guild newsletter was discussed. Future newsletters will contain a summary of discussion and board actions with full board minutes available on the REQG website, at monthly meetings, and by request.

Treasurer: Guild money held in reserve is to offset expenses for non-quilt show years.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Quilt Liaison: There are ten to 12 kits ready to put together. Upcoming sewing days are Jan. 17 and Feb 21 from 10a.m. to 4 p.m. at Scottie Dog Quilts. There are 35 quilts on hand with ten of these to be distributed to victims of recent house fires. It was moved by Maggie Stimson, seconded by Carol Hansen that Sharon Stewart purchase bins for use by the Community Quilt Liaison Committee: Motion passed.

Library: Even though there are less than five overdue books this month, plans are underway to purchase a stamp to place on each guild book to better identify them.

Membership: Membership stands at 156 members. Membership chair requested extra copies of the newsletter for the sign-in table.

Newsletter: The size, cost, etc., of the newsletter is getting out-of-hand. After discussion that included a statement that another local guild is "kicking our butt" with a much better newsletter, Linda Barry, Carol Hansen, and Susie Freese will meet to generate some new ideas for the newsletter.

Publicity: An article on the "Challenge Quilts" should be appearing in the Thursday, January 15 Times-Standard newspaper.

Opportunity Quilt: New pictures of the quilt should be available shortly. Moved by Maggie Stimson, seconded by Lorna Matthews that Susie Freese and Carol Hansen may authorize whoever and however they want to use their design. Motion carried.

Quilt Show Committee: Featured quilters, the highest honor a guild can bestow on members, for the 2009 Quilt Show will be Dorothy Cowan, Edith Goggins, Pauline Pire, and Helen Saunders.

Special Committee Reports:

Block of the Month: Plans are to revamp the BOM program to reflect a "true" block of the month. It is hoped that the new program can start in May.

Challenge Quilt: The Challenge Quilt program was a huge success with 26 participants this year. The quilts will be displayed at the 2009 quilt show. A complete report of the winners will be compiled shortly.

Doll Quilts. A total of 308 doll quilts were distributed with 208 going to the Salvation Army, 50 to Toys for Tots and 50 to North Coast Childrens Services. It was noted that the passage of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 may affect the guild's ability to furnish quilts in the future. Further information will be brought to the February meeting.

Historian: The history book can only be as good as the information supplied. Members should turn in photos, information, etc. on any guild events and/or activities to the historian.

Humboldt Area Foundation: This year \$1500 could be recommended for grants. Maggie Stimson moved, seconded by Helen Saunders, to approve the recommendation of the HAF committee as follows: Susie Freese \$325 (batting for charity work); Kim Harris \$500 (materials for Healthy Moms' project); Katie's Krafters \$325 (materials for lap quilts); and Susan Lewis \$500 (towards sewing machine used for charity work). Motion carried.

HAF Memorium: Moved by Maggie Stimson, seconded by Peg Boedecker that \$25 each be sent in honor of Robert Markin and Joyce Scott. Motion carried.

Od Business: None

New Business:

1. Request by The Studio. The Studio has asked for quilts to be displayed. There is no cost for this; however, they do ask that it be publicized. There was agreement that this would be an excellent place to show the 2009 Opportunity Quilt.
2. New Member Information. There was no objection to this information being placed on the REQG website as long as it is still available in hard copy.
3. Survey. It was suggested that a member survey be conducted at year's end. Consensus was this could be used as a planning tool.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by President Hendrickson at 8:20p.m.

Secretary

Date of Approval