

Redwood Empire Quilter's Guild
Board Meeting
March 8, 2010

The March 2010 Board meeting convened at Betty Hendrickson's home. Present: Betty Hendrickson, Helen Saunders, Lynne Todoroff, Susie Freese, Sherrill Adams, Mary Hall, Kathie Aoki, Cheryl Pekar, Maggie Stimson, Gladys Hartman, Carol Hansen, Donna Hauser, Edith Harmer, and Anne Carlisle.

Call to order: President Betty Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Treasurer's Report: See separate page.

President's Report: Nothing to report.

First Vice-President: Cheryl Pekar March meeting was Basket Auction night and was very successful. It was good to have minimum starting bid on the silent auction baskets thereby preventing too low a bid. Total amount raised was \$2700 with \$394 going to REQG and \$2333 going to Humboldt Area Foundation (HAF) Fund.

For June meeting propose to have REQG sponsor the sundae bar, estimates it costing \$150-200. There will be a regular potluck starting at 6pm. Reviewed cost analysis from Costco, Winco, and Cash and Carry. Will have members decorate own tables.

Review of calendar events:

April – Community Quilt night – will discuss late in minutes.

May – Don Beld presentation on hand piecing;

June – Potluck, possibly “sundae bar” though may change the menu.

Second Vice-President – Helen Saunders reviewed national speaker/instructors for next year. November 4 will be Merrilyn Scott. Her two choices for one hour lecture and workshop is *Sunshine and Flowers* banner or *Fibonacci*. Classes for members will be \$30 and allows 20 attendees per class.

Helen also shared two other possible speakers: Linda Wagner, who can do a class on Sew Easy Guide: Four Different Ways to do a Triangle or Square **or** Color Exploration. the other speaker is Maggie Ball, “Bargello Quilts with a Twist.”

Helen also reports we are welcome to rent the Trinity Baptist Church classroom again. Current classes are scheduled to be held at the Eureka Senior Center on California St in Eureka.

Secretary – Anne Carlisle will continue to be acting secretary and will email minutes to board members who have email and will bring copies to next meeting for those who do not.

Treasurer – See handout. Lynne Todoroff reports one problem arose at the last meeting with not making it clear whom to write the checks out to for auction items won. All monies collected for REQG (\$394), were deposited in to “programs” account and then will distribute to the committees who need funding, i.e. Community Quilts.

Parliamentarian – Gladys Hartman has two members for the nominating committee: Nancy Frost and Kathi Branum.

Standing Committee reports:

Community Quilt Liaison: Sherrill Adams thanks Susie Freese and Cheryl Pekar for organizing the donated fabric for CQ. Have at least 10 “business banker boxes.” Have a few finished quilts to give to Red Cross.

Has a good response for table leaders but need a few more. Hope to have at least six teams/stations and will give layout map to Betty to hand in to Redwood Acres by March 31.

Sherrill requests the board consider purchasing a portable *Accuquilt*, which would be helpful for cutting various shapes quickly and efficiently. Recommend 3 ½ strips, 4 ½ square and tumbler die cuts initially. Cost would be under \$200. Susie Freese will check at Market next week. Motion and second to purchase *Accuquilt* machine and the needed die cuts and plastic by Maggie Stimson and Cheryl Pekar . Passed.

Librarian: No report

Membership: Maggie Stimson reports – 157 regular; 11 business; 2 business associates; and 2 junior members. At the March 8, 2010 meeting there were 80 attendees with 2 guests and no new members.

Newsletter: No report

Publicity: Mary Hall continues to place meeting announcements in Times-Standard newspaper. Discussion followed re: PSAs especially for Community Quilt night. Will have quilts up around the room to add to the “photo-op.” Sherrill recommends contacting David Silverbrand, who does local events for Channel 6 as well as Channel 3.

Opportunity Quilt 2010: Kathie Aoki reports just about finished putting the quilt together. Had a workshop on February 27th at Ocean Wave Quilts and had about six volunteers. Still need blind stitching to be done. Lynn Todoroff has volunteered to do the quilting. Will need about 100” x 120” backing. Susie Freese will look for a tone on tone backing while at Market next week. Left over backing fabric will be given to Sherrill for Community Quilts.

Quilt Show Committee: Carol Hansen, 2009 Quilt Show Chair, is taking names for the number of volunteer positions and have some filled. Many experienced members have signed up for various committees. Carol will bring 2009 Chair binder to share at April meeting where we will need to finalize who will be Chair for 2011 show. This is *the* key event for the Guild and is vital to keep our funding going.

Special Committee Reports

Block of the Month: Susie Freese showed the picture of next year’s block of the month quilt called “Kindred Spirits.”

Doll Quilts: No report

Fat Quarter Quilts: No report

Historian: No report

Preemie Quilts: Problem – have stacks of quilts not going anywhere. Betty will contact Lorna Mathews-Jensen

Raffle Table: Gladys Hartmann would like to place older magazines and books that are not moving out on a “free” table *after* raffle. Recommend not every meeting but only a few times a year. Whatever items are left will go to thrift store.

Show and Tell Committee: No report

Sunshine: Brenda Scott’s father Mr. McNally passed away recently.

Motion made and seconded by Donna Hauser and Edith Harmer to donate \$25 to HAF In Memoriam . Passed.

Diane Goldsmith husband is currently in burn center after an accident.

Humboldt Area Foundation – Donna Hauser and Edith Harmer report we have funds available for awarding grants. Have three requests totaling \$3600. All three are on-going projects. Susie Sews for batting for charity quilts, Healthy Moms Sewing Project, and Quilts for Soldiers. All recipients are to be invited to present to the general membership a report on how the funds have been or are being used by the June general meeting.

A motion was made and seconded by Cheryl Pekar and Maggie Stimson to try and fully fund all three grant requests. Passed.

Other Old Business: Cheryl Pekar has forms all ready for inventory, which is required by insurance carrier. Cheryl and Susie will do the lockers at Redwood Acres at the April general meeting. Will also meet and do the big storage unit. Cheryl also has the updated library list done.

Cheryl will bring forms for each board member to fill out re: position/responsibilities and to be returned by June meeting. She requests to purchase binders, dividers, etc. for the project. Maggie Stimson and Sherrill Adams motioned and seconded that needed supplies be purchased by REQG. Passed.

New Business:

Betty has only one key to the lockers at Redwood Acres and plans to make another set each for membership and first vice-president as emergency back up.

Next board meeting will be on April 5th at Betty’s home. 120 12th St, Arcata. Corner of Spring and 12th St.

Maggie Stimson announced that Studio S is requesting quilts of all kinds and sizes, which will be shown in May. Maggie will place details in newsletter.

Meeting closed at 8:25 pm.