

Redwood Empire Quilter's Guild
Board Meeting
July 26, 2010

The first board meeting for the 2010/2011 term convened at Susie Freese's home. Present: Susie Freese, Betty Hendrickson, Lynne Todoroff, Maggie Stimson, Kathie Aoki, Cheryl Pekar, Gladys Hartman, Amy Gomes, Charlotte Viredaz, Jean Avant, Carol Hansen and Anne Carlisle.

Call to order: Susie Freese called meeting to order at 6:30pm. Minutes from May noted wrong date at beginning of minutes, January 2010 and should be May 2010. Anne will correct. May minutes approved as corrected. First and seconded by Cheryl Pekar and Jean Avant and passed. Minutes from general meeting in June need clarification of grant recipients who attended, Susie will investigate, and Anne will be resubmit at September board meeting.

President's Report: Susie announce theme for her term will be "Emphasis on Education."

Treasurer's Report: Presented a two-year budget. Discussion followed of where increase in revenues need to occur. The budget will be presented for approval at the general meeting in September.

First Vice-President: Cheryl Pekar is updating the REQG web page. At the September meeting, she will have all board members give a brief review and goal of their office and share their "favorite quilt book," staying in the president's theme of education. Calendar planned is as follows: October – Game Night (Scavenger Hunt); Nov – National Speaker; Dec – Holiday potluck and charity drive, (Food-4-People); Jan – Challenge Quilt; Feb, Mar or April will be a national speaker. Amy to confirm the month. May – although a national speaker was planned, it needs to be reserved for Quilt Show. Other possible meeting events: Community Quilt, Skills Night, and Basket Auction.

Second Vice-President – Amy Gomes, newly elected, will contact past 2nd VP Helen Saunders for orientation. There is a quilt group in Southern Oregon that is interested in "sharing" national speakers, thereby allowing us to split the travel costs. Names of possible speakers were briefly discussed as well as resources for finding possible speakers.

Treasurer – Wanda Wahlund, absent. President Susie shared the frustrating event with attempting to get new signatures on account at Umpqua Bank. After *days* of poor service, she requests to change account over from Umpqua Bank to Coast Central Credit Union. **A motion was made by Maggie Stimson that REQG transfer accounts from Umpqua Bank to Coast Central Credit Union and have three officers on signature card. Jean Avant seconded and motion passed.**

Parliamentarian – No report.

Past President – No report.

Standing Committee reports:

Community Quilt Liaison: No report.

Librarian: Charlotte has \$25 to turn in to treasurer the library made this year with book fees/fines. She has not spent any funds and has received a number of donations. There is a supplies list but not sure what actually in stock. Some books have not been checked out in the last four years. Board recommends book sale of any unused books. Cheryl Pekar requests a list of books that are removed or added to keep inventory current. Susie will be attending market in October so Charlotte to get a list of books purchase wholesale.

Membership: Goal is to increase membership. Discussion followed concerning incentives, i.e. free raffle ticket for bringing a guest, end of the year drawing for a free membership for those who brought in a new member, and special recognition of "most memberships" signed up. Also, remind members of benefits of membership. Cheryl notes JoAnn Fabrics has a card and get 10% discount.

Newsletter: All articles are due by midnight, 15th of the month. Jean Avant requests an assistant to pick up newsletters from Central Office and apply labels. Discussion followed re having electronic newsletter. Maggie Stimson - Membership, will need to update membership application requesting member to either receive newsletter electronically or by ground mail.

Publicity: Times-Standard had a photo of Susie sewing on a Community Quilt. The REQG has posted on the National Geographic website under visittheredwoods.com and under community education. Can go on-line and note the number of "hits" the site has had...18 so far. Will plan to put info in about the Quilt Show 2011. Mary also recommends having pictures of a community member with quilt whenever we display quilts in community venues, possibly more chance of getting it in newspaper.

Opportunity Quilt 2010: Kathie Aoki announced that Truffles is the name of the quilt. It will be unveiled at the Sept general meeting. It is king size (116 x 96). Need list of venues of where to show the quilt. Janet Festler was chair in 2009. Kathie to contact her for list. Will then need volunteers to "show" the quilt and sell tickets.

Quilt Show Committee: Betty Hendrickson is checking with Redwood Acres to have the Turf Room for the weekend. It is \$200 for *both* rooms. Nancy Frost submitted an idea to have a booth for high quality items for sale at the Quilt Show.

Special Committee Reports

Block of the Month: 10-block quilt. Gladys recommends each month have a theme color for the "extra" one made for the drawing.

Challenge Quilt: Theme is animal and quilts will be presented at January meeting.

Doll Quilts: No report

Fat Quarter Quilts: No report

Historian: No report

Hospitality: Anna Gomes will chair. Board members to bring September meeting's treats.

Preemie Quilts: Nancy Frost to chair. No report

Raffle Table: Board recommends adding 6/\$5 as well as \$1 per ticket. Kathie will post sign about items accepted for raffle table...*treasures not trash*. Will have special table for quilts and other high-end items for separate tickets.

Show and Tell Committee: Mimi Mace chair. No report.

Sunshine: Kathy Branum. No report.

Humboldt Area Foundation: No report. Discussion followed concerning that at least one of the two chairs is to step off and have new chair. Each serves two years on alternate schedule.

Other Old Business: Helen Saunders is working with the Eureka Senior Center to have quilts hanging Sept and March. There is a fading issue with the amount of light in the center.

Cheryl continues to work on the job notebooks. She sent out, to all board members, an example of the general information section, requesting all to review and send back any corrections or additions warranted.

New Business:

*National Quilting Day is March 19, 2011. Susie wants to plan renting the Redwood Acres dining room, which holds 75, and have a mini quilt-a-thon. Discussion followed to have professional demos and assistance available to all attendees. This would be an incentive for attendees to get something ready for the Quilt Show being held in July.

* Humboldt County Fair –Needs two people to judge quilts being shown and award a free *new* membership. Amy Gomes and Maggie Stimson volunteered.

*Susie will inform all special committee chairs that at least one board meeting is to be attended by January.

* Lynne Todoroff recommends that the treasurer have a dedicated lap top computer. This would avoid having to purge past treasurer's personal computer of the Quicken program. Cheryl Pekar made a motion that REQG to purchase a laptop, not to exceed \$500, Maggie Stimson seconded. Passed.

* Maggie Stimson shared that Plaza Design has swatches to donate to REQG and would like to have items, (potholders, shopping bags, etc.), made from these swatches to sell at 60/40 split. Susie will present to general meeting and see if any one is interested. Maggie will bring in samples of swatches to September meeting.

Next board meeting will be on Monday, September 13 @ 6:30 at Susie Freese home.

Meeting closed at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Carlisle