

Quilter's Unlimited
Steering Committee Meeting
September 24, 2009

The meeting was brought to order by Wendy Stone at 7 p.m. In attendance were:

Miriam Baldwin
Michele Hackmeyer
Esther Weiner
Roberta Granville

Barbara Hoagland
Martha Mitchell
Janice Parker
Sheilah Dambitis

Marsha Walper
Penny Blasyczek
Wendy Stone

Sunshine Guidelines were presented by Wendy Stone and discussed. It was agreed they would go into the Directory and also on our website. Among the changes made were the addition of a card being sent for the death of a former member; adding language so the president has the authority to act in the absence of the Sunshine chairperson; moving the confidentiality language to the top of the guidelines, and adding the guideline information to the Yahoo members-only forum. A Motion was made by Miriam Baldwin to accept the guidelines as changed and was seconded by Martha Mitchell. The ayes carried the Motion.

The Yahoo Members-only group "Quilt Tallahassee" was discussed and it was suggested it was a good medium to distribute mass information to members. It was suggested a handout be prepared and given at the guild meetings with directions on how to use Yahoo. It was also suggested that information be given at a guild meeting regarding the use of Yahoo. Janice Parker and Michele Hackmeyer will prepare a presentation for the January 2010 guild meeting on why member would want to join "Quilt Tallahassee".

It was suggested "teasers" be put in the newsletter re: Quilt Tallahassee to promote interest.

Discussed was the need for guidelines for the use of Quilt Tallahassee, such as it is not a complaint board, no commercial ads, no commercial links, no profanity, no topics other than quilting topics. Janice Parker and Michele Hackmeyer will prepare a guideline for steering committee review before a presentation is given at a guild meeting.

Karen Skinner emailed ideas and questions. She suggested creating a separate website which would list resources for guild members such as longarm quilters, shops, other groups, a forum for ads. It would not be connected to the Guild. After discussion, it was decided that as long as there was no conflict of interest with the Guild and that Karen would own and run the website, it is a great idea and she can present her idea to guild members.

Marsha Walper recommended that the steering committee authorize the purchase of new software to run the Guild website. She stated the current software (Frontpage) is outdated and no longer supported by the creator, plus is unwieldy to use. She recommends Dreamweaver (cost \$400) plus Fireworks for the photos (cost \$300). A

Motion was made by Roberta Granville to purchase both programs, but was not seconded, and the Motion was withdrawn.

After discussion as to ownership of the programs, it was decided the programs should be registered to the Guild, but the programs should be given to the current webmaster for his/her use and transferred to any subsequent webmaster. Marsha Walper made a Motion to purchase Dreamweaver and Fireworks software with it being registered to Quilters Unlimited, and it was seconded by Roberta Granville. The ayes carried the Motion.

Cheryl Willis reported it appears a Sit 'n Stitch Group will bring in the most money for a Silent Auction item, and suggested a group recognition. There has been a quilt plaque given in the past, but it is filled. A suggestion was made for a quilters tool kit be given and passed yearly from group to group. It was also suggested \$20 of consumable goodies be given to the group as recognition. The majority liked the idea of perishable items being given and the money would come out of the Museum show budget. Janice Parker made a Motion for the Sit 'n Stitch group that earned the most money at a Silent Auction be given a perishable food item as recognition, with a cost of not more than \$20. The Motion was seconded by Barbara Hoagland. The ayes carried the Motion.

Martha Mitchell also gave the Treasurers report and the last-minute workshop unexpectedly made a profit. The total checking and savngs balance is \$15,805.24. There will be an audit at the end of the fiscal year. She also said the Treasurer needed an upgrade to the Quickbooks program before November 1st. Roberta Granville made a Motion to purchase an upgrade to the Quickbooks program, and it was seconded by Janice Parker. The ayes carried the Motion.

Esther Weiner states she still needs a Museum Chair. She has a co-chair, but requested names of possible candidates. It was suggested she split the position into smaller units to see if she can get volunteers.

Penny B. said she attended the Anchorage, Alaska quilt show and suggested we adopt some of their features, such as Sit 'n Stitch groups each having their own area with the comfort quilts they had made. It was discussed that the Anchorage show was for only 2 days and we are limited by Museum space.

The November 2009 meeting will be installation of officers and guest speaker Pat Speth. The December meeting will be a quilt show wrap-up and Christmas party.

Meeting was adjourned.