



Quilters Unlimited

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Minutes

Steering Committee

July 14, 2015

The meeting was held at the Collaboratory Room, Goldstein Library at FSU. Attending were Karen Skinner, President; Jeanne Brenner, Library and Workshops; Marsha Walper, Sit'n'Stitch; Betty Rinkel, Audiovisual and 2015 Opportunity Quilt; Michele Hackmeyer, Philanthropy; Lucy Patrick, Challenge Quilts; Peggy Clark, Membership; Karen Kunz, Boutique; Pam Doffek, Vice-President; Sue Skornia, Welcoming; Linda Davis; Geni Rains, 2016 Opportunity Quilt; and Judy Stricklin, Secretary.

Old Business: A motion was made by Pam Doffek, and seconded by Jeanne Brenner, to accept the minutes of the May meeting. It was passed unanimously by the committee.

At the General Meeting, members voted on changing the policy concerning mailing newsletter to read, "Members desiring a mailed newsletter must provide a letter-size stamped self-addressed envelope at least 30 days in advance of the publication date." The change was passed by a vote of 63 to 7. It will be published in the next Newsletter, and take effect in September for the October Newsletter.

New Business: Logistics of our new meeting venue at Temple Israel was reviewed. It was agreed that each Committee needs a table, and that the Membership table should be immediately inside the entrance. The microphone sound was unsatisfactory, and assistance from the AV person will be sought with the sound system and air conditioning controls. At the conclusion of the meeting, the alarm system went off, and it was later discovered that the Special Olympics people had been using the gym, and had been told to set the alarm when they left. They did so, not realizing that we were still in the building, and when we exited it set off the alarm. Unfortunately, efforts to contact anyone with the Temple were unsuccessful, and the alarm finally cut off on its own. Karen will meet with the temple administrator, Lisa Slaton, to better coordinate services.

Lucy Patrick reported that 45 copies of the Challenge Quilt rules had been sold, but she had only heard from about a dozen members who were definitely entering quilts. Ribbons have been completed, and she will contact members to encourage them to participate. Quilts will be displayed on tables at the next general meeting, and then will be on display at the Goldstein Library from August 24 through October 3. On October 3 (quilt pick-up day) there will be a social event from 2-4 at the library open to all members. Pam Doffek will provide lemonade and asked board members to bring snacks.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Pam Doffek, Roberta Granville, Linda Brooks, and Peggy Allen, is developing the list of next year's candidates for officers. The current secretary and treasurer have agreed to serve another year. Susan Dickerson will be the Membership Chair and Peggy Clark will assist her. Chairs that are needed were reviewed, and the primary need is a candidate for Vice-president/President Elect.

Karen Skinner reported on the cash flow projection. The budget should be back to normal by the end of 2016 IF everything works out. The increased dues alone will bring in \$6000.

Karen also reported on the letter she had sent to the IRS about the guild's 501(c)(4) status. The letter was returned as Undeliverable, but Karen was able to contact an employee in the IRS Non-profits section who verified that it had been the correct address, so the problem was with the Post Office. The IRS person also gave further information on changing the status. It would require an application and a fee which could range from \$400 to as much as \$800. It was agreed that this should wait until the guild budget is healthier.

Extensive discussion was held concerning changes in Bylaws and Policies. There was general agreement that there should be an award for Volunteer of the Year, as well as the Distinguished Quilter Award. There is also a need to renew the Publicity Committee.

We talked about a policy of charging a fee for guests who attend more than one time, and it was agreed that this is not needed; the same was agreed for having a category of Junior Memberships.

The issue of partial membership dues for new members who join in the second half of the year was discussed, it was agreed that this is reasonable, and Peggy Clark will write the policy.

PayPal charges a fee for every transaction and we have been paying this out of the budget. Methods of offsetting this expense were discussed at length, and it was agreed that a "Convenience Fee" of \$2.50 will be added to all transactions through our website.

Karen Skinner has been working on a draft of revisions to the Bylaws and will send it out in a few weeks.

At one time we had talked about having an Open House at a monthly meeting as a substitute for the museum quilt show; all agreed that there is now not a need.

Committee Updates:

Jeanne Brenner, Programs: Paper piecing classes on July 17 and 18 are filled, and she is scheduling another at Temple Israel on the day of the next General Meeting. Other classes by members are scheduled, and the Becky Goldsmith workshop is filled.

Travel: Marilyn Kelley will be assisting Joy Vo.

Marsha Walper, Sit'n'Stitch: Members with an interest in art quilts are invited to attend Sew Arty which meets monthly at Hancock Bank for a program and Show & Tell.

Michelle Hackmeyer, Philanthropic: She is putting information on our website about our philanthropic projects and a contact person for each.

Betty Rinkel, Opportunity Quilt: She is setting up a booth at Railroad Square on First Fridays and needs assistants.

Karen Kunz, Boutique: More items are needed to sell.

There have been numerous requests for another Sewing Party. It was agreed that twice a year is often enough to do this. Karen Skinner chaired the last one and would like to find someone else to be in charge.

A committee consisting of Marsha, Michelle, and Pam was appointed to review our policy on advertising in the Newsletter. We may need to tailor it for merchants, and have classified ads for members.

The next meeting will be on September 15 at Temple Israel.

The meeting was adjourned and Pam Doffek gave a brief tour of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Stricklin, Secretary