

MINNESOTA QUILTERS BOD MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, August 19, 2008  
Meeting held at MQ Office, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN

**Attending:** Linda Wines, Mary Brandt, Debbie Craig, Yvonne Curran, Kathie Simon Frank, Paula Gaboury, Linda Lysdahl, Miki Peine, Sue Sandager, Patty Von Arx, Char Wenger. Others attending: Becky McPeek, Business Manager; Gail Bakkom, visitor representing MQP. Absent: Cindy Wilson

Linda Wines called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Call to Order and Announcements** (Linda Wines)

Linda Wines circulated a letter from Molly Miller from the Wyoming State Quilt Guild congratulating MQ for the wonderful show and conference in Rochester this past June and thanking the BOD for the good time she had. Linda Wines also shared a letter from Helen Kelley thanking the MQ BOD for sponsoring her at the Quilters Hall of Fame where she was inducted and honored in July. This letter will be reproduced in the MQ newsletter at the end of this month.

Board members were asked to report their volunteer hours on the sheet that Linda passed around.

Linda Wines reminded everyone to bring their nominations for Quilter of the Year to the retreat in September. At that meeting, the BOD will choose a QOTY for the 2009 show.

Linda Wines reported that Laura McDonald, 20-year old daughter of active MQ member Sue Crouse, had an unfortunate accident August 10th that resulted in her death. A memorial donation of \$50 was made by MQ in her memory and sent to the family.

Gail Bakkom from Minnesota Quilt Project (MQP) was our guest at the beginning of the meeting. She came to request funds from the BOD for events at the 2010 American Quilt Study Group (AQSG) conference in the Twin Cities. AQSG has 1000 members from the United States and abroad. Eight-five percent of the members are quilters. Typically about 250 people attend the conference. They represent scholars and people with interests that include Women's Studies and quilting. Gail Bakkom's request was for funds to help MQP, one of the local sponsoring organizations of the conference, host the "ice breaker" opening reception at the conference hotel. The request was approved and it was generally agreed that money for the AQSG hosting expenses will be built into either the MQ administrative budget or the MQP budget for the 2009-1010 and 2010-11 fiscal years. No vote was taken.

**Roll Call and Minutes** (Kathie Simon Frank)

Kathie Simon Frank offered the July 2008 BOD minutes for corrections and approval.

**MOTION:** Sue Sandager moved and Mary Brandt seconded that the July BOD minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report** (Miki Peine)

Miki Peine announced that MQ's net income is down somewhat. She called the Board's attention to her handout. She asked whether MQ's mission is to save money or to educate the public regarding quilts and quilting.

A discussion followed regarding new IRS regulations requiring that the value of donations must be reported as income. Miki Peine asked Linda Wines to phone the auditor to get clarification about this.

Miki Peine laid out the schedule for finalizing the 2008-9 budget. The Board will talk about the budget draft at the September BOD meeting, and in October will examine the budget and vote to approve it.

Note was made that Becky McPeck, MQ Business Manager, will be on vacation during the last two weeks of September. Plans will be made to answer phone and e-mail messages during that time.

**MOTION:** Mary Brandt moved and Debbie Craig seconded the motion to approve the financial reports. The vote was approved unanimously.

### **Operations Directors' Report** (Char Wenger and Sue Sandager)

Char Wenger reported we have our volunteer coordinator in place now. Now the Communications Directors are seeking a person to do marketing for Minnesota Quilters. And the Operations Directors are seeking one or two people for a short-term project: updating the information we have about all the participating quilting guilds in the state and getting information from them.

Char Wenger and Sue Sandager noted that volunteers are needed to staff the membership positions for Thursday and Saturday morning meetings.

Also needed are co-chairs to facilitate Saturday morning meetings.

MQ has been contacted by the Wisconsin Quilt Guild. They would like to compare notes with our organization, because they are making decisions about what direction to take and to increase their state-wide membership. Char Wenger is in communication with them trying to pinpoint a date and location for the meeting. She will be in touch with the BOD once the logistics are settled to see who can participate in the meeting.

### **Communications Directors' Report** (Yvonne Curran)

Yvonne Curran announced that Cindy Wilson has been working on MemberClicks and hopes that by October/November she'll have clarification about how to use alternative addresses for mailing newsletters, etc.

Communications Directors are going to include a monthly tip about how to use MemberClicks in each newsletter. One such tip might address how members can update their on-line profile or how to renew membership on-line. Each month they will encourage readers to participate in a short survey addressing some kind of fun question. Members will go on-line to answer the survey questions. The results of each month's survey will be reported in the next month's newsletter. All this is designed to increase members' familiarity and comfort with using MemberClicks. Board members are encouraged to give ideas for fun survey questions to her and Cindy Wilson.

Cindy Wilson and Pam Ronan will continue to work on making MemberClicks the best resource possible.

### **Education Directors' Report** (Patty Von Arx and Debbie Craig)

Patty Von Arx and Debbie Craig reported that they are making headway with their plans for the Holiday Brunch. So far, twenty people have registered for the Fall Getaway. They are confident that more registrations are on their way. The retreat can accommodate another 47 people. Typically Fall Getaway is well attended.

Patty Von Arx will write to ask Helen Kelley if she is willing to donate one of her new books to the Textile Center Library.

### **President-Elect's Report** (Mary Brandt)

Mary Brandt will present a request from Bundles of Love next month after she ascertains how much they are asking for.

Mary Brandt reported that Nancy Kazlaukus told her that she was going to teach at a guild in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where many homes were very badly damaged and many people lost all they had. She wanted Minnesota Quilters to know that many quilters lost all their fabric in the floods last month and would appreciate donations to help provide them with fabric so they may continue to quilt.

Ruby Larson, a MQ member for many years has now moved into assisted living. As a result, she and her family donated her fabric and some equipment and books to MQ. Discussion followed about whether some of this donation was appropriate for the quilters in Iowa. Linda Wines said she would write to thank Ruby Larson for her donation and would suggest who was going to get some of her donation. After the meeting, several Board members agreed to look at the donation and make some decisions.

**2008 Show Chair's Report**

No one was present to make a report.

**2009 Show Chairs' Report (Linda Wines)**

Linda Wines and Laura Nagel will conduct their turn-over meeting after the August 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday meeting. There was some discussion about whether the turn-over meeting could be held in September when people are back from vacation rather than in August when they are on vacation. Because of the publishing schedule for the show's registration booklet, it is important to get the process started early so that the registration booklet is as complete and comprehensive as possible. That one month seems to make a difference.

**Show Coordinator's Report (Linda Lysdahl)**

Linda Wines will include Linda Lysdahl's expenses in the 2009 show budget.

**Business Manager's Report (Becky McPeek)**

Becky McPeek reminded the Board that she will be out of the office for two weeks at the end of September. She had no other business to report.

At this point, Linda Lysdahl and Becky McPeek were asked to leave the meeting so the Board could discuss personnel matters.

**Other business**

The next time the Board meets will be Saturday, September 13 from 9 am until 5 pm. at Sue Sandager's home in Scandia, MN.

Linda Wines adjourned the meeting just before 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Simon Frank

9 September 2008

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