

MINNESOTA QUILTERS, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 17, 2009  
Meeting held at MQ Office, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN

**Board Members Attending:** Mary Brandt, Miki Peine, Sue Rutford, Sue Sandager, Char Wenger, Cindy Wilson, Linda Wines.

**Board Members Absent:** Kathie Simon Frank, Yvonne Curran and Kathleen Winters

**Staff Attending:** Linda Lysdahl

**Staff Absent:** Becky McPeek

**Others Attending:** Jill Schultz (2010 Show Chair)

Mary Brandt called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Call to Order and Announcements** (Mary Brandt)

Mary Brandt circulated the sheet for recording volunteer hours worked.

**Roll Call and Minutes** (Charlotte Wenger)

Char Wenger offered the February, 2009, minutes for corrections and approval. Two corrections were sent by e-mail and noted at the end of the minutes. No other corrections were sited.

**MOTION:** Linda Wines moved and Sue Rutford seconded that the February BOD minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer/Finance Report** (Miki Peine)

The balance sheet is improving.

The number of registrants for the 2009 show is lagging.

We have received enough raffle ticket money to be making a profit now.

Economic Outlook – Becky McPeek attended a conference – she learned many things about how we need to change. This is the time to be making changes, i.e. get rid of considerations. *(Need some clarification here?)*

Miki will be working on a reserve policy – guidelines as to when and how to use them.

Miki and Becky will be working on a cash flow forecast. Where we are going to be changing things. Not a good idea to spend reserve funds – we should not keep doing this. We need to change how we do things. *(Please clarify this also.)*

The 2009 Show Budget is still being worked on. It is close to being done.

**Business Manager Report** (Becky McPeek)

There was no report in the absence of Becky McPeek.

**Show Coordinator Report** (Linda Lysdahl)

Linda reported that she received a letter from Country Keepsakes. They vended at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival and reported that their earnings were down 20 percent.

Linda talked about the Sponsor Thank-you bags and asked if the Board Members wanted to deliver the bags again and we agreed to do that. Linda indicated that she has a very small budget for purchasing items to put in the bags and is looking for donations. There are 68 sponsors. Several

Board members indicated that they would be willing to help out with donations. Linda indicated she would send out an e-mail to the Board.

### **2009 Show Report (Linda Wines)**

So far there are 520 overall registrants.

Banquet – 250

Fat Quarter Stroll – 93

Sneak Peek – 235

Fashion Show – 96 – there will be a bus going to the Depot to transport people that do not want to walk.

There was a problem with Registration Booklets being distributed to the Duluth quilt shops. None of them received the Registration Books. Someone took the books, but they were never delivered. Several ideas were talked about to improve the process. We need to keep a list of who takes what books to be delivered and get a confirmation that they were actually delivered. There is a list of shops and others that want Registration Books on Memberclicks that Becky keeps updated. A suggestion was made to do a mailing in September to find out how many registration books shops want or perhaps use e-mail or make phone calls.

### **2010 Show Report (Jill Schultz)**

Jill asked the Board about selling tickets for the 2010 raffle quilt at the 2009 Show and where should they be sold. It was suggested that they be sold at the 2010 Show table even though it is right next to the 2009 Raffle Quilt.

Jill indicated that instead of printing up both postcards with a photo of the quilt and show bookmarks and as long as the raffle quilt will be done, they are only going to do postcards with Show information and a photo of the quilt. She wanted to know how many should be printed. It was decided to do at least 15,000.

The 2010 Show Committee will be meeting on April 4 from 12 – 1:30 and Jill asked about providing lunch. The Board told her that it is okay.

Jill asked the Board if it is necessary to have a Thursday night special event at the Show. The Board indicated that that is a Show Committee decision.

The 2010 Show Committee will also be discussing what considerations would they be willing to give up. The considerations are already set for the 2010 Show Committee. This discussion is to help the Board make recommendations for considerations for the 2011 Show Committee.

### **Past President's Report (Linda Wines)**

Five people have applied for the Secretary position.

She has two potential people for the Communications Directorship.

Jill Schultz has agreed to become an Operations Director, taking over from Sue Sandager.

### **Communications Directors' Report (Yvonne Curran and Cindy Wilson)**

Two Business Memberships have been received and they are waiting for some more that they know will be coming in.

An article about the Message Board was in the last newsletter and some people are beginning to use it.

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

No report

**Operations Director** (Sue Sandager)

Sue indicated that she and Kathleen Winters will be meeting with Becky for a job review on Thursday, March 19, 2009.

Sue will be purchasing the flowers for Martha Eaves and Linda Wines will be getting the gift certificate (Outstanding Volunteer of the Year) to be presented at the April 2 and April 4 Member meetings.

**Education Director's Report** (Sue Rutford)

Good turnout for Lynnette Jensen at the Eagan High School meeting.

Garage sale went well. They closed up by 1:30. The Textile Center Library took all the leftover books and magazine.

**President Elect's Report** (Char Wenger)

Show Scholarship – Winner is Harriet Oyera. Linda Lysdahl will need information for hotel. Char will be writing a letter to her and requesting that she come to one of the Member meetings prior to the Show so she can be introduced (she is from Minneapolis).

The Finance Committee will have its next budget meeting on Monday, April 13th.

The next MQ Board of Directors meeting will be **Wednesday, April 22** - 6:30 pm for the start of the business meeting. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE.**

Char Wenger moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sue Sandager. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brandt adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Wenger, President-Elect  
(Substitute Secretary)  
26 March 2009