

MINNESOTA QUILTERS, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, June 16, 2009  
Meeting held at MQ Office, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN

**Board Members Attending:** Mary Brandt, Kathie Simon Frank, Sue Rutford, Sue Sandager, Char Wenger, Cindy Wilson, Linda Wines, Kathleen Winters

**Board Members Absent:** Yvonne Curran, Miki Peine

**Staff Absent:** Linda Lysdahl, Becky McPeek

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

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

Mary Brandt called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. She circulated the sheet for recording volunteer hours worked.

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

Kathie Simon Frank offered the May 2009 minutes for corrections and approval. Mary Brandt had submitted a number of corrections and suggestions for clarification. Cindy Wilson submitted a change for her report. These corrections were made. Corrected minutes will be resent to all Board members and a copy to the office for filing.

**MOTION:** Sue Sandager moved to accept the corrected minutes. Linda Wines seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

In Miki Peine's absence, there was no Finance Committee report.

**Show Coordinator Report (Linda Lysdahl)**

Before the meeting, Linda Lysdahl e-mailed the Vendor Contract for 2010 for all Board members. She asked for approval of the revisions she made and for suggestions for other revisions. After discussion, it was agreed to impose a penalty on vendors who give vendor passes to non-vendors at the show. Board members were asked to review the contract, note typos, e-mail them to Mary Brandt and Linda Wines, who will go over the whole document and return it to Linda Lysdahl.

Arrangements have been made for the 2010 judged quilts to be exhibited in the Kelly Inn Ballroom.

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

Linda Wines reports preliminary final counts for the 2009 show that ended June 13<sup>th</sup>. 7,650 people bought day passes. That number may increase by another 1,000 when all the bus admissions are included. The small quilt auction earned about \$3,800. 453 people bought lecture tickets. 1,009 people attended classes. When the final counts are done, Linda Wines will issue a final report.

All the left-over pink bags from the 2008 show that were taken to the Duluth show were sold.

Some months ago, the Board agreed to phone MQ members who were sent raffle tickets but did not return them by the 2009 show. Linda Wines will send each Board member a list of approximately 25 people to call. The goal is to get all the outstanding tickets back. The State Gambling Board requires that all tickets be accounted for.

Cindy Wilson will post a list of all the winning quilts on the web site.

The turn-over meeting for the show committees is scheduled for Saturday, August 8, 2009.

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

Cards announcing the raffle quilt are ready to be distributed to shops. MQ members will be asked at the July meeting to deliver them to the shops that they frequent. Remaining shops will be mailed their cards.

Pam Dinsdorf is willing for MQ to immediately take responsibility for the raffle quilt that she designed and made, so we will revise her contract in this regard and take possession of the raffle quilt. A discussion followed about arranging insurance coverage of the quilt under MQ. The 2010 raffle quilt was already appraised by MQP for \$1,800. Kathleen Winters said she would take care of getting the insurance coverage for the raffle quilt.

The tuition for each class at the annual show and conference in 2010 will be increased by \$10 for non-MQ-members.

Discussion followed regarding a two-tiered price structure for class tuition for 2011 and the future.

**MOTION:** Sue Rutford moved and Char Wenger seconded to begin a two-tiered system for class fees beginning at the 2011 show. Class fees for members would remain at \$35 (half-day) and \$65 (full-day) for members, and \$10 more for non-members (\$45 and \$75). Motion passed unanimously.

Further discussion about considerations for 2011 Show Committee members was put aside until the next Board meeting.

## **Business Manager Report (Becky McPeek, absent from meeting)**

No report was available from Becky McPeek.

## **Operations Director (Sue Sandager)**

Linda Lsydahl's performance review will be conducted in September 2009.

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

Mary Brandt presented a letter from Nancy Mambi regarding the library committee's desire to check Minnesota Quilters' holding of books to eliminate multiple copies to make room for new books. In making these decisions, the library committee will consider the value of each book, how much it has circulated, how important it is to the field of quilting, and its condition. Ms. Mambi's letter stated: "The decisions will be made by people who have long experience on quilting and understand the trends moving the quilting field along."

**MOTION:** Linda Wines moved and Sue Rutford seconded that we approve Nancy Mambi's request to withdraw the triplicate copies and some of the duplicate copies of the MQ Guild's books in the Textile Center library. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Communications Directors' Report (Cindy Wilson)**

Cindy Wilson reported that 5 people have stepped forward, volunteering to work on the new logo design. Those who are interested will continue on to the portion of the project that involves updating and revising the MQ website.

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

Sue Rutford received notice from Sharlene Wimpfheimer who is resigning from her volunteer position as Evening Coordinator. July will be her last meeting.

The September 2009 meeting is scheduled for Labor Day weekend. MQ was unable to move it to the next weekend. Sue Rutford will look into the next couple of years' July and September meeting dates so there is not a conflict with the Independence Day and Labor Day holidays.

Sue Sandager noted that MQ uses the large meeting room on the first Thursday each month from 6 pm until 10 pm and the following Saturday from 8 am until 4 pm. She will check on the wording in the lease.

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

Linda Wines had no report.

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

Char Wenger read the thank you letter from the Arts Alliance for the \$300 grant MQ gave them to help with expenses for their Non-traditional Quilting Exhibit which hangs in their gallery from July 9<sup>th</sup> through August 29<sup>th</sup>. Arts Alliance is at 716 Main Street, Elk River. They invite all MQ members to see the show and to attend the fashion show reception on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9 pm.

Char Wenger presented a grant request for \$1000 from Penumbra Theater in St. Paul for expenses associated with their annual community quilt-making project for the theater's production of Black Nativity. After discussion, Char Wenger agreed to check on whether the theater has non-profit status. In addition, MQ gives a maximum of \$500 for organization grants. Further action on this grant application was tabled until the July Board meeting.

**Other Business**

Mary Brandt announced that the September Board retreat would be on Saturday September 19, 2009. Sue Sandager volunteered her home in Scandia for the retreat. New Board members will be notified of the date and location of this transition meeting in September.

The next Board meeting will be at the MQ office on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 6 pm for social time and 6:30 pm for the meeting.

Mary Brandt adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathie Simon Frank  
Secretary