MQ Board of Directors Meeting

Date:          February 21, 2012
Location:     St. Lawrence Church, Minneapolis, MN

Board Members Attending:      Staff Attending:      Guests:
Wynn Martin
Carol Fisher
Lou Roos
Laura Nagel
Mary Pozzini
Karen Kopitzke
Pat Curtner
Linda Wines
Doris Harland

Board Members Not Present:
Yvonne Curran
Char Wenger

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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Wynn passed around an attendance sheet asking for volunteer hours to be reported.

Show Director Report (Linda Wines).
   A. Linda Wines distributed a Registration Report current to January 20, 2012. She discussed classes that were filled, filling, and those in danger of being cancelled.

   B. The Rochester group producing “The Quilters” requested ‘seed’ funding upfront, that MQ will get refunded after the event.

   C. The benefits specific to business members, non-vendors, and sponsorships was discussed and clarified.

   D. A list of faculty for 2013 show was discussed, however no letters of intent have been sent yet.

MOTION. Laura Nagel moved that MQ accept the 2013 Show Policies. Lou Roos seconded; the motion carried.

   E. Linda made the Board aware of the pending venue contracts that need to be considered and signed and recommended that we (board members) be ready to make decisions at the March Board meeting.

   F. The Board agreed and decided to schedule a one hour Finance meeting on March 20, preceding the Board meeting, to discuss the venue schedule and make recommendations to the Board.

   G. There will also be a Finance meeting and review of the Budget on April 14, 2012 in the classroom, following the membership meeting.

Treasurer’s Report (position vacant)
   A. No report; but we are solvent!

Secretary’s Report (Charlotte Wenger, Secretary, absent).
   A. January board minutes were not presented for approval. Char will distribute electronically before the March Board meeting.
Communication Directors’ Report (Karen Kopitzke and Pat Curtner).

A. Recommendation to pursue a new web-hosting company, but we need someone with more expertise to guide us through the process. Wynn volunteered to look into this.

B. Pat discussed our problems with email, spam issues. Pat will also work with Karen to research what we need and should look for with a new web-hosting provider. If they discover anything worthwhile before the March meeting, they will forward it electronically to Board members.

President’s Report (Wynn Martin).

A. Wynn shared Carolyn Silflow’s (MQP) request for new quilt stands; perhaps sturdier, more industrial quality than the ones MQ currently has

MOTION. Karen Kopitzke moved to purchase additional quilt stands; Mary Pozzini seconded, the motion carried.

B. Mary will research this purchase.

C. It was also recommended that we try to get the old ones fixed, or try to make one good one out of two broken ones.

D. Lighting was also determined to be poor at the meetings. Auxiliary lighting will be brought to the April meeting to get an idea of what will make a difference.

Operation Directors’ Report (Mary Pozzini)

A. Keys – Mary Pozzini provided members with a list of keys and who has been assigned to them.

B. Rules for Classroom use. Mary Pozzini will entertain a quilt group to volunteer to ‘test’ out the classroom.

C. Volunteer Recognition event prior to the April member meeting was discussed. An invitation will be issued to membership. The Board needs to be at the St. Lawrence Hall at 7:30 a.m. to set-up.

President Elect’s Report (Wynn Martin).

Grants:

A. Dave Hegstad from Lakeland Public Television (Brainerd) – LPTV requests $2,000.00

MOTION. Laura Nagel moved to approve the LPTV grant request for $2,000.00; Carol Fisher seconded, the motion carried.

B. Quilt National requests $2,000.00 in 2013 for event held in fall of 2014. Not clear on timeline, will respond with letter requesting more information.

C. Recommendation was made after discussion to determine a process for our future grant applications. There would be an annual deadline so they could be reviewed at the same time which would facilitate our planning and budgeting for the next fiscal year. Previous recipients would be notified of the change.

D. Eagan High School grant request for $400.00 to fund the EHS Women’s History Month Quilt Exhibit. Request application was previously submitted to Board members electronically.
MOTION. Mary Pozzini moved to grant Eagan High School request for $400.00; Carol Fisher seconded, the motion carried.

**Membership Director’s Report** (Carol Fisher).

A. Currently we have 677 active memberships.

B. Carol talked to Greg about extending an invitation to St. Lawrence Quilters to attend our April meeting.

C. It was also recommended that MQ extend an invitation to the South Minneapolis Quilt group. We should probably consider inviting a different guild each month, waiving guest fees, to encourage more quilters to become members of the state organization.

**Education Director's Report** (Laura Nagel and Lou Roos).

A. Meeting dates – no changes, but need to have Debra send email reminders to our membership that the April meetings are one week later so as not to conflict with Easter weekend

B. Kathryn Ross – historian – needs to be contacted to find out if she wants to continue.

C. Discussion about expiring quilt magazine subscriptions at the Textile Center. It was decided to let them expire until we can renew them and have them available for our membership at our new location. Also waiting on updated budget report before we purchase any new materials of this nature.

D. Laura confirmed that the member whose company made a $400.00 donation to MQ was acknowledged.

**New Business**

A. LED projector has been purchased. It’s care and use will fall under Operations Committee.

B. There have been several changes needed to update Show website. Level of benefit of time-consuming changes was discussed.

C. It is necessary to update 2012 MQ website with quilt art from this year’s raffle quilt and retire last year’s images.

D. Recommendations for Eagan show/membership meeting include: membership table, drawing for guest membership, copies of current MQ newsletter, membership forms, guest sign-in sheets, and raffle quilt ticket sales.

**MOTION.** Lou Roos moved to adjourn the meeting; Mary Pozzini seconded; the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Nagel
Acting Secretary