Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Bonnie Ellis opened the meeting.

A. Cell phones were silenced.
B. Attendance List/Hours reported.

Secretary Report (Jill Schultz)
A. The November 18, 2014 Board Meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Motion: Sharon Peterson moved to approve the November 18, 2014 meeting minutes as corrected and amended. Patty Von Arx seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report (Linda Wines for Vicci Mattsfield)
A. The Financials were presented.
B. In-Kind Gifts were discussed. When completing the receipt for gifts in-kind, the receipt should indicate what the gift is to be used for (example: Quilting for Others, MQP, etc.)

Show Director/Coordinator Report (Linda Wines)
A. The show website, registration system and judged & non-judged systems are in progress
B. The Merchandise committee has shirts on order to arrive by the January MQ meetings.
C. The DECC walkthrough was held for Special Exhibits, Judged, Non-Judged, Coordinator (Faculty) and Director in November.
D. We need show coordinators for the 2016 show.
E. We need to be sending out Faculty Letters of Intent.
F. Linda is attending the “Road to California” quilt show, volunteering for two days, meeting with their show director and “doing the show”.
G. A multi-lecture package will be discussed at the January board meeting.

President-Elect (Martha Eaves)
A. The Scholarship Winner was selected and notified.
B. The Board discussed giving one meeting admission to the people who entered the scholarship contest who did not win.
Communications (Pat Curtner and Karen O'Brien)
A. Pat discussed the State Fair Awards sponsored by MQ.
B. Fine Arts Award and the Creative Activities Awards are the same as last year.
C. The Board discussed what award to present to the President’s favorite quilt in the 4H Building.

Motion: Sharon Peterson moved to give $20 from MQ in 4H in the 4H Building for the President’s First Quilt Choice. Anne McCandless seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Sharon Peterson discussed that Facebook is part of outreach for MQ. The Board discussed putting “show and tell” or “newsletter” pictures on our Facebook page.
E. The sign-in sheet for “show and tell” needs to be modified regarding Facebook so members can decide “yes” or “no”.

Education (Sharon Peterson and Charlette Pittman)
A. Charlette questioned how far people will drive in searching for new space for the 2015 Holiday Brunch.
B. The Board discussed if there should be another director position to deal with special events such as retreats, programs, the Holiday Brunch, etc. Studio Tours should be considered fundraising and would then be under the President-Elect.

Membership (Anne McCandless)
A. The Board discussed putting a link to the business member page on the front page of our website.
B. Barbara Jackson will send to Pat Curtner.
C. Anne discussed creating a business card about MQ and the benefits of becoming a business member.
D. The Board discussed ordering window clings for new members. 250 more window clings will be ordered.
E. The Board discussed the WCCO Good Neighbor Award and the KARE 11 People Who Care Award
F. The Board discussed how to make the meetings more welcoming. One issue that some people find annoying is how long the announcements have been taking. The Board discussed different options to making the announcements less time consuming.

Operations (Suzanne Fisher)
A. Suzanne provided an update on the search for a new location. She said one of the goals was go “dream big and be creative”.
B. The search committee plans to look at 4 to 5 different realtors and will look at getting assistance from the Minnesota Council of Non-Profits.
C. The search committee will study the newsletter survey results with comments from members.

Past Co-Presidents (Kathie Simon Frank and Patty Von Arx)
A. Patty reported that Minnesota Quilters has an opportunity to exhibit at the Green Gifts Fair in November at the Midtown Global Market. Thousands of people attend this fair, most of them young, and many of them interested in sewing and crafts. Since this is a membership opportunity, Anne McCandless will contact the coordinator of this event for more information.
B. Kathie discussed MQ’s conflict of interest policy. Should this policy be broader for the benefit of MQ?
C. Kathie and Patty discussed how they share their emails now that the Board uses a new email procedure.

President (Bonnie Ellis)
No report this month

Motion: Patty Von Arx made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Pat Curtner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Jill Schultz, Secretary