Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Bonnie Ellis opened the meeting.
A. Cell phones were silenced.
B. Attendance List/Hours reported.

Secretary Report (Jill Schultz)
A. The December 16, 2014 Board Meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Roll Call: Anne McCandless moved to approve the December 16, 2014 meeting minutes as corrected and amended. Martha Eaves seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report (Vicci Mattsfield)
A. The Financials were presented.
B. The assets are ahead of where we were last year.
C. We have $100,000 in our checking account. The Board discussed investing $50,000 of this money into a CD.

Roll Call: Suzanne Fisher moved that we move $50,000 to the CD fund for 6 months. Pat Curtner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Show Director/Coordinator Report (Linda Wines and Laura Nagel)
A. Linda reported on the “Road to California” quilt show. They count admission by number of hotel rooms booked. There were 200 vendors at the show.
B. Kathleen Winters agreed to work as co-chair of the Merchandise Committee for the 2015 quilt show.

Roll Call: Anne McCandless moved to approve Kathleen Winters working on the show committee for the 2015 quilt show. Martha Eaves seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Mary Pozzini and Jill Schultz resigned as Raffle Ticket co-chairs. We are looking for replacements.
E. We are still looking for Faculty co-chairs for the 2015 show and for the 2016 show.
F. We are looking for show coordinators for the 2016 show.
G. Linda discussed adding perks back for the show committee. She will present a proposal for perks for the show committee for the Board to review at the next Board meeting. We are having difficulty filling all of the committee positions. The Board discussed how much work some of the positions are.

H. The large sign printer no longer works. Linda requested authorization to get the sign printer repaired.

| Motion: Sharon Peterson made a motion to authorize Linda Wines to repair the sign printer. Mary Ann Baraibar seconded the motion. Motion carried. |

I. There is a Mac lap top in the office not being used. It was recommended that we put an ad in the newsletter.

J. Laura reported that the presentation at the January meeting went really well. Laura will be presenting at the Modern Quilters group and at the Contemporary Quilters group in Duluth.

**Communications** (Pat Curtner)

A. Pat reported that Karen Kopitzke would like her own login ID for Cvent. The Board discussed if she could use the bookkeeper ID as the bookkeeper doesn’t use it. Pat will check on this.

**Action Item:** See if Karen Kopitzke will be able to use the Bookkeeper ID for show-related Cvent work.

**Education** (Sharon Peterson and Charlette Pittman)

A. The MQ cancellation policy was discussed due to the fact that the Thursday meeting was cancelled because of bad weather and all the steps that had to be taken to alert the membership.

B. The policy needs to be in the newsletter and needs to be put on the website. We need to cancel before noon on the day of the meeting in order to provide enough time to alert everyone. There may be other unforeseen circumstances that cause cancelling a meeting (for example, flooding, no heat).

**Action Item:** Anne McCandless will draft a cancellation policy for the Board to review.

C. The podium is gone. The Board discussed how to obtain a new podium and what type would work best for our meetings. A non-wood podium with wheels would work and the Board is looking at either purchasing a podium or asking the membership if anyone has one.

D. The March 2015 meeting in Eagan will be our last meeting in that location. The Board discussed if MQ should continue to have an off-site meeting in March or should we have regular Thursday/Saturday meetings beginning in 2016.

**Action Item:** The Board members should email ideas to the Education Directors for ideas for the March meetings in 2016.

E. The Board decided, after discussing having only one show meeting this January due to bad weather, that we want to have two January meetings in the future. These meetings are our best-attended meetings.

**Membership** (Mary Ann Baraibar and Anne McCandless)

A. The Board discussed all of the places Rebecca Finch is looking at for Gallery Exhibits for membership quilts.

B. The Board discussed Business Membership and how Business Members are not given access to the member directory. As a regular member, they have access to the member directory but when they become a Business Member, that benefit is taken away.

| Motion: Sharon Peterson made a motion to give membership directory information to Business Members and if we have issues, we will deal with them at that time. Pat Curtner seconded the motion. Motion carried. |

**Action Item:** Ask Karen Kopitzke to change the permissions for business members to allow them to see the membership directory.
C. The Board discussed the Outstanding Volunteer award.

**Operations (Suzanne Fisher and Kathleen Winters)**
A. Suzanne reported that the Location Committee has chosen to work with Dale Severson of CBC Griffin to find a new location. There is no cost to MQ. According to the survey responses, the two big issues in a new place are location and parking.
B. The Board discussed insurance for the gallery exhibits. Artists should insurge their own quilts.
C. We need to do an office inventory for insurance purposes.

**President-Elect (Martha Eaves)**
A. Someone called the MQ office to see if we could provide a speaker to talk about quilts. Should we keep a list of people who might like to speak at different locations about quilting?

**Action Item:** Bonnie Ellis will do a newsletter article to see who would like to be a speaker.

B. Martha reported that MQP enters quilts into the quilt index. The goal is one documentation day per quarter.

**Past Co-Presidents (Kathie Simon Frank and Patty Von Arx)**
A. The “Quilter of the Year” photos were discussed and how we need to bring them up to date. We need money for the frames. What area should this expense be under? It was decided this belonged under Operations.
B. The Nominating Committee has volunteers for every open board position except for President-Elect.

**President (Bonnie Ellis)**
A. Bonnie discussed the President’s Challenge for the 2015 quilt show.
B. Bonnie passed around a MQ brochure in case everyone on the Board had not seen it.

**Motion:** Patty Von Arx made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Vicci Mattsfield seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Schultz
Secretary