Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: June 23, 2015
Location: St. Lawrence Church, Minneapolis MN

Board Members Attending:
Bonnie Ellis (President)
Jill Schultz (Secretary)
Vicci Mattsfield (Treasurer)
Martha Eaves (President-Elect)
Kathie Simon Frank (Past Co-President)
Patty Von Arx (Past Co-President)
Sharon Peterson (Education)
Charlette Pittman (Education)
Pat Curtner (Communications)
Karen O’Brien (Communications)
Mary Ann Baraibar (Membership)
Anne McCandless (Membership)
Suzanne Fisher (Operations)

Staff Attending:
Linda Wines

Guest:
Laura Nagel

Meeting Members Attending:  Kathleen Winters (Operations)

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

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

Secretary Report (Jill Schultz)
A. The May 26, 2015 Board Meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Motion: Vicci Mattsfield moved to approve the May 26, 2015 meeting minutes as corrected and amended.
Suzanne Fisher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. The June 12, 2015 Annual Meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Motion: Anne McCandless moved to approve the June 12, 2015 annual meeting minutes as corrected and amended. Vicci Mattsfield seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report (Vicci Mattsfield)
A. The Financials were presented and reviewed by the Board.
B. The Financials were through May so did not include the show results.
C. Vicci will be sending out spread sheets for the Directors to work on the new budget.
D. The Board discussed cash register training prior to the quilt show each year.

Show Director/Coordinator Report (Linda Wines and Laura Nagel)
A. Laura reported that the show committees all worked very well together. When a committee had completed the work for their area, that committee helped another committee.
B. There was a perception that attendance was down.
C. Some of the vendors were upset and some were happy.
D. There did not seem to be as many quilts this year, especially in the Non-Judged Exhibit.
E. Some of the attendees missed the signage and did not see the entire show.
F. When people drop off quilts for the Judged Quilt Exhibit, they would like a receipt.
G. The “Gadgets” vendor was not able to attend due to health issues. She requested a refund and the Board discussed different ways to accommodate this vendor instead of giving a refund.
Motion: Charlette Pittman moved to give the “Gadgets” vendor 50% off of a double booth fee for next year in light of health problems this year which caused the vendor to not be able to attend. Patty Von Arx seconded the motion. Motion carried.

H. Two people applied to be Show Coordinators for the 2016 show. Laura Nagel said she would also be willing to be the Show Coordinator for 2016. The Board discussed different scenarios for two new people. For example, would the two new people shadow Laura during the 2016 show and then coordinate the 2017 show? Would Laura serve as Lead and the two new people serve as Junior in 2016? More information was to be gathered from the two possible new people and the Board will vote at the next meeting.

Operations (Suzanne Fisher)
A. Suzanne Fisher and the rest of the moving committee provided an update to the Board on a possible new location. The building is located at 2021 E. Hennepin Avenue. There are many positive aspects of this new space including space for an office, the meetings, our library and storage.
B. After discussing the possible new location, it was decided that the committee would send a Letter of Intent to the Landlord and thus begin negotiations for a lease.

Motion: Vicci Mattsfield made a motion that the moving committee submit a Letter of Intent and to begin negotiations with the Landlord at 2021 E. Hennepin Avenue. Pat Curtner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. The Board will look at writing a grant request for moving expenses.

Past Co-Presidents (Kathie Simon Frank and Patty Von Arx)
A. Patty presented the results of the voting at the Annual Meeting. Co-Presidents Elect are Pat Curtner and Rose Allen; Secretary will be Karen Knoll; the new Operations Co-Director will be Judy Lewis; the new Membership Co-Director will be Barbara Jackson; the new Communications Co-Director will be Rebecca Finch and Sharon Peterson will be returning as Education Co-Director.
B. It was reported that there were 45 quilts entered into the scrap quilt challenge at the show; 12 were not for sale. 7 of the quilts were sold at the show for $1500.

President-Elect (Martha Eaves)
A. Nothing to report.

President (Bonnie Ellis)
A. Bonnie thanked everyone for all their hard work at the show and in covering the Board Table.
B. Debra Svedberg requested to work Monday through Friday in the office from 10-4:30. Linda Wines works from 8-5 Monday through Friday.

Communications (Pat Curtner and Karen O'Brien)
A. The Communications Directors received an email from Kathy Brevig regarding volunteers for the State Fair. David Shattuck will be the judge this year and does not need as many volunteers as there were last year.
B. Karen reported that Rose Keller, previous PR person, is no longer a member of MQ. Karen and Pat will write a newsletter article requesting a new PR person.

Membership (Mary Ann Baraibar and Anne McCandless)
A. Nothing to report.

Education (Sharon Peterson and Charlette Pittman)
A. Sharon requested help with the membership table in Willmar. Bonnie and Pat will help.
B. There have been 60 new “likes” to MQ’s Facebook page since the show.
C. Charlette clarified that Audrey Weinand and Jean Kline will be organizing the In-Town Fall retreat at Pearl & Myrtle’s and not the entire Snowflake Guild, as previously reported.
D. It was reported that St. Joe’s does, in fact, use all of the stockings made for the Holiday Brunch.

| Motion: Sharon Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patty Von Arx seconded the motion. Motion carried. |

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Schultz
Secretary