The Annual Meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN on June 14, 2019.


The first order of business was election of the new board for 2019-2021.

Slate of candidates:
Charlette Pittman, President Elect
Merle Pratt, Secretary
Operations Co-Director, Aileen Lively
Membership Co-Director, Ellen Wold
Education Co-Director, Laurie Klinkhammer

Mary Tague for Communications Co-Director was nominated from the floor.

All candidates were approved.

Past President Report – Adrianne Lemberg
Adrianne presented the Annual Financial Report for the year ending September 2018. Net assets at end of year: $265,795. Minnesota Quilters celebrated their 40th Ruby Anniversary year in 2017-2018. Activities throughout the year accentuated that accomplishment, as a roll-back membership drive and ruby themed raffle quilts. Efforts were made to be mindful of our financial planning to preserve and increase our fiscal assets as well as respecting all the time and effort of our board members and all volunteers in this organization. Difficult decisions made to improve our fiscal status included reigning in our yearly expenses and adjusting various show and class fees to fit the cost of those events.

A strategic plan was developed in September for the future success of Minnesota Quilters, Inc. as a membership organization considering member services, finance, and infrastructure and supporting services. Goals/objectives developed for 2018 and 2019 were:
Social (Mission) Strategies – Provide educational enjoyable, welcoming and inspirational meetings for members and future members.
Financial Strategies – Assure adequate resources are available to do the work of MN Quilters Inc. and manage those resources effectively.
Operational Strategies – Address the gap between the board, staff and all committees so board can focus on our mission to continue to run smoothly in 2019.

Vision statement was adopted: Minnesota Quilters will be a state-wide leader in providing creative quilting education, activities, and mentoring through a welcoming multi-generational community of quilters with various skills and abilities.

Highlights of year to date:
Two Scholarship winners were invited to the 2018 show.
Tablets purchased for the Merchandise committee.
Newsletters are now going out via email to members as a cost savings.
$10 membership roll back that increased our membership rolls to nearly 1000.
Recovery Church agreed to lease us more space for additional office and new storage room.
MPQ Project received a grant from the MN Arts and Cultural Fund of $1750.

Door prizes were distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm. Submitted by Sharon Lawrence, Secretary.