

Quilters Unlimited of Northern Virginia
Goodwin House West
Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting
Nov. 3, 2010, 7-9 p.m.

Present:

Carolyn O’Flaherty, Cindy Pedder, Diane Murtha, Gayle Hindle, Karen Loftus, Karla Vernon, Kath Heslep, Kathy Gray, Linda Jamrogowicz, Nancy Miller, Terri Klear, Trudi Sommerfield, Kim Fess, Peggy Knight, Gigi Corbin, Sandra Rees, Gen Meyer, Virginia Hodge

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Kath Heslep, President.

Introductions were made around the table. Carolyn O’Flaherty moved and Peggy Knight seconded to accept the August 4, 2010 minutes, as amended. The quilt show vendor contracts must be received by *October 1*, not August 30. (Karla found the **already corrected** minutes in another file, and the website minutes are already correct.)

Treasurer’s Report: Gen Meyer reported that W-9’s will be submitted. IRS form 990 needs to be submitted by Big QU as well as three chapters. We have two money market funds. We have over \$50,000 in our checking account. The QU budget should have been in the last newsletter. It will go out with the next newsletter. Karen Avil of McLean performed an audit by reviewing the bank statements. Joan McGowan motioned that the audited statements be accepted as our official audit. Linda J. seconded and the motion passed unanimously. We will define what an audit should entail for future audits.

Membership: QU directories were mailed. Each chapter president may take seven extra copies.

Newsletter: Articles for the next newsletter are due November 15.

Quilt Show – Gayle Hindle said that we have five corporate sponsors and that 64/70 vendor contracts are back. We will have some new vendors. Registration for the Eleanor Burns lecture is on the website. QU members registering before Dec. 31 will receive a discount. By consensus, the board agreed that volunteers may pay a discounted rate of \$15 for a 3-day pass. The website features a show “Teacher of the Month.” The list of classes available for registration will be on the website on Jan. 1. Advertiser rates for program ads were distributed to everyone. A business card size ad is free to every QU chapter. Individual QU members may also submit ads for their businesses at various rates. The deadline for ads is Feb. 21. Beginning in December, there will be online registration of quilts. The quilt show rep or quilt collectors should proofread their member’s entries. Sharon Rixmann will provide training in Dec. for quilt collectors. Names of quilt collectors need to be submitted to her by Nov. 15.

Kim Fess motioned that Springfield’s Chapter Challenge of creating “Art Bras” be accepted as an exhibit into the quilt show. Carolyn O’Flaherty seconded. A discussion occurred and the motion passed.

It was mentioned that membership applications *and* members should be available to the show attendees who might want to join QU.

Chapter Reports:

Sully, Sept. 12 – Centreville reported that there were many successful demos

Fall lecture – Sept. 30 - Kathy Gray described what was done to produce the venue. Only 80-100 members attended.

Fall Workshops, Oct. 1, 2 – Peggy Knight advised that the workshop location should be secured no later than May. The workshops were well attended and popular.

A discussion was held to determine reasons for low turnout at Big QU activities. The following were suggested as reasons: night-time driving, bad weather, people too busy or not retired yet, distance of the event, unfamiliar surroundings.

It was suggested that perhaps we should only have one speaker per year at one of the events instead of two. Sunday afternoon lectures might be more convenient. Carpooling could be arranged through chapter presidents “talking it up.” The chapters can promote the events by bringing pictures of the speaker’s quilts to meetings.

Quilt-in – Lynne Fishburn said that Sat. March 19 from noon-five will be the date of the quilt-in. It is also National Quilting Day. The location is the Senior Center, Shenandoah Road in the Mt. Vernon area. There is a Variety Store nearby as an enticement. Chapter presidents should remind their members of the event at the Feb. meeting. There will be eblast reminders of the event.

Annual Meeting, May 5, 2011, Haymarket – The meeting is on a Thursday and the workshops are on Friday and Saturday. The annual meeting will be at the Ernst Center. There will be sign-in sheets to better count the attendees. Carolyn O’Flaherty, Annandale, has the venue reserved for the Augusta Cole classes. Augusta has a new program and two different workshop quilts planned.

Karen Loftus will investigate venues for future events.

Sacred Threads has accepted the QU terms for the rental of our quilt poles. A simple contract will be drawn up.

New Business:

A business enterprise offered to donate goods if we advertise them on our QU website. By consensus of the board, this was not accepted.

INOVA hospital requested that QU loan some quilts to hang as an exhibit in their cancer center at Fair Oaks in January and February 2011. Peggy Knight will find out more details about the project. Karen Loftus will assist her. Each chapter could submit one quilt.

Reston Bylaw Changes – Virginia Hodge said that a date needed to be changed to keep their bylaws in line with Big QU bylaws. Sandra Rees motioned and Peggy Knight seconded to change the bylaws to reflect the Oct. 1 deadline for dropping members from the role book. The motion passed unanimously.

Burke Bylaw Changes - Diane Murtha outlined the changes to Burke’s bylaws. Peggy Knight motioned and Kim Fess seconded the motion to accept the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted by: Karla Vernon, Secretary