

1/23/12 Eboard minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:15p at Panera Bread in Watertown. Present were Elaine, Ann, Irene, Christina, Deborah, Susan, Stephanie, Anna Oberlander, Ginny Such, Lynn Thibault, Carolyn MacLellan and Margaret Rolf.

Board members have met with the ACA directors and have communicated QC's wishes for the coming lease. We are waiting to hear back from them about the future arrangements for a lease. The ACA would like QC to consider a change in the date for the quilt show. The board will entertain the idea of a change to the end of March. We debated the pros and cons of our current date - the end of May/beginning of June coincides with weddings, graduations, Memorial Day. The end of March is a rather drab time of year that could well do with some colorful events such as a QC quilt show.

Programs: the last meeting of the year will be a business meeting, plus a runway show for all members who wish to show wearables, plus an unveiling of the round robin quilts. There will also be a display of accessories such as bags, etc. We need to put a name on this last meeting that will reflect the diverse events of the evening. Lois Frampton will be in charge of organizing the applications and the order of the runway show.

Ann has spoken with a NY guild who are interested in sharing speakers with us. It was suggested that we use a QC debit card for speaker's expenses instead of having to submit the paperwork and then be reimbursed. The charges would go directly into QC's checking account. The Treasurer will take care of this detail. The board also discussed the possibility of having two free workshop Saturdays, one in the fall along with the winter free workshop.

Scholarships: Rita Robinson has volunteered to take charge of the scholarship committee.

Quilt Show: the board would like to have exclusive use of the second floor classroom to showcase quilts from the round robin and workshops. The board spoke about having pictures of the teachers of workshops along with the teacher's work to show the public just what caliber of workshops we offer. Since there is no challenge auction nor a raffle quilt this year, the board would like to have use of the atrium to showcase the comfort quilt efforts, showing a few of the quilts along with the destinations of our comfort quilts, and a few acknowledgements from the same. It was suggested that we have as a demonstration the pillowcases that so many have been making for charity. Jessica will be in charge of the registration of these special exhibits, helped by Ann. The board voted in favor of these special exhibits to go up in the 2nd floor classroom and the atrium.

The board debated the best hours for the show to end each day. It was decided to end at 5p on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The opening reception will be at 6:30p on Friday, and the monies received from entrance fees will be placed into the charity budget. During the show we will raise funds with gift baskets, which will be displayed in the atrium.

The board decided to set a group rate at \$4 per person for groups of 10 or more, hoping to attract senior center groups.

Until the end of February, all ads for the show booklet will be %50 off. Each board member placed herself in charge of getting support from a business in the community.

Membership: The committee suggested the use of a password-protected member booklet available through the website. The option would be put on the membership renewal form for the online version or else the hard copy version. This would save the

guild some money. The possibility of using Paypal for renewals was discussed.

Due to the expedient use of new media, a vote was taken by email to donate \$100 to Haitian quilters. A majority of board members voted in favor. Through email a great many issues were discussed which have further been discussed at this meeting.

The board adjourned the meeting at 6:30p.

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