

4/9/12 Eboard minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:30p in the upstairs rehearsal room of the ACA. Present were Cristina, Sandi Gregg, Elaine, Calie Koso, Margaret Rolph, Carollyn, Jessica, Ann, Deborah Irene and Stephanie.

The first order of business was a discussion of the new contract with the ACA. The new lease will be a three-year lease.

ACA requested: higher rent and a cost-of-living increase; a portion of the quilt show profits; a section of the gift shop open for their sales while the quilt show is on; to remove QC from the secure office storage space;

In response to QC's counter-offer, ACA has offered QC the space on the ground floor to keep equipment and library books; QC will pay for the rental of quilt racks for the show; QC will pay a rent increase of \$12,000 per year, and either pay a cost-of-living increase OR a portion of the revenue from the show; if QC puts a door up on the downstairs storage space, we should be able to deduct costs from our rental, since it would be considered a betterment to the structure; QC would like a 'break the lease' clause included in the new contract.

QC would like to continue the arrangement with ACA, and while the board does not believe it possible to find another space with the advantages of the ACA, we will begin to look at other possibilities, such as Bently College. A committee will be created to do sight-searches, investigating other possibilities for the guild. Perhaps we could have meetings at Bently, the show at the ACA, and workshops at NEQM. With the increase in the rent, the guild needs to receive more support from the membership or else programs could suffer.

For programs, QC has been approached by the Portsmouth Quilting Guild to try to partner for Kaffe Fassett. The board suggested names of local quilters to invite for programs in order to cut costs. The new programs chair will be Deborah Gonnert, and Ann will mentor her. The possibility of offering two-day workshops was debated. There will no longer be class assistants for workshops in order to fill that space with a paying attendee. QC will continue the November holiday boutique and will show the finished raffle quilt there. The idea of a Fall Free Workshop to mirror the Winter Free Workshop was suggested, as was the idea of starting meetings at 7p so that the speaker would have more time before the Mossesian turns into a pumpkin.

The slate of candidates for next year will be announced at tonight's business meeting. All current Eboard members have offered to continue, and nominations will be solicited at tonight's meeting. The Library chair is leaving. Pam Arsenault will become the new webmaster and will be mentored by Karen Bettencourt.

Quilt show setup was discussed. Workshop quilts will be displayed on the third floor; comfort quilts will be on an old-fashioned quilt rack with a write-up of the destinations by the Comfort Chair; round robin quilts will be shown in the gift shop on the first floor; demos will be in front of the boutique, and perhaps will be pillowcases which will then be

donated. The finished raffle quilt will be hung and tickets sold at the show. A board member will contact Quilt Fun and NEQM to place promotional material in each. There will be an email blast to be shared on facebook. The new drop-off arrangements for getting quilts to the show need to be explained to the membership. Names of drop-off members will be posted in the newsletter and on in the Yahoogroup. Quilts are left at drop-off sites at the member's own risk. Insurance is assured for any quilts that are left at the ACA.

The entry fee next year will be raised. Member's night will be \$3, and advance tickets will be \$5. Treasurer will have 200 advance tickets printed. The possibility of changing the date of the QC show was discussed. It could coincide with the Watertown Open Studios, which is in October. The board liked the idea of March since there is not much going on during that cold, grey month. A burst of QC color could go over really well.

QC will be part of the ACA open house on May 5. We will sell tickets to the show and display some quilts.

At 6:40 Deborah moved to adjourn, Irene seconded and all voted in favor.