

Meeting called to order at 7:10p at the home of Elaine Stone. Present were Elaine Stone, Deborah Rocha, Ann Kimball, Irene Dwyer, Ann Bonsett, Deborah Gonet, Susan Stemporzewski and Stephanie Laurin.

The minutes from the May 14th meeting were read and approved.

Open Positions in the Guild: after conversation with the current outgoing historian, it seems that the position is a complex case: there are numerous accumulated boxes of files, photos and clippings that no one looks at and are difficult to store. The position will be offered to the membership and will remain open until a member volunteers. The scholarship chair is open, and the board discussed the possibility of putting scholarships on hold until the Guild is in a better financial situation. Irene moved to put the scholarship program on hold, Elaine seconded and all voted in favor. Irene will write an apologia and publish it in the newsletter. Also discussed was the possibility of combining the positions of web master and e-communications. We need to discover a way to make it impossible to respond to yahoo-group posting in order to make the e-communications position less difficult. Pam Arsenault had volunteered to take the position of webmaster, and the board will present this possibility to her. Ann K offered to head up the committee for the Winter Free Workshop and tap Gretchen to co-chair as she did last year, and Ann B to participate on the committee to review bylaws. Quilt show will be chaired by Margaret Rolph and Deborah R. Irene, Susan and Stephanie will put together a committee to look for a new location. Elaine will announce these changes at our first membership meeting in October.

QC's special presentation of Kaffe Fassett in September is turning out to be a very positive experience. So far we have sold \$3,940 in tickets, with 138 going to members and 191 to general admission. We have 130 tickets remaining to be sold, and will reserve 10 of these for members, a few for the press, and the rest for general admission. Nancy Howard and the Fabric Corner, who will be vending, will have a raffle for attendees. Ann B suggested QC spend \$50 on Kaffe fabric and books to raffle off to the membership at our October meeting.

Programs:

Oct 23 is new members' reception. The board will open this event up to all members. Workshop sign-up will be before the meeting starts, and the meeting will be Show'n'Tell. Nancy Howard, past organizer of the reception, will be asked to organize this year's fete.

Nov 5 Betsy Habich: Thread Painting, and Evolution of a Quilter + Techniques.

Nov. 3 workshop

Dec 17 Holiday Boutique. This year we will ask members to bring home-baked goods.

Jan 28 Susan Carlson

Jan 26 & 27 workshop 'What Goes Around Comes Around' fabric collage.

Feb 18 Jo Diggs Landscape

Feb 16 & 17 workshop in landscape

Mar 11 Sue Nichols

Mar 9 & 10 Machine Quilting Essentials

Apr 8 Jane Sassaman Textile Treasures

Apr 6 & 7 workshop

May tba; the board will work on trying to pull together a retrospective lecture from Ruth MacDowell, and then display some of her work at the quilt show.

Ann will ask the webmaster to announce the schedule of speakers, but hold off on the workshops pending receipt of signed contracts.

Membership: we need to remove ex-members from the yahoo-group. Diane Franklin will be contacted to do this.

QC has 364 paid members, of which 279 are regular (22 of these are new members), 84 are associate, and 1 international. 47 members who have not paid have been contacted to see if they wish to continue in QC.

The difficulty of keeping track of members coming in for the meetings was discussed. At the original home of QC in Arlington there was only one door people could use to get into the meeting, and they checked off their names as they went in. We need to find a way to do this so we can know exactly what the attendance is for each meeting, and to better enable us to charge non-members for meetings.

The Raffle Quilt will be shown at the Show'n'Tell and at the December boutique. Irene will have tickets made. It was suggested that we donate the quilt to NEQM for them to raffle for a fund-raiser. At the last show, the raffle baskets brought in \$745 of pure profit, and were much less trouble to produce than a raffle quilt. The board discussed ways to get more members involved in making up the baskets. Perhaps make up a few themes and have members sign up to participate - this would have the effect of helping people get to know each other and encourage more commitment to helping raise funds for the guild.

This year due to a raise in the rent, QC is experiencing a small shortfall of funds. The board discussed ways to make up this shortfall: raise the workshop fees to \$55 for members and \$75 for nonmembers, raise membership fees, raise quilt show entrance fee. Irene will publish a budget summary in the next Quiltations. In light of the amount of money we are now required to pay to the ACA for the quilt show, we can no longer give a gratuity to the staff, and instead encourage the ACA to give a gratuity out of the sizable show percentage we are required to give them.

The Getaway is September 21-23. Deborah G told the board about two places where we could perhaps bring a number of members for a weekend workshop: Snow Farm in western MA, and ProChem. ProChem requires 12 participants in order to host a workshop. At ProChem we would need to pay for lodging and food. SnowFarm

offers housing and food and can do workshops with fewer participants.

In her position as President, Elaine often receives requests for quilters who accept commissions. She suggested we create a page in the directory where members might register as such.

QC has been approached to host a speaker from an NGO, Nancy Davies from PeaceQuilts Nicaragua. Admission could be a piece of fabric to donate to the cause. Sharon Monahan could speak also about her work in Africa.

At 8:45 Elaine moved to adjourn, Susan seconded and all voted in favor.