

Nimble Fingers Quilters Inc Executive Board Minutes  
January 4, 2012

The following Nimble Finger members attended the January 2012 Executive Board Meeting:

Linda August  
Ann Datko  
Patricia Estey  
Beverly Ferrell  
Barbara Kilby  
Patricia Lefevre  
Jane Oden  
Mary Moore Payne  
Francie Parrack  
Susan Sellers

Linda August, Co-President, led the meeting.

The September 2011 Executive Board meeting minutes were approved as published.

Barbara Kilby, Treasurer, presented the cash basis activities report which showed a deficit of \$5,000. There is enough cash in reserves to cover expenses.

Francie Parrack provided the history of Nimble Fingers' relationship with Habitat for Humanity. Because the Guild provided a quilt for each member of recipients of Habitat for Humanity townhouses in Burtonville, Habitat agreed to provide the Guild with free space for its monthly Bee. Various groups within the guild made the quilts and Quilting for Others provided batting on request.

She then told the board that in September/October 2013, Habitat for Humanity will sponsor a townhouse project in Washington Grove. There will be 19 townhouses built. Mary Moore said that she spoke with Molly at Habitat and told her that the guild could manage making lap size quilts for each family up to 60x60 inches. This size quilt could then be shared by all of the house's occupants. This was the largest size that Quilting for Others could commit to making in quantity. There was some discussion as to the appropriate size of the quilts. Susan Sellers and Francie Parrack felt that bed size, up to a queen would be more appropriate for the owner of the house. To continue the Guild's support of Habitat for Humanity, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the concept of donating one quilt per household (up to queen size) for each townhouse family. Quilts would need to be finished by August 2013. In February, the membership will be asked to vote to commit support for the project. If it is passed then someone from the guild will need to coordinate this effort outside of the Quilting for Others area.

Susan Sellers reported on programs. The February workshop has been cancelled due to low registration. The March workshop has five people registered. The Guild's April meeting will be the sidewalk sale. There are nine signed up for the Zentangle 1½ day workshop. Ellen Anne Eddy is the June speaker. Plans are underway to announce the December challenge. Susan recommended the Guild repeat the gift exchange at the December 2012 meeting. She also suggested that Quilting for Others consider moving the Quilting for Others Day from November to February. No decision was made.

Mary Moore Payne announced the guild has quilted, bound and delivered 35 quilts as part of the Quilting for Others work. The mission of Quilting for Others is to support at-risk children, teens and abused women in Montgomery County, Maryland. The Guild delivers quilts to Project Linus of Montgomery County (chaired by Susan Sellers). Quilts are distributed to shelters and hospitals first in Montgomery County and as supplies and need occur to Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and to hospitals in Prince Georges County, Maryland

It was noted that the cost of lunch sandwiches and salads was higher than lunch income. Since there are always leftovers and meeting average attendance is 58, it was suggested ordering only one salad and possibly fewer sub sandwiches. Beverly Ferrell will discuss with Rainie Broad, Hospitality chair.

Susan Sellers summarized publicity plans for the upcoming October 2012 quilt show. Notices will be mailed to appropriate publications. The Guild will display a small quilt in a county library as a way to publicize the show. This year there will be a focus on marketing the show to older, active seniors perhaps providing discounts to attendees who arrive on retirement home buses.

Pat Lefevre asked why the quilt show was not 3 days long given the amount of preparation required. Beverly Ferrell and Susan Sellers, prior quilt show chairpersons, responded that Sunday attendance was not high enough to warrant the additional cost of the facility.

Anne Datko announced the dates for the spring 2012 Guild retreat. The retreat will be held on April 16, 17, 18 (Mon., Tues., Wed.) at Hollowell Retreat Center. She has not decided the day and time for the start of sign-up but it will be during the day.

The final executive board meeting for current board will be held in March.

Linda August told of a request for interpretive services from a new member who is deaf. Linda contacted Birnbaum Interpretive Services, recommended by the new member and was told their fees were \$101.50/hour with a 2 hour minimum plus mileage for the interpreter. To accommodate her, Linda will email her meeting agendas. She also suggested she sit by the secretary during meetings but that the guild could not provide interpretive services. She also noted that there is no legal requirement for the guild to provide services. Linda sent out a blast email to the membership asking if any of them could volunteer to provide interpretive services.

Linda August and Patty Estey led a discussion on the guidelines for their upcoming yard sale. Information will be distributed at the February meeting as well as put in the newsletter and blast emails.

Linda August reported that Pam Hahn stepped down as Current Events chairperson. Linda asked if the board felt the guild needed a current events chair. The board did want one so Linda will ask the Nominating Committee to find a new Current Events Chairperson.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lefevre for Evelyn Farinas