

Nimble Fingers Guild Board Meeting

September 7, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 by Co-President Linda August

Members present: Linda August, Rainie Broad, Anne Datko, Patty Estey, Evelyn Farinas, Mila Haberman, Mary Jo Haczewski, Kim Jalette, Barbara Kilby, Pat Lefevre, Laura Markus, Francie Parrack, Mary Moore Payne, Christiane Ritcher, Susan Sellers and Julie Taylor.

Announcements:

Next board meeting will be November 2, 2011

Barbara Kilby will preside at the October general meeting, in the absence of both Linda August and Patty Estey. Board members were asked to assist Barbara, particularly in setting up and taking down chairs and tables at the October meeting. Best time to start setting up is 9:15.

Discussion:

Minutes from the June Board meeting were approved.

The guild earned \$13.00 and a gift certificate as prizes from the Opportunity quilt's showing at the Montgomery county and Maryland state fairs.

The Program Committee chair, Susan Sellers, stated that the schedule of programs for coming year is complete. Susan noted that attendance at the workshops could be improved and asked for suggestions to increase participation. It was mentioned that there had been a few complaints regarding the refund policy for workshop attendance cancelation. However the refund policy is well advertised in the website, and at the workshop registration table. The Program Committee needs additional members; a request for participation will be addressed at the October general meeting. Also, the nominating committee was asked to canvass the membership for additional members for the Program Committee. Other topics brought up were members complaining about not being able to finish projects within the workshop time frame and the increasing influence of commercialization in the presentations. It was mentioned that the emphasis of the lectures should be educational. Two suggestions were made: announce that members can use the Quilting Bee time frame to finish projects, and addressing the bias of commercialization and speakers fees/expenses at the State of the Guild address. Finally, Susan said that Jill Ruspi can't continue to store the poles used for the quilt show and that a new storage location is needed.

The Nominating Committee members were reminded that the slate for new officers has to be presented in March, for the election to take place in April. Canvassing for officers should start as soon as possible.

Rainie Broad, from the Hospitality Committee, pointed out that hot drinks were no longer being served and that this action has not elicited any complaints from the members. The committee took this action to eliminate the difficulties associated with carrying a large coffee pot and all the other necessary items for tea and coffee. The coffee pot is currently being stored in Rainie's house. Susan Sellers will include the coffee pot and spoons to the Nimble Fingers inventory.

Chris Ritcher in her capacity as Librarian stated that the workbook containing the list of books owned by the Guild continues to be well received.

Chris Ritcher in her capacity as Quilt Show Chair indicated that she would schedule a meeting with Treasurer Barbara Kilby to assess how much reimbursement to give to volunteers who travel with the Raffle quilt to quilt shows, within and out of state. Additional input is needed regarding staffing and costs. Also, Chris mentioned that there are openings for Chairs and members at various Quilt show committees (ex. Artisan's attic, Art, Quilt Registration and Program advertisements). Chris also let the board know that there are two proposals by an event company regarding set up for the quilt show; a fee of \$1200 was given if the NF poles are used and a fee of \$2100 if the events firm uses its own poles.

Mary Moore Payne, Co-chair of the Quilting for Others committee, said that members can bring fabric for donations to the quilting bee at the Habitat for Humanity site. Mary Moore is working on the set up for the November meeting, regarding how many sewing machines, tables and other materials that will be needed. She will make an announcement at the October meeting so that members know what to bring for the November meeting. The objective of the November meeting is to make tops, binding, and finishing as many charity quilts as possible.

Barbara Kilby, Treasurer, is in charge of collecting the balances due for the upcoming retreat and for setting up and running the retreat on behalf of Anne Datko. Barbara indicated that 16 members signed up and one is on the waiting list.

Membership's Committee Mila Haberman stated that there were 120 paid members. The finalized roster will be sent as a PDF document to the members via the newsletter. Kim Jalette volunteered to send hard copies to the members who do not have e-mails. In addition, updates to the roster will be sent to Linda August who will forward this information to the Program Chair and the Treasurer.

Kim Jalette spoke with Pam Hahn regarding the duties of the current event committee.

Linda August reported that Jane Van Horn is working on attaching pictures to the website.

There were no additional committee reports.

The board meeting was adjourned at 1:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn R. Farinas

Secretary