

Nimble Fingers Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2011

Meeting convened at 1:00 at the Potomac Community Center

Members present:

Co-presidents: Linda August and Patty Estey

Treasurer: Barbara Kilby

Secretary: Evelyn R. Farinas

Chris Ritcher

Jane Oden

Mary Moore Payne

Susan Sellers

Carole Auth

Anne Datko

Liz Brigham

Mila Haberman

Mary Jo Haczewski

Announcements: Next Executive Board Meeting will be in May 2011 following the regular membership meeting.

Approval of January 2011 Executive Board Meeting Minutes: There were no corrections to the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written

- Action: January 2011 board meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Ms. Barbara Kilby provided the following balance sheet:

| ASSETS | | CURRENT YTD | END OF PRIOR FY |
|--------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | | Feb 28, 2011 | April 30, 2010 |
| | Checking/Savings | | |
| | Checking 7077 | 1,934 | 12,687 |
| | Money Market 4892 | 12,009 | |
| | QS Checking 9811 | 2,232 | 6,216 |
| | X Certificates of Deposit | 15,557 | 6,782 |
| | | 31,732 | 29,110 |
| | Security deposits | | 3,425 |

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Total Assets | | 31,732 | 29,110 |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | | | |
| | Liabilities - None | 0 | 0 |
| | Net Assets, Unrestricted | 29,111 | 23,361 |
| | Net Income YTD | 31,732 | 29,111 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS | | 31,732 | 29,111 |

2012 Dues: Per the By-Laws, the Board has to propose dues for the next fiscal year.

- Action: A proposal was made and approved to maintain the existing dues of \$25.
- Action: The motion to maintain existing dues will be put to a vote by the members at the April 2011 general business meeting.

Committees' reports:

Website: The webmaster, Ms. Jane Van Horn is actively working on updating the website and adding a real time calendar where to post current guild events and other timely guild news. The domain name expired, but the issue was successfully resolved. Jane is working to get the contact e-mail and address changed to a generic one for the guild and then will transfer the domain name servicer to HIS which also hosts our website.

- Action: Linda August will review Mary Moore Payne's draft for the Quilting for Others page.

Welcoming: Ms. Jane Oden indicated that NF information fliers have been distributed at quilt shows and stores. The committee has contacted new members and continues to work on mini-groups.

Sunshine: No report.

Nominating: No report.

- Action: Co-Presidents will appoint two members for this committee to be chosen from the Executive Board, as stated in the By-Laws.

Newsletter: No report.

Current events: No report.

Quilting Bee: No report.

Quilting for Others: Ms. Mary Moore Payne indicated that there has been a favorable response from NF members in making quilts for shelters in Montgomery County. However, the shelters in the Montgomery County Area have been informed that NF could no longer supply as many quilts as in the past. Ms. Payne stated that there is a trend for making smaller size quilts. Ms. Payne asked that NF accepts "Healthy Families in Montgomery" as quilt recipients. This group

could be the recipient of larger quilts made by NF. Ms. Payne also showed samples of labels which could be attached to the NF donated quilts identifying NF as the donor group.

Historian: No new information to report.

Hospitality: Ms. Carole Auth discussed reimbursement for today's general meeting lunch expenses. Ms. Auth proposed getting a cake in April to celebrate NF's 37th anniversary.

- The Board agreed to support Ms. Auth's cake proposal for the April meeting.

Library: Ms. Chris Ritcher continues to update the list of books owned by Nimble Fingers. Ms. Ritcher would like to receive feedback from NF members, regarding their library needs. Ms. Ritcher proposed that NF members submit reviews of quilting books presently in the library, or books that members would like to recommend.

- Action: Ms. Ritcher will ask Ms. Kim Jalette to send an e-mail to the members requesting short book reviews of quilting books.

Membership: Will begin to collect dues in April for the 2011-2012 year. The committee will also provide new name tags for members who have lost the name tags. Five members who joined in January paid dues in full.

- Action: Members who paid in full in January will only be charged half the yearly dues in April.
- Action: Membership will send a roster to Co-President Linda August who will then e-mail it to the Board members.

Programs: Ms. Susan Sellers reported that her committee has been working to line up and interesting schedule of programs and workshops for next year. September 2011 will feature Ruth Power and a full day workshop about Picture Piecing. October has not yet been scheduled. The November meeting will be devoted to our Quilting for Others efforts. December will be a Holiday Party with a gift exchange of pincushions for members interested in participating. It will also be the due date for our next guild challenge quilts. January 2012 will have a round robin of surface design techniques by our members. The January workshop will feature Kim Jalette and her annual Mystery Quilt. Eileen Doughty will visit Nimble Fingers in February with a lecture and half day workshop about three dimensional thread sculpture. In March 2012, Jennifer Amor from South Carolina will present a Wearable Art lecture and full day jacket workshop. April has not yet been filled, but May will bring Pat Ferguson from Connecticut sharing her award winning machine quilting techniques.

It was suggested that one of the available meeting dates could be reserved for a Nimble Fingers yard sale. Ms. Sellers did not feel that October 2011 would work well since it would mean that the guild would have four meetings in a row without a speaker. She indicated that intermixing speakers with other guild activities was better. The October 2011 meeting date is still open.

- Action: It was decided to hold the garage sale in April 2012
- Action: Future programs and workshops will be as follows: September 2011 Picture Piecing; November 2011 Quilting for Others; December 2011 Holiday Party and due date for challenge quilts; January 2012 Round Robin of quilting techniques and annual Mystery Quilt workshop; February 2012 Three dimensional thread sculpture; March 2012 Wearable Art and jacket workshop; May 2012 Machine quilting techniques.

Quilt consortium: No report

Quilt Raffle: A raffle committee should be set up to market the raffle quilt at other quilt shows. A Chair is needed to cover marketing the raffle quilt.

Quilt Show: Target date for NF quilt show is October 19-20, 2012. Needlechasers is considering having their show in October 2012 because their venue is unavailable in November and December. Linda August asked the board if they thought a joint Needlechasers-Nimble Fingers show would work. The Board discussion indicated that there were too many problems in having a joint meeting, such as distributing profits from the show between the groups, having enough space at the show's facility for exhibiting quilts from members of both groups, etc. The important issue however, is that NF needs a Quilt show Chair.

- Action: The Board decided that it does not favor a joint quilt show
- Action: Chris Ritcher volunteered to be the next Quilt Show Chair
- Action: Linda August and Chris Ritcher to see if the Shady Grove Center is available for October 18, 19 and 20, 2012, and to start the contract proceedings. Linda will also send an e-mail to Beverly Ferrell, the last Quilt Show Chair, and Chris Ritcher to introduce them to each other. Beverly has all of the documentation from the previous show.

Retreat: Balance for the retreat fees is due; Ms. Anne Datko will confirm balance. There is one person on the waiting list for the retreat; accepting more NF members as participant in the retreat depends on the size of the room and the availability of members sharing a room. It was mentioned that in the past there has been only one fall retreat, and it was not successful.

- Action: Ms. Datko will confirm the balance due for the retreat and inform the participants
- Action: Retreat participants will be asked to send the balance to the Treasurer, Ms. B. Kilby

New Business:

Quilt show curtains: Ms. Carole Auth requested help refolding black hanging curtains from the quilt show.

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn R. Farinas

Secretary

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