

OMQG Executive Meeting
Sunday, March 2, 2014
Panera @ 3219 Oakview Dr, Omaha, NE
6pm -

Members in attendance:

Lori Bain, President
Michelle Cisar, Treasurer
Stephanie Jacobson, Secretary
Andrea Paseka, Pro-Tem
Nancy Rabe, Pro-Tem

National Quilting Day:

National Quilting Day is Saturday, March 15. AccuQuilt has offered us the use of their studio for open sewing, and we can use their dies. We also have a charity sewing event scheduled on Saturday, March 8 at the Millard Library. We discussed cancelling the charity sewing event or keeping both events as scheduled. We will put this to a member vote at the meeting on Tuesday, March 4.

OMQG Meeting Agenda/Tasks for 3/4:

- Nancy Rabe is giving a presentation on batting which should last about 20 minutes.
- Michelle Cisar has a demo she can give (fusible glue and fabric star/ornament) depending on the length of the meeting.
- Stephanie Jacobson has a quiltly cross block she can demo for block of the month depending on the length of the meeting.
- Michelle Cisar will print a sign-in sheet listing paid members with a place for visitors to sign in.
- Lori Bain will make table tents for the member/guest sign in.
- The raffle prize for the March meeting is scissors, a rotary cutter, a pattern, and fabric.

Record Retention:

Michelle Cisar gave Stephanie Jacobson the completed membership forms, a thank you letter from Children's Hospital for the donated Beads of Courage Bags, and extra blank retreat sign-up forms to place with the OMQG records.

Treasurer:

- We currently have 24 paid members.
- The \$30 petty cash was deposited into the OMQG bank account.
- Michelle Cisar will purchase a receipt book. All funds received will be recorded in the receipt book.
- The treasurer will retain all receipts for 7 years.
- The previous month's treasurer's reports should be filed 72 hours before the next executive meeting so the exec group can review the report and go over any

discrepancies. For 2014, treasurer's reports will be due on 3/13, 4/17, 5/15, 6/12, 7/17, 8/14, 9/8, 10/16, and 11/13.

Donated Books:

Kelly Lautenbach generously donated several (about 30) brand new or nearly new quilting books. We discussed possible uses for the books:

- Sell them to raise funds for the Guild.
- Start a library. It was determined this would be a lot of work as far as storing the books between meetings, transporting the books to and from meetings, setting guidelines for borrowing the books, and keeping track who has the books and when they are due.

It was decided we would have a silent auction at the May and June meetings. Members will be invited to donate any books they may no longer want/need. Books will have a minimum bid of \$5.

Omaha Quilt Guild:

The Omaha Quilt Guild has invited the Modern Quilt Guild to have a display of 15 to 20 quilts at their quilt show in June. Is this something the Guild would be interested in? Lori will get getting more information on Monday 3/3/14.

MQG Fabric Challenge:

We will likely be unable to participate in the upcoming MQG Michael Miller fabric challenge since our membership information and dues were not submitted by the deadline of February 28, 2014. Lori Bain has requested an extension. Michelle Cisar will get a check from the bank on Tuesday for Lori to submit with our membership paperwork.

Meeting Place:

We are running out of space at our current meeting location (A Quilting Place). Other options were discussed:

- Bergan Mercy Hospital: Does not have our current meeting day/time available.
- College of St. Mary: Requires us to have a \$1 million insurance liability policy.
- Public Library: Cannot have closed meetings.
- Many churches also require us to have liability insurance.
- Sunshine Stitches (a local quilt shop) has offered to let us use their meeting space for free, no requirement for liability insurance. Their location at 156th & Dodge could be inconvenient for some members. Some would prefer to meet at a neutral (non-quilt-shop location).
- Would AccuQuilt be willing to let us use their facilities for meetings?
- Liability insurance is about \$175/year, but we don't currently have the funds for this.

Other:

- Carl Hensch has joined our facebook group and may be a possible speaker idea for a future meeting.

- Stephanie Jacobson will be giving a presentation “What is Modern Quilting” at the Piecemaker’s Quilt Guild in Missouri Valley, IA on August 19, 2014. Lori Bain volunteered to go with Stephanie.
- Michelle Cisar brought the OMQG quilt labels for our charity quilts. Lori Bain will keep them with the charity quilt items.
- Nancy Rabe suggested name tags for members to wear during meetings. Karena Wells has a button maker and previously volunteered to make button name tags. We could also make name tags as a project at one of our meetings or make it a challenge project.
- Our next quilt retreat in Friday, June 6, 2014 through Sunday, June 8, 2014. For future retreats, we will probably look into retreat locations closer to Omaha. The Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center in Omaha and the Carol Joy Holling Conference & Retreat Center in Ashland were suggested. It was also suggested that we could have a retreat committee.
- Our previous Hospitality Committee Coordinator, Andrea Milton, has moved out of the area. We will need a new coordinator for this committee.
- After committees are set and chairpersons appointed, committees will be able to meet and take over some of the duties currently handled by the executive committee.

Submitted by:

Stephanie Jacobson, Secretary