

DAKOTA COUNTY STARS QUILTERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 1, 2017

Meeting Location: Marsha Millonig's Home

Board Members Present

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair- Beth Kobliska	<input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments – Susie Smidt
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair- vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Web Site- Sue Tobias
<input type="checkbox"/> Show Chair- vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Education/Activities- Arlette Kreager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary- Sunny Kline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retreat- Pat Basch
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer- Trisha Millonig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newsletter- Jackie Grinde
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer- Marsha Millonig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Service- Trisha Millonig
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Membership- Kathy Lindstrom	

The meeting was called to order by Chair Beth Kobliska at 6:30 pm. Role call as above. A quorum was present.

Agenda Items:

Old Business:

1. Budget for June 2017 through May 2018: The past year's budget and actual financials were reviewed and accepted by the Board, pending a few minor updates presented to the Treasurer at the meeting. The new budget items were discussed as follows:
 - a. The net profit for the 2017 show was \$1994.22, after paying the museum, the Modern Quilt Guild (for their auction items), and the speaker's expenses. This is up a bit from last year. Sue made motion to keep the show budget the same as for last year. Motion was seconded, and the motion carried.
 - b. Membership currently stands at 46 paid-up members. A discussion about raising dues for 2018 ensued. Jackie made a motion to raise dues from \$24 to \$30. Seconded by Sunny, and the motion carried.
 - c. Facilities budget will remain the same, though we expect to have actual be a bit lower due to changing to a smaller room at the Eagan Community Center. We meet at ECC 9 times per year, since we meet elsewhere in February, July, and December. We will also donate \$200 to the Lighthouse Church where we hold our December Christmas dinner. Marsha has signed a contract with ECC and the rental fee has been paid for the rest of the fiscal year.
 - d. The program/speaker budget has been under-utilized. The Board determined to keep the budget for speakers the same, and to seek to engage more paid speakers over the next year. This will help keep current members engaged, and possibly attract some new members. Beth will purchase door prizes for use at the meetings.
 - e. Last year the retreat actual cost was a little more than the budget. Pat requested a bit more be budgeted. A motion was made, seconded, and the motion carried to change the retreat budget from \$5500 up to \$6000. The retreat is set to break even; it is not a profit-making activity, nor do we expect to lose money on retreats.
2. Retreat Planning:
 - a. The May 2017 retreat was cancelled due to low enrollment. The guild forfeited a \$200 deposit fee.
 - b. The next retreat is scheduled September 8 – 11 at "Stitch Supply Company" and has 6 people already registered. We need a minimum of 13 registrations to go forward. Deadline is in August. Registration is open to anyone, and publicity is posted on the web site.
 - c. Pat has taken a poll of over 30 previous retreat attendees, who overwhelmingly support resuming the November retreat at Camp Wapo in 2018. We had previously been bumped from this facility, who gives priority to Church groups, despite a history of 13 years holding our retreats there. However, new administration at Wapo has asked our Guild to return, and offered several concessions to us if we will sign contract. After discussion, Pat made motion to schedule a November 2018 at Camp Wapo. The motion was seconded and the motion carried. She will sign the contract, and the guild will pay the \$1000 deposit in November 2017.

3. Show Planning: We do not yet have a show chairperson or committee for the 2018 show. Board members expressed concern that we might not have a show if someone does not step forward to organize it. After discussion, the Board will ask Karen Asmundson if she would be willing to be the show chair. In the case that we do not have a show in 2018, we will consider scheduling a 1-day workshop with a known instructor. This needs to be decided very soon because of the availability of speakers.
4. Program Planning:
 - a. We discussed numerous options for speakers for upcoming meetings. Marsha had prepared a schedule chart for planning, and as the dates are filled in, the schedule will be finalized and distributed.
 - b. Page Johnson – Beth will contact her about speaking at the August or September meeting.
 - c. Schoolhouse presentations by members – will schedule for whichever month Page does not come.
 - d. October meeting will be a trunk show by “A Little Piece of Mind” from New Richmond, WI.
 - e. Robin, from California, is coming to visit in November. If the dates work, she will speak at the November meeting. Marsha is checking on this.
 - f. December meeting will be the Christmas dinner at the Lighthouse Church in Rosemount. We will do the “left-right-center” game using fat quarters purchased by the guild as an activity.
 - g. January 2018 and forward: Sunny will contact Sue Stein (www.susan-stein.com), Laura Murray (www.Lauramurraydesigns.com), and Brenda Lou Scott (Scottie Dog Quilts), to check on their availability, programs available, and cost. She will report back to the Board on her findings. Board members may refer to the web sites provided to see examples of these artists’ work. From there we will schedule speakers for the first part of 2018.
 - h. Additional ideas for speakers, programs, and activities are needed.

Other – New Business:

1. Scrap Recycling – Sunny proposed the idea of creating a scrap committee to continue the recycling efforts started by Karen A. This was discussed briefly. Though there was little interest among the Board, this will be announced at the next meeting to determine if there is interest among the membership.

Next Board Meeting Date & Location: July 25 at Marsha’s home.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Secretary Sunny Kline, June 2, 2017.