

Q.U.I.L.T.S. General Membership Meeting April 2009

President Mary Ellen Grider opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Business: Minutes for March were deferred. Karen Lindley has yet to post March minutes on website. March minutes were sent out via e-mail and 19 postage mailings.

Treasurer: Burma Jones provided treasurer's report. Balance as of 2/28/09 was \$13,911.41. Income is \$293 and expenses are \$153.82. Ending balance as of 3/31/09 is \$14,050.59.

Report is approved subject to audit.

Programs & Workshops: Carol Kiel (Vice-president Elect) reported payment needed from 7 members for Suzanne Marshall workshop. Payments were received tonight. There was one opening left and it was filled. Workshop is full.

Program: Hand quilting - we had several members volunteer to demonstrate their hand quilting. Members were able to view their work.

Old Business:

Workshop Fees - President Mary Ellen Grider said there have been e-mails circulating about workshop fee. In recent years the workshop fees have been \$25 for members/\$35 non-members.

The treasurer provided copies of spreadsheet to members stating costs of guest instructors from 1999 - 2008. Total cost of workshops for aforementioned period was \$23,665 with members paying \$11,044 and guild funds paying \$12,621. Overall, the guild funds have provided over 50% of costs.

Discussion was held. Julia Schad voiced concerns. Several years ago, guild members paid 1/2 cost of instructor's workshop charge and guild picked up all remaining costs (this would include lecture cost, transportation, lodging, meals and custodial fees). Another member voiced concern of possible tax implication of current checking account balance since guild is a non-profit organization. Other members voiced opinions in favor of a standard fee and moving forward.

Barb Olinger researched past minutes where members voted for standard workshop fee of \$25 members/\$35 non-members. Barb made a motion to vote. The motion was second and vote taken by show of hands. The motion passed by a majority to set workshop fee at \$25 for members/\$35 non-members.

Festival of Trees - Jan Walters read thank you notes regarding our tree.

Brown Bag Challenge - Winnie Surratt said completed projects are due at next meeting.

Name Tags - Pay fine if you do not have name tag. Thanks to Stella for helping with this project.

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New Business:

Quilt Show - No update

Challenge Quilt - Dawn and Deb explained challenge quilt. Theme is "Color Makes Our World Go Round". Dimensions should be appx. 28" x 28". Kit contains 3 fat eighths and each must be used in body of quilt. Add as much or little of other fabrics. There is no charge for fabric kit unless a member cannot complete a project.

Library Books - Carol Kiel tallied votes and members' top choice is Silent Auction - 25 books at a time. Auction will wait until after May's workshop.

Hosting Suzanne Marshall - With Karen Lindley's family circumstances, she cannot host instructor. Joan Banenfanger volunteered. Carol Kiel will check with Suzanne on these arrangements due to Joan having pets.

Refreshments: Treats are needed for May. Contact Pat Mees.

Show and Tell: There were many beautiful quilts shown.

Door Prizes: Drawing held and prizes distributed.
Sign-in of 61 members tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. - Dawn made motion to adjourn and Jenni seconded it.

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Secretary