

2012 FKQG Board Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2012

Attendees: Helen Lucas, Karla Lynch, Anna Avery, Ellen Simon and Cass Bowen

At the March meeting, the Board discussed increasing the member class fee by \$5.00 starting January, 2013. A motion, however, was not made. At this meeting, Helen made a motion to accept the Board's decision to increase the member class fees to \$30 for a full day class and \$20 for a half-day class effective January, 2013. Karla seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

Cass presented the Board with Marjorie's proposed fees to redo the website. After discussion, a motion was made by Helen to accept Marjorie Holloway's proposal for fees associated with the redesign and maintenance of the website pending delivery of a written contract. Anna seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The Board discussed the "look" for the homepage and all agreed we would like to have a slideshow of member quilts. We would also like general information regarding the Guild such as meeting time and place, member and guest fees and a map. We would also like to see the upcoming month's lecture title and teacher with a link to the teacher's website. Theme colors were discussed and it was decided it should be colors of the sea with a clean look. Cass will follow-up with Marjorie as to our wishes.

The Board discussed the need for new members to feel welcome. We all have received some feedback that new members felt this guild was not friendly. It was decided we would focus on this issue for the year. Cass is bringing a Suggestion Box to the next meeting for members to voice their likes, dislikes or ideas to improve the Guild. Some new member initiatives would be to have a New Member table set-up at the meetings. New members that visit the table would be issued a \$5.00 off coupon to attend an upcoming class. Another suggestion by Ellen was to have a "meet and eat" night at Troyer's Dutch Heritage restaurant before the general meeting. It would be made known to members and anyone is welcome to come and share a meal. This would be an excellent way for members, old or new, to meet people. Helen had a long list of ways new members could become involved by volunteering for committees or helping out at the meetings.

These initiatives will be presented at the general meeting. Cass will work on the list.

A suggestion was made that we save Show and Tell at the meetings until after the lecturer is done which would be at the end of the meeting. The reason for this change is so that members could come up and look at the Show and Tell quilts since many people are interested in seeing them up close. This will be announced at the May meeting and put into effect at the June meeting for a “trial run”.

The Board reviewed the revised By-Laws and were advised we are waiting for input from Linda Pearce regarding our non-profit status now and what might need to be added. As soon as Cass receives this information, she will forward the final document to the Board for approval.

Karla made a motion to revise the first sentence of our Guild Objectives to read “to cultivate the knowledge, appreciation, and making of fine quality quilts” and to delete the phrase “collecting of”. Anna seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ellen suggested that the Parliamentarian keep track of and post updated resolutions to the By-Laws and Policies in a designated place on the website. They could then be added to the By-Laws or Policies at the normal time when those documents are reviewed. This was brought up to reflect the decision that was made last year by the Board to pay for a member’s dinner if the member had to take the teacher out to dinner. At this meeting it was decided that a member and teacher should keep the lunch expenses to \$15 to include entrée, drink and tip. Dinner allowances would be higher at \$20 for entrée, drink and tip. No alcoholic beverages will be paid for by the Guild.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Cass Bowen
President