

## Quilters Unlimited (QU) Board of Directors' Meeting February 3, 2016

Members in attendance: Pat Price, Vice President, Chariese Adams, Secretary, Kath Heslep, Nominations, Lynn Gayer, Newsletter, Judy Impellizzeri – Membership, Betsy Stone, Quilt Show, Joyce Keating – Mount Vernon, Dianne Tippins – Mount Vernon, Judy Bell – Springfield, Anne Argentieri – Fairfax, Cindy Wilson – McLean, Martha Bush – Annandale, Sharon Thompson – Burke, Beth Richardson – Arlington, Christine Schaefer – Centerville

President Denise Racz was unable to attend the meeting. Vice President Pat Price would lead the meeting in her place and called the meeting to order at 6:35.

Minutes from the November 4, 2015 meeting were read. Vice President Pat Price stated notated the attendance from the previous meeting should be reflected in the minutes. The minutes were read, amended and approved as amended.

### Officer's Report

President: Denise Racz – absent

Vice President: Pat Price (acting President) recommended attendance should be reflected in our minutes. The November minutes are already updated.

Secretary: Chariese Adams – no report

Treasurer: Janet Tasker – Discussed budget sheet showing approved and year to date figures. She is not getting the notebooks from Joanne. Tee Carter is the person to go to for QU Pins. Christine Shafer, Centerville, has the skills for pin design. We need a simple design for the pins. Still working on this issue.

Nominations: Kath Helsep – Proposed slate as

- President – Joyce Bound (Annandale)
- Vice President - Christine Shafer (Centerville)
- Secretary – Trudy Summerfield (Arlington)
- Treasurer – Janet Takser (Vienna)
- QU Show – Betsy Stone (Burke)
- Newsletter – Karla Vernon (Vienna)
- Nominating - Linda Keithley (Centerville)

Quilt Show 2106: Betsy Stone – February 29th is the deadline for quilt registration. The photography deadline is in March 9th. The Reston chapter will provide an update to the chapters on the photography deadlines. Nancy Fulton – Springfield, was to be the Boutique chair. She is moving to Kansas City in March and Springfield members Lisa Langlais and Patricia Mull have stepped up to take over for her. Class registration is coming up soon. Four teachers are booked – Susan Carlson, Pat Sloan, Cheryl See and Vikki Pignatelli. Discussed the possible use of a program called

“eventbrite” that will print out (pre) ticket from website using PayPal for the entry fee. This was not resolved and will need further discussion.

Additionally, there was discussion surrounding the need to have the Quilt Show Chair and Newsletter as “elected” positions. One obvious issue was the term limited (2 years) imposed on elected persons. This is an impediment to these somewhat complicated jobs where expertise learned is lost at the end of two years. The second issue was one that would hamper QU as an organization if we were unable to find persons to fill these elected positions. IF QU is unable to seat its executive board the organization would come to a standstill. The board decided that a minimal number of elected positions would be more expedient.

After lively discussion, Christine Shafer – Centerville, made a motion to amend the by-laws at the annual meeting in June 2016 to convert the Newsletter & Quilt show Chair from elected positions to be appointed positions. Beth Richardson (Arlington) seconded the motion, Kath Heslep volunteered to write the proposal for the April newsletter. Further discussion ensued on the need for timely appointment of these positions. It was agreed that the current board should ensure that these positions were appointed for the upcoming year.

#### Committee Reports:

Newsletter: Lynn Gayer stated the deadline from February 8<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Membership: Judy Impellizzeri – discussion about aging population and reduced income amount.

Web Master: Jeanne Coglianese – (not present) – Sent e-mail that we will need to consult attorney about listing of quilt stores on our website since we are deleting the list of services. Should they be removed too?

Fall Event: (Haymarket) – Guest speaker Mark Lipinsky. Mar’s health is a concern so Haymarket is looking for a backup speaker.

#### Old Business:

1: Taxable Events – after the November meeting a question came up about chapters holding a fourth fundraising event. President Denise Racz spoke to attorney Libby Fritsche about the consequences of holding this event. Ms. Fritsche stated the chapters could have a fourth event but the chapter would have to pay taxes on any money made at this event.

2: Use of PayPal at the Boutique – also discussion about having a credit card reader at the front desk for people who don’t want to use cash. Needs further discussion and research.

3: Second term for QU President – this needs to be added to the agenda for the annual meeting. Reston President will write up proposed amendment for April meeting and newsletter. This needs to go out in the April newsletter.

New Business:

1: Mount Vernon bylaws changes for approval. Mount Vernon President provided two copies of her new bylaws that are signed. They need board signature. Board passed its approval.

2. Reconcile Mount Vernon membership numbers versus QU. (This was remedied before the meeting).

3: 2016-2017 Mount Vernon QU show obligation for quilt layout. Discussion about the matrix jobs and making some positions such as quilt layout a two-year position. Fairfax President will discuss with her chapter to swap responsibilities with Mount Vernon at her next chapter meeting. Centreville President stated she would discuss with her members if Fairfax was unable to swap. Need further discussion. Update in April.

4: Challenge Quilt Exhibit with Virginia Quilt Museum – According to Denise Racz, our challenge quilt exhibit is on hold until another time.

5: Term Limit for Newsletter Chair position – Proposed it change from an elected position to an appointed position. Kath Helsop will draft an amendment for the annual meeting vote.

Chapter President Reports were made by chapter representatives in attendance.

Any other business to bring before the board:

Reston encouraged other chapters to share their newsletters with her and she will advertise their events at her meetings. Others agreed to add the QU address for each chapter in their e-mail distribution to help share information with each other.

Reston President will look at the QU bylaws and will report at the April meeting on any other changes needed since we were looking at changing the Newsletter term. This should be discussed at the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.