

Quilters Unlimited (QU) Board of Directors' Meeting November 4, 2015

Members in attendance: Denise Racz, President, Pat Price, Vice President, Janet Tasker, Treasurer, Chariese Adams, Secretary, Kath Heslep, Nominating, Jeanne Coglianesi, Webmaster, Betsy Wells Stone, Quilt Show, Beth Richardson – Arlington, Joyce Bounds – Annandale, Rachel Childress – Springfield, Laura Fraser – Vienna, Mary Downey – Mount Vernon, Judy Impellizzeri – Reston, Rachelle Haber – Haymarket, Cindy Wilson – McLean, Christin ? – Centerville, Anne Argentieri – Fairfax,

The President, Denise Racz, called meeting to order at 6:42 PM at Quilters Studio.

Denise thanked all for attending and said she had made arrangements with Quilters Studio to hold our quarterly board meeting at this location starting at 6:30 PM. There was some discussion The majority of those in attendance agreed the location and time worked.

Minutes from the September meeting were and approved.

Agenda Items:

1. Budget – Quilt show – Betsy Stone went over the show costs and budget items. The Expo Center has expanded and the new South Hall will house the annual business meeting. There is an additional cost of about \$6,000 to use the new space. The South Hall closes at 5:30 P.M. and the business meeting would start at 6:30 P.M.
2. Treasurer Janet Tasker went over the QU budget and discussion as length was had over the negative balance. Some felt that the board should move to correct the negative balance by adjusting budget lines. There was a question of why some had been increased when there weren't charges the previous year to support the increase. It was decided that with the change in Treasure it would be best to let it stay another budget year and work on getting it cleared up later. The budget for the Fall Event would be increased to allow for venue costs. Increase website maintenance to allow for data storage and hardware. The topic of "cloud based" accounting software was brought up. Current storage is discounted for paying 12 months in advance and being a non-profit.

Officers Reports:

Vice President – none

Secretary – none

Treasurer – Financials through 09/30/15, need bills in for Fall Event, needs expenses approved before she can cut checks.

Nominating – none

Quilt Show – Nancy Fulton wants to know what chapters will participate in the Boutique and who will be the contact. She has a list of what was sold and what did not sell well. Suggested that the chapters not make more than five of any one item. Judy Impellizzeri needs to know the quilt collectors from each chapter. Question was asked about credit card payments using PayPal or the square.

Newsletter – deadline ????

Membership – directories done and in the mail. Added something new and alphabetized by 1st name. Suggestion to add members in January that joined after 10/01/15. Directory by e-mail came up. Extra copies were given to chapter presidents. Judy asked if any checks had been received from the chapters for new members from June to July. The directory is under budget.

Web Master – New auction page listed on the website. Notice to all chapters to say when their auctions are was sent. Updated services page. Just send an e-mail to her and she will add. Question about the 501C benefit status regarding free advertising members' services is against the code. You are advised to ask our attorney.

Fall Event – 2016 Haymarket to have 1st meeting 11/5/15 regarding Fall Evenr. Speaker selected is Mark Lipinski. Location suggestion is Waterford in Fair Oaks.

New Business –

1. Chapter Dues question. Can each chapter charge what they want for dues? Several chapters preferred to ask theirs members for additional dues instead of fundraising due to their smaller or older membership. Maybe request an annual donation and provide a receipt.
2. Biq QU officer terms. Discussion about President term being two years rather than one. This would help with board continuity. The by-laws would need to be changed in order to do this to at the annual meeting. A motion was made and seconded to start the process.
3. Taxable events were discussed. A chapter may have 3 non-taxable events and if they have a fourth fundraiser then all events would be subject to tax.
4. Quilt pins – The board discussed keeping the one we have now or having another designed. Motion was made and seconded to get a new pin designed.

Chapter Presidents Reports –

Annandale: 11/18/15 speaker Phyllis Hatcher 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Mola Central American quilting.

Arlington: Art on the Avenue was postponed due to the hurricane. They had demos and a quilting frame at the event. Sales didn't go well. Next speaker will be Barbara Cline. They are losing their space and need a new meeting space.

Burke: Auction 11/11/15, Cherry Run Elementary. Live & silent auctions, Holiday meeting 12/09/15.

Centreville: Auction 11/12/15 @ 6:30 PM New meeting time. UFO Challenge and the December meeting will be filled fun with "left, right, center"

Fairfax: Retreat in Winchester. Auction 11/19/15. Holiday meeting 12/10/15.

Haymarket: December will be their Christmas meeting.

McLean: October 6th demos. Barbara Barkham at the November meeting. December meeting be fund filed with "left, right, center"

Mount Vernon: Virginia Visions Quilts, Block of the month – stars – friendships, 2 day stitch a lot camp, demo using trimmer, splicing batting, quilt carrier fabric challenge.

Reston: Kimberly Einmo trunk show and lecture on "Jelly Roll" quilts was well attended. The following day she gave a workshop on using her technique. November is our charity night and the December holiday meeting will beat Lucia's

Springfield: Auction was in October. Abby Dalton coming in November for a workshop "get the point". December is our Christmas luncheon. January will be the quilters home tour to checkout their studios and how they use their quilts.

Vienna: Linda Cooper of Kennetic Quilts as November fundraiser. Vendor gave them 19 boxes of fabric precuts. December speaker will present dying fabrics.

No other new business was discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.