

Common Threads Quilt Guild

Board Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2010

Present: Janet Armstrong, Jackie Jones, Kathy Zaebst, Vicky Price, Kelley LaPlace, Kathy Myers, Kathy Gordon, Marsha Beane, Bev Fuchs, Claire Paul.

Budget:

- Balance is high (\$15,179.12) due to bus trip and retreat payments.
- We approve the budget.

Tri-fold Brochure:

- Jackie will tweak Patty's original and hand out at the April meeting, and to other guilds, shops, etc.

Tenth Anniversary Celebration:

- Was a huge success.
- People worked hard, esp. Vicky
- There were 12 gift bags left. We'll give them out at the March meeting.

Bus Trip Realignment:

- The bus trip has never used guild money. It is self-supporting, but it does run the money through our treasury.
- At least half the people who attend are non-members because not enough members signed up.
- Now that we have more members, we will change some things for next year:
 - Non-members will be charged \$25 more, the cost of joining Common Threads
 - We will charge \$5 additional for everyone, and give to the guild as a fundraiser.
 - The bus trip coordinator will get a free hotel room.
 - We will revisit and reapprove this every year.
- Janet will talk about the bus trip at the January reunion and tell non-members they must join (or pay \$25)

Bylaws:

- Melissa has agreed to look them over and present at the next Board meeting

Ways & Means:

- No dinner due to garage sale – moved to May – salads and desserts. Kathy will solicit volunteers
- We will sell bottled water at the meetings for \$1 – Vicky will recycle them.
- April Meeting: (Kathy Gordon and Marsha Beane)
 - Signup sheet for garage sale at the March meeting.
 - \$10 per round table + silent auction tables – long around the room
 - Marsha will run the garage sale; she will invite the other local guilds.
 - Laura will run the silent auction
 - Jackie will do a floor plan
- FQ Lotto price will remain the same. It is not a fundraiser.
- Anniversary pins – Cost \$2.75 + \$70 mold fee = \$345 to get 100 pins. Can order more later on same mold. We like spool design – sell to members for \$7. Marsha will order them and pay deposit from budget. Sell at July picnic. Will order charm holders also.

- Laura will run the October fundraiser dinner. Chili cook-off. Bake sale items with pumpkin theme – Discuss later and vote.

Sewing at the State Fair –

- Do demos for several hours & get free parking and free admission. Park very close.
- Janet will get dates & have sign up at March meeting. They need to know by March 30.

Spring & Fall Retreats: (Kathy Zaebst)

- Marty, Brenda and Sue Howard researched in Amish Country. Found a place.
- Berlin Hotel & Suites with restaurant attached.
- Reserved April 29 & 30 and Nov 18 & 19, 2011.
- Price is \$89.95/night + tax for 2 people. Min.15 rooms to get that rate.
- Indoor swimming pool, exercise room & movie theater.
- They will cater supper if we want. We can order things like veggie trays. Kathy Z. will find out prices.
- Nowhere to cook but there are fridges & a place to serve food. Can order pizza.
- 75 people can sew.
- We need to pay deposit by March 31, 2010. We approve. We have a year to decide things.
- Do we want to find a place for fall, 2010? Yes. Research Deer Creek and Christopher in Chillicothe.

Notebooks:

- Will look at them next month

Charging for visitors at meetings with nationally known speakers?

- We think the bylaws state people can visit 2 times before having to pay. It says this on the website. We can charge for the quilt show every other year. (We didn't last year)

Membership Committee and Nominating Committee:

- Duties stated on the agenda.
- We think it's too much work for one person.
- Put in the newsletter, Janet & Jackie will contact the volunteers; put the list out for a couple meetings.
- It would be nice to make a packet to hand out to new members.
- Greeting the speaker

Other Business:

- Can we get a key to the church?
- Workshops – Kelley will do a flyer for June and August ones and hand out at meetings.
- Suggestion – have at least one workshop per year on a Saturday, so we have more people sign up.
- Shipshewana Quilt Show, Stitching Sisters Retreat – put on tip board and announce at March meeting.
- Idea – Group Quilt to raffle off at our quilt show. You need a fancy quilt to get people to buy tickets. We don't have enough time. What about an OSU quilt?
- Janet will ask for committee volunteers at March meeting.
- Janet will quilt it.

Adjourned 7:45