

**Wyoming State Quilt Guild**  
**Face-to-Face Meeting Minutes**  
**November 4, 2017**

**Call to Order** - President Linda Herget called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

**Roll Call** - Present were Linda Herget, Belle Temple, Ginny Hartman, Deb Zelenak, Daenette More, Tauna Leathers, and Gail Parker. Sherry Buck and Karen Sansoucie participated by phone.

Linda explained the Orphan Block exchange. Each member brought an orphan block and explained why it was an orphan. They will each be put into a brown paper bag and we will each receive one that we will finish any way we desire and present the finished project to the owner at QW this summer. (Linda will pick up orphan blocks from members who were unable to attend this meeting when she goes to Cody retreat next weekend and make the distribution to everyone.)

**Consent and additions to agenda** - proposed change to bylaws to change Webmistress and Membership Chair to voting positions, Quilt Camp during Quilt Wyoming event, and WSQG official tee shirts were added to the agenda.

**Minutes** - The minutes from the Conference Call September 10, 2017 meeting were presented. Ginny corrected the SW Regional Director report; it should read that Uinta Library was not selling last year's donated Quilt Book, but a group of quilt books. Belle moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Ginny seconded. Minutes accepted as corrected.

**Treasure Report** - QW 2019 has set up their checking account. Belle is still working on staggering the CD's and getting good rates. We do have a debit/credit card we use to make purchases. Tauna asked if we could purchase the Library Books this year or wait until 2018. She can buy them at her convenience. The insurance line item looks like we are over for the year but we aren't. Belle paid for the whole year, rather monthly payments. Quilt camp money was discussed.

**Correspondence** - Thank you letter from N.E.W. Quilt Show was received.

**Committee Reports:**

**Quilt WY 2017** - Kandi will be sending back a partial amount of the seed money they received. They experienced a loss. The overage was due to the mileage paid

to a teacher from Utah and a National Teacher class that didn't meet a minimum of participants. A cap was not put on travel expenses incurred by Regional Teachers. The class for the National Teacher was not advertised correctly; it was a generic style, not SW style. The description of the classes in the registration brochure needs to be worded very carefully.

**Quilt WY 2018** - QW will not be in Casper. They are looking at holding the event in Riverton at the Central WY College or having the event in Douglas at the State Fairgrounds. Casper College is not allowing vendors. They are having 3 National Teachers and 10 Regional Teachers.

**Quilt WY 2019** - Daenette reported that they will be meeting monthly after the first of the year.

**Membership** - Kandi emailed us her report. We like that she adds the new member's names and locations in the report. Linda asked if the Regional Directors were receiving contact information about new members in their regions. None were at this time. She will re-visit this issue next week in Cody.

**Books for County Libraries** - Linda will forward her suggestion to Tauna. She expressed appreciation for suggestions. Good children's books are hard to find. Ginny delivered the Teton County books to their Library. The Librarian on duty mentioned that she would give the book to the Selection Committee to review and put on the shelf. Most Libraries have a Collection Development Policy. The books that we donate become their property and they are free to do whatever they wish with them. Normally, they are reviewed and put on the shelf. They do run calculation statistics and monitor how often a book is checked out. The books can be mailed to the Libraries, but it is a nice touch to deliver them in person. Sherry mentioned that she leaves her phone number in case they would like more information, but she has not been contacted as of this date. Daenette mentioned that Regional Directors have a budget they could spend on travel. Are all the RD taking advantage of this? Books can be mailed to libraries using the RD budget money. A suggestion was made to send out a letter to Librarians to see if they have any suggestions for us.

**Patchwords, Webmistress** - Patchwords deadline is November 10.

**Properties** - Linda will send Gail the quilt stand information. Gail has contacted Amazon and Linda has 2 other companies that she has received information from.

## Regional Directors Reports

**Southeast** - Daenette is working on her article. They had a successful fall retreat at LLLC. Fifty-seven registered, fifty-six attended. This is the last year they will be able to use the room for free; next year there will be a charge to the attendees. Linda and Tauna visited a guild in Laramie and picked up a new WSQG member.

**Southwest** - SW regional had two retreats this fall. They were well attended. Ginny is planning to have another Fiddle Quilt Workshop in March 2018.

**Northeast** - The N.E.W. Quilt Show in Gillette was well attended. In addition to the quilts they displayed, there was an additional 18-20 quilts displayed by Bernie Miller who they spotlighted this year. Barn and Blanket Quilt Store is celebrating her first year anniversary this month.

**Central** - Deb reported that the Dubois Guild will be presenting about 25 quilts of valor next week. About 20 people attended the Central Retreat this fall. They are planning to do this again next year.

## Old Business

**Certified Quilt Appraiser (CQA)** - WY presently does not have any quilt appraisers and there is only about 80 in the US. It doesn't seem feasible at this time for the Board to sponsor someone who would like to pursue this, but we could provide venues for them to practice. A test (both oral and written) is required to become a CQA.

Judging is a completely different thing. The complaint from QW was about the judging being closed at the State Fair. There is a seminar to attend to become a National Judge. It is a two-day seminar put on by the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges that gives them experience to then take a test. Costs are \$200 per participant and the sponsor (WSQG) provides venue and teacher expenses. If you attend a seminar, you will have the study tools to sit for the Certified Judge test. Cindy Brick from Colorado, a Certified Appraiser and Judge, also sent a proposal for teaching, and lectures on Judging and Appraising. The board is considering a proposal from Cindy to teach a 2 day class on "Becoming a Quilt Professional" which would include (1) Writing, Teaching, Competitions - and Other Ways of Getting Noticed, (2) Quilt Judging: It's all in the Details, (3) How to Date (And Restore) Your quilt. Costs would be significantly less using Cindy Brick depending on how much of the class would be sponsored. Venues were discussed.

It is too late to add the class to the Quilt Wyoming in Casper. Sherry asked if we would consider a trial run at the N.E.W. Quilt Show next fall. Daenette will contact Cindy and work with Sherry and N.E.W. group to work out details. Deb Kipp has started the process to become a Certified Appraiser. The conclusion of the discussion was that it is not feasible to sponsor anyone to become a Quilt Appraiser because of the time and cost involved. But we can provide venues and education thru classes, workshops and quilt shows for those interested and now currently judging quilt shows to get further education to hone their skills and we will be able to help get more certified judges in Wyoming.

## **New Business**

**Quilt Camp** - Deb has proposed that we sponsor a Quilt Camp at Quilt WY next summer. This would be a beginning class for someone new to quilting or hasn't quilted in years. We could call it "My First Quilt Class". Having this event at QW poses interesting questions. Quilt Camp teachers are not paid (QW instructors are paid) but what about possibly reimbursing them for their travel or meals? (The teachers for next summer quilt camp are from Casper and QW will be in Riverton or Douglas.) Do we want to add a new line item to our budget? Do we want to use the same guidelines as Quilt Camp? Would each QW be required to sponsor a Quilt Camp?

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to add a line item to the budget for \$1000 for Quilt Camp at Quilt Wyoming. The board is leaving having a Quilt Camp at QW to each region. It will be their decision if they would like to offer this camp. The Board agreed that the teachers should be volunteers and not paid, but the \$1000 could be used to reimburse them travel or food expenses.

**WSQG Tee Shirts** - Virginia has information about WSQG tee shirts. Prices for the tee shirts and the set up for the design was discussed. The decision was made to order shirts for Board members only. We decided on V-neck, three-quarter sleeve and the tee shirt should match the colors of the WSQG letters in our logo. Probably a teal or aqua would be a good color choice. Linda will email out more information about sizing and pricing.

**Voting Board Members** - Jennifer Golden proposed that we consider making two appointed positions into voting positions on the WSQG board. (Two positions because we need to keep an odd number). The two positions that she propose are the membership director and the web mistress. These two people actually interact with the members more than anyone else and would bring membership voice to our meetings. She knows that this will entail a change in by-laws but would like to have

the proposal brought before the board now so that we can discuss and work toward this addition. Why were these two positions appointed vs elected when the organization was formed? Webmistress has unique qualifications that need to be fully understood before accepting this position. Deb moved to make the Membership Director and Webmistress appointed members with voting privileges. Ginny seconded. Motion passed. The Board will take matter to the membership. We will propose this bylaw change to them and ask for their approval.

**2018 Budget** - We will never have a balanced budget with so much money in our checking and savings. Our budget year runs from January - December. The following changes were proposed to the 2018 budget:

Quilt Wyoming (seed money) raise to \$4,000 from \$3,500

Office Supplies raise to \$200 from \$100

Education (Quilt Judging)\* new line item for \$1,000

Quilt Camp (at QW) new line item for \$1,000

Historian raised to \$100 from \$25

\*Education (Quilt Judging) might be renamed in the future.

Quilt stand replacement is one-time expense on the Properties line item. Deb made a motion to accept these changes. Daenette seconded. Motion passed.

Linda will meet with Board Members who were unable to attend this meeting in Cody. The next Conference Call meeting in January 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Belle moved to adjourn. Daenette seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Karen Sansoucie  
Secretary