

WSQG Board meeting minutes

September 10, 2023 via Zoom

Submitted by Cathy Stafford and Di Wilsey Geer

Called to order: at 6:09 pm by President Verna Lawrence

Officer Attendees: Belle Temple, Verna Lawrence, Di Wilsey Geer, Kandi Davis, Tauna Leathers, April Pendleton, Cindi Young, Iris Jasperson, Cathy Stafford, Lyn Bennet, Barb Vaughn, Ginny Singer

Additions to agenda - none

Treasurer's report: Kandi opened the floor to any questions regarding the submitted report. Di inquired re the line-item titled Pinnacle Bank, Cody/Checking for NW Conference \$500. Kandi explained that this is a constant balance in an account for the NW Region. The purpose is to avoid the banking fees incurred in opening and closing a bank account each time that Region holds Quilt Wyoming.

Vote to approve financial report - motion - Iris, 2nd - Lyn approved. The final numbers are still out on the QW (Quilt Wyoming) 2023 Opportunity Quilt, but as of this reporting, the net was \$3000, expenses \$2500-\$2600 with \$5,500 in ticket donations. Julie Haptonstall and Jean Schroder are to be commended for their work on this project!

Committee Reports:

Historian: Cathe Tuttle/Margaret Immenschuh (not present) - none

Archives: Mary Lee Dixon (not present) - none

QW23 (Central Region): Julie Haptonstall (not present). Regional Director, April Pendleton reported \$7,815.25 in receipts, and are pleased to return to WSQG \$8,874.80. Kandi pointed out that this was an applaudable amount of funds being turned in by a QW Committee! The registration count was a record 250. There was no fee for the QW23 Trunk Shows for registered attendees, but they took in \$300 from public attendees. April has created a QW budget spreadsheet and asked if she could share with the board for future QW Committee Treasurers. Kandi will review the document with April before submitting it to the board.

QW24 (SouthEast Region): Linda Herget (not present). Regional Director, Cindi Young shared that they are a small committee, and she wasn't expecting to report in the absence of the Chairperson. She went on to say that she would cover the Chair position if Linda Herget steps down. Verna asked if there were others to help. Cindi advised that if Linda would step down, she would have 20+ volunteers to serve on the committee.

Kandi inquired as to who was authorized on the QW24 bank account and Cindi advised that as Committee Treasurer she was along with Linda Herget and Frances Tormey. Cindi has asked Linda for Regional Director supplies and has yet to receive them, so is flying solo. However, has reached out to Founding Member, Daenette More, for advice. Di shared as a committee member that their committee did a great job with the Theme, Feature Teacher and Opportunity Quilt reveal during QW23 under Cindi's interim leadership. She also reported that the QW24 Opportunity Quilt was at the Wyoming State Fair in August (thank you Jean Schroeder) and was scheduled for the NE Wyoming Quilt Show in October.

QW25: Nena James (not present). Regional Director, Iris Jaspersen reported that the chairperson advised that the current committee has performed the tasks before therefore, they do not need Iris's help other than she was asked to oversee the quilt show. Therefore, she didn't have much to report on behalf of the committee as she is not aware of their activities other than the Opportunity Quilt was about to be completed and sent to be quilted. Iris did report that she has 10-15 people to help her with the quilt show. Iris has asked the Chair for meeting minutes and meeting dates and times as although she is two hours away, she would like to attend. Her request for information has been ignored. Does the board need to step in and help these two regions? How is that done? Do we nudge QW Chairs with a letter? Kandi felt it is within our parameters to do so but questioned if an RD (Regional Director) must be on the QW committee. It is the RD's duty to call the initial QW Committee meeting. April felt that the RD should be on the committee, and she has never heard of one not on the QW committee before. Kandi asked Iris if she would want to be on the committee now. Iris responded that she's on it technically.

Membership: Tauna Leathers reported our current membership count was 647 from Wyoming and twenty-one other states.

Librarian: Terry Dunn (not present) - none

Patchwords Editor: Virginia Ohr (not present) - none

Webmistress: Virginia Ohr (not present) - none

President: Verna Lawrence would like everyone to work together in our regions.

President-elect: Di Wilsey Geer shared that she is trying to learn the ropes and lend support when and where needed.

Past President: Belle Temple had nothing to report

Director at Large: Glenda Palmer (not present) - none

Regional Director Reports:

Central: April Pendleton - will get her report submitted. There is a lot of activity in the region this fall. The Popo Agie Quilters Quilt Show is September 23-24 in Lander.

Southeast: Cindi Young - Wyoming Engraving and Trophy of Cheyenne has supplied the WSQG Board members name tags in the past. If you are new to the board or have changed positions/titles, as the SE RD, Cindi will need that information to place an order. She'll send an email to all board members for their reply. Kandi will submit a photo of her name badge, so we can all see what they look like. The SE Region Fall Retreat to be held 9/29-10/1; Cindi has a full event with 60 registrants!

Southwest: Iris Jaspersen - Hunter's Widow Retreat in Evanston in October. On the Trail Shop Hop an Idaho/Wyoming/Utah event involving 12 shops. New quilt shop in Evanston. The annual Hunter's Widow retreat will be held in October.

Northeast: Lyn Bennet mentioned the challenge. The region will hold a retreat in Newcastle February 26-29. Cathy Stafford shared that the museum in Hulett is holding a quilt show, and the Buffalo Quilting Gals will have an upcoming retreat. And the 26th Annual Fiber Arts Quilt Show will be held October 2 - 31 at the Fullmer Library in Sheridan. Sherry Walter of ET Quilts in Buffalo is planning a retreat.

Northwest: Ginny Singer tried to hit area quilt shops over the summer. The Greybull area is reactivating their quilt guild.

Bylaws and Standing Rules: Verna Lawrence advised no action needed until next year.

Nominations and Elections: Verna advised that one of the prime duties of the President-elect was serving as Chair of the Nominating Committee. Kandi suggested verifying with Virginia as to which positions will become vacant.

Golden Thimble: Belle Temple shared that she would have the information in the next Patchwords. Nomination forms may be submitted to her for 2024.

Other business: Kandi announced that the board holds two face-to-face meetings a year; one just prior to QW and one in November. Thus, the board's next meeting will be in person on Saturday, November 4th in Casper at the Senior Center. Topics to cover will be budget, personnel, and any other issues. Lunch, rooms, and mileage for the driver at the current IRS rate will be paid with WSQG funds. Ginny pointed out that for Regional Directors, those expenses come from their Region's budget. Kandi will check on funding for other board members as-well-as organize the meeting arrangements. April, Cindi, and Di reported that they will not be attending in person as they have retreat commitments.

WSQG board meetings are held via Zoom on the first Sunday of odd months at 7:00 pm. For 2024, that will be January 7th, March 2nd, May 5th, July TBD, September

8th (due to Labor Day weekend), and November 3rd.

Kandi advised that with the board's blessing, she will invite Carol Kolf to future meetings as the incoming treasurer who will take over the Zoom account and set up as well.

Adjourn Meeting: Kandi Davis moved, and Iris Jaspersen seconded for adjournment. Verna adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm