

**Wyoming State Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes**  
**November 4, 2023 - 10:00 am**  
**Casper Senior Center**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Verna Lawrence at 10:08.

**Roll Call** (by Kandi Davis): Present - Verna Lawrence, Belle Temple, Kandi Davis, Carol Kolf, Barbara Bunn-Vaughn, Ginny Singer, Lyn Bennet, Cathy Kelly-Stafford, Tauna Leathers, Virginia Ohr, Cathe Tuttle, and Margaret Immenschuh  
Present on Zoom - Di Wilsey Greer, Iris Jasperson, and Cindi Young  
Absent - Kim Hicks, April Pendleton, Glenda Palmer, Terry Dunn, and Mary Lee Dixon

Verna asked for any additions to the agenda: Barbara (properties) and Tauna (membership) had additions to the agenda. These additions were added under budget and membership, respectively.

**Minutes:** Minutes were postponed until Di sends them to Kandi.

**Correspondence:** None

**Committee Reports:**

Historians: Cathe explained that she and Margaret have been getting nothing from anyone and currently have no direction. The current process is not working so they would like to change their focus. Cathe asked if Patchwords and Quilt Wyoming are added to the archives already. They were told yes and a discussion ensued as to what the historians should focus on. Verna asked what they have included in the past and Cathe said pictures and correspondence. Should they include names of all the members and Quilt Wyoming attendees? Virginia suggested that when the funds are approved for WSQG events the person organizing the event should receive reminders to forward photos of their event to the historians and to send the budget report to the treasurer. Kandi said there is a lot on the website. Margaret said they are just repeating all of that so Kandi asked if the Historian job is needed. Verna asked the same question then said to include the Patchwords even if they are already added to the archives. She also asked the Regional Directors to send the Historians pictures of everything that is going on in their regions. We will try this for one year and if it doesn't work we could drop this committee.

**Minutes:** Kandi read/paraphrased the minutes since they were not sent out to the board members prior to the meeting. Ginny made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Tauna and the motion carried.

**Archives:** Mary Lee was absent and no report was given.

**QW23:** Julie was absent and no report was given.

**QW24:** Cindi reported that Linda resigned. Cindi got the binders from the previous Cheyenne QWs. She said everyone is rallying around, working together and the morale is good. No one has stepped up to chair the event but the other leadership positions are covered. Their next meeting is scheduled for November 18th. Tauna added that Cindi is doing a marvelous job.

**QW25:** Iris reported in Nena's absence and said things are moving along. The Opportunity Quilt is going in to be quilted soon and their next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 29th.

**QW26:** Ginny reported that they had their first first meeting at the Quick Retreat with 17 attending. Lauren Andrist and Kim Hicks have volunteered to co-chair the event. They have picked their theme, talked to the college and the national instructor chair has been selected. They have a good start.

**Membership:** Tauna reported that we have 665 members with 18 just added at a time that is usually very slow. She said many out-of-staters are choosing to become a member of the region closest to them so they can receive minutes and retreat information. Tauna said we are growing like mad and her concern is that during the months of January, February and March membership is almost a full-time job for her and Virginia. When renewing either by paper or computer everything must be entered by hand. Everything takes time: entering the information, verifying it, sending the card, letter and pin (for new members) and going to the post office. She also added that postage is continually going up. We need to think about ways to do this electronically. Virginia said that it was approved in Powell to go electronically. Virginia has talked to Di and they hope to have it set up by July. Tauna asked if the hand written card could be sent out electronically with the letter. They will look into that. Verna asked if they needed more volunteers and Tauna responded no because it would be too confusing. Cathy said she received a request from a member in South Dakota that wanted to receive the NE Region emails. Tauna said to send that information to her. She encourages all out-of-staters to join a region so they can get regional information. Di asked if we could send a document out to tell the out-of-state members why they should join a region. Virginia said she will send out an email to all out-of-staters addressing this issue. Iris asked if we could add it to the brochures. Kandi said the brochures are done and it is more information than can be put on a sticker.

**Librarian:** Terry was absent and no report was given.

**Patchwords:** Virginia handed out the lists she maintains and asked everyone to look them over and let her know of any changes. The lists include: State quilt guilds, Teachers list and all quilt shops in Wyoming.

**Webmistress:** Virginia asked everyone to let her know of any corrections or additions that need to be made on the website.

**President:** Verna said she was astounded and excited about everything going on in the state and how we are growing. She gave an example of a lady she met in her swim fitness class who became a member after she heard Verna talking about quilting. Verna said to be forward. Ask others about their hobbies and share information about our state quilt guild.

**President-Elect:** Di encouraged everyone to think of and gather names for the upcoming election of new officers this summer.

**Past-President:** Belle had nothing to report at this time.

**Director-at-Large:** Glenda was absent and no report was given. Kandi said that Glenda did a great job for the State Fair.

### **Regional Director Reports:**

Central: April was absent and no report was given.

Southeast: Cindi had sent out her report and had nothing new to add to it. She ordered name tags for the new board members and they should be in Monday or Tuesday of this next week.

Southwest: Iris had sent in her report and had nothing new to add. She did say that it is sad the Kemmerer store is no longer selling fabric.

Northeast: Cathy and Lyn had submitted their report and had nothing new to add.

Northwest: Barb and Ginny had submitted their report and had nothing new to add,

### **Business:**

Nominations and Elections: Virginia reported the following positions are open for nominations in 2024:

- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Membership Director
- Director at Large
- Regional Director - Central
- Regional Director - Southwest

Golden Thimble: Belle encouraged everyone to send in their nominations.

### **Other business:**

Regional happenings: Each region gets \$600 for events and requests should be sent to the regional directors who give their approval and recommendation and then sends it on to the board. There is not a deadline for requests but a calendar date of May 15th after which other regions may ask for it. Kandi asked if the event has to be opened up to the state to receive the funds. Virginia said yes, it can be first opened up to the region then to the state. Kandi said the Hunter's Widow Retreat was approved but she has not received the request for funds or the report. She also reported that the NE Region has \$400 remaining. Di asked when the retreats should be opened up to the state. Kandi said it depends on the specific retreat. Carol asked if it goes to the whole region and was answered yes. Tauna said it takes about one month for names to go from her to the online list so call her directly with any questions.

Rising Star Scholarship: Ginny read Michelle Quick's letter suggesting a QW scholarship drawing for those under 30 to be called the Rising Star Scholarship. Kandi said that \$700 was donated by Jan Debolt's friends and family in her honor and maybe we could use it and name it after her.

Financial Report: Kandi went over the financial report. She mentioned that we had \$900 in October memberships, emphasizing what Tauna had said earlier. The Opportunity Quilt has a good start with \$1990 of ticket sales turned in so far. The new brochures cost \$531. She also mentioned that she will rollover the CDs in November and that thanks to the Central region we are not in a bind. Carol made a motion to approve the financial report and it was seconded by Tauna. The motion carried.

Proposed Budget: Kandi said the proposed budget was a statement of what we want to spend and what we do spend. She asked for input on the budget items. The proposed budget was discussed. The Opportunity Quilt amount was increased to \$2300. Kandi said that shipping for each new member packet was \$5, emphasizing what Tauna had mentioned earlier about increases in postage. Kandi said each region has \$1000 to purchase signs for the year they have QW. Barbara said their region has a huge pile of quilt stands and no where to store them. Most regions have ironing boards, irons and quilt stands to store. Barbara is paying \$40 a month for a 5x10 storage shed. The properties line item was increased to \$1500 for storage units if needed. Di made a motion to reimburse Barbara and pay for their storage shed for the rest of the year. The motioned was seconded by Belle. The motion carried. It was decided to create a Debolt scholarship at \$200 for three years and \$100 for the fourth year. This scholarship will be for those under 30 years-of-age and will be added to the QW registration form. The Regional Directors amount was incorrect and changed to \$1800. Website maintenance was increased to \$200. Kandi will send out a revised proposed budget. Ginny made a motion to approve the proposed budget and it was seconded by Lyn. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm with brochures distributed afterward.

Submitted by Cathy Kelly-Stafford