

Iowa Quilter's Guild Board Meeting - 11/12/11 - Secretary's Report Holiday Inn Conference Center – 2609 University Boulevard – Ames

The Iowa Quilter's Guild board meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Perkins at 9:35 AM, Saturday, November 12, 2011 in Ames. Those present included the following: Marlene Armbrrecht, Jeni Christensen, Teresa Coenen, Sandy Petsche, Janet Pittman, Libby Steinfeldt, Laurie Tufford, and Robyn Wohlers. Diana Anderson, representing the East Polk Quilter's Guild, was present to ask our opinion about sharing costs for presenter, Kari Carr, who will be coming as part of our event in July 2012. Everyone thought that was a great idea.

Jeni Christensen reported that she had met with the people from Reiman Gardens to begin planning for the show next summer. They have responded well to the suggestions given to them. There was a good discussion about the categories and the need for change from last year. There should be a more simple and complete entry form. The entry fee could be for up to three quilts or have a set fee/quilt. A challenge class needs to be tied to the theme for the year and have size limits. The judge needs to see the quilts in person before the awards are given. Another category could be for IQG members – possibly outdoor quilts. IQG could have prizes available for that. Quilts could possibly be hung outside so attendees could see them as they toured the gardens. 12" hangers could be used for small garden quilts and the quiltmaker could provide a hanger to go with it when the quilt was submitted. The show open with a lecture in the evening and possibly wine and cheese could be served. Vendors could be located in the hall and quilts could be hung in the room. There could be an artist-in-residence for the weekend and a book signing. Two local artists would be a possibility – Janet Pittman or Stephanie Brandenburg. Classes that aren't messy could also be held in the large room. Information about the show needs to be available sooner to all members. Traditional quilts as well as art quilts need to be included. There could be a first place award for a traditional quilt and a first place award for an art quilt. Possible prizes could come from Quilting Connection in Ames or as a membership to Reiman Gardens. Jeni needs to set up a time to work with Lynn (when she returns to work) to finalize the plans.

Land's End has opened an IQG store on their website. They will stitch our logo on any article for \$8.50. It is a way for us to be more visible. This is not a fund raiser. The banners for IQG also look great. Vistaprint.com is also a source for gifts and fund raisers with no minimum order.

Any IQG member can join AQS for a reduced price of \$18.00. That information needs to be printed in the newsletter so members are aware of that.

Janet Pitmann passed out the treasurer's report. The audit was completed and the bonding has been done. Janet will do the treasurer's report on the computer. Janet would like to close out the "show" checking account and roll it into the savings account. Janet made a motion to do that and Jeni seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Janet expressed that it is very difficult to know who needs to be paid for various bills. She passed out a form which we will begin using to request checks and also to designate which category the money needs be credited to for deposits.

Teresa Coenen reported that the guild is paying \$200 for the three-day use of the ballroom for the retreat. Arrangements have been finalized for the March meeting at Honey Creek Resort at Lake Rathbun. There is no charge for the meeting space. There is a restaurant available. Lunch will be included with the workshop fee. Location still needs to be finalized for the July meeting. We were planning to be back in Ames but that is the same weekend as the Iowa Games in Ames. Teresa is working on a location in Ankeny or, possibly, at Simpson College. We will be charged \$125 for the use of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Iowa Falls for the September meeting. The church wants proof of liability of \$1,000,000 umbrella. Janet will get the proof. Denise Sprain will do a demonstration and a trunk show.

The IQG member retreat next year will be November 2-4, 2012 at the Pine Lakes Christian Camp at Eldora. Both Jeni and Libby live in that area and have concerns about the location which will be discussed with Charleen, program chair elect. Susan Cleveland will be coming in March 2013 – possible to Waverly. She gave an excellent lecture at the Sac City show this fall. She charges \$475 for a lecture; \$825 for a six-hour class; and \$450 for a three-hour class. She has just released a new book. September 2013 could possibly be in Kalona. The museum charges \$200 for the room and admission to the museum would be \$4.00. Board members gave suggestions for July 2013 – Lori Smith and Edyta Sitar.

Teresa reminded us of the schedule for the rest of the weekend. The board meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Marlene Armbrecht, Secretary