

## NBQA Board Meeting – June 18, 2015

**In Attendance:** Hope Barton, Melanie Johnston, Lisa Champlin, Chris Bagley, Maribeth Traer, Joan Potter, Joan Johnson, Diane Roman, Mary Padbury, Peggy Lane, Peggy Murphy, Barbara Hartford, Ann Sabatini

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by President Hope Barton

1. **Introductions** New Board Members, Ann Sabatini (membership), Peggy Murphy (Program) and Barbara Hartford (publicity) were introduced.
2. **Treasurer's Report**
  - a. The treasurer bond needs to be renewed. The Board voted and approved renewal. Lisa will proceed with the renewal.
  - b. A donation of \$2,000 was sent from the guild to the NEQM from proceeds raised at the very successful May silent auction.
  - c. 2015-6 guild year meeting dates have been approved and booked with the church. The April 21 meeting will be at the N. Kingstown High School as it is a Quilt Show year.
  - d. Lisa requested approval to order 25 t-shirts for \$200. This was voted and approved by the Board.
3. **2014-2015 Financial Audit**
  - a. The audit has been completed.
  - b. The financial records were reviewed against a list of specific criteria and all criteria were met. Thanks and congratulations were extended to Lisa Champlin for her excellent work.
  - c. As required, NBQA has 3 checking account signatories, Hope, Lisa and Allison Willbur. Hope reported that in the near future, incoming VP, Cathey LaBonte will replace Allison.
4. **New Member Orientation**

Hope will be away on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in August, the traditional date for New Member Orientation. She will reschedule this event. Watch your email for the new date.
5. **2015-16 NBQA Budget**
  - a. Lisa reviewed the budget data from the past 2 years and the proposed budget for the coming year. The only suggested change was to move \$110 paid by members requesting a paper mailed copy of the newsletter from Membership to Newsletter.
  - b. A motion to approve the budget with that change was made, seconded and passed.
6. **Membership**

Following discussion about the uneven compliance with people checking in for meetings, it was decided to have a Door Prize Committee Member sit at the Membership table to encourage members to sign in and then receive a door prize ticket. To make more room at the Membership table for this, T-shirt/sweatshirt sales will be moved to the Library area.
7. **Raffle Quilt**

Hope reported that the raffle quilt has been pieced and is currently with Maria Lage for applique work. Once Maria is finished, Susan Ellis will quilt it.
8. **Special Events**

Louise proposed a second bus trip for the coming year (in addition to the usual trip to the Gathering). This additional trip would be to the NEQM at the end of October to see Carol Bryer Fallert's exhibit. There were suggestions to add a visit to the Lowell Textile Museum and maybe a quilt shop to this trip. There was concern that these two trips would be too close together (Oct and Nov) and attendance at both would suffer. Louise and Melanie will work together to send a survey to the membership to assess interest

and potential participation.

**9. Workshop**

The Board agreed that having the workshops on the Friday or Saturday following the general meeting has been successful. Some concern has been expressed that the current location, The Sewing Room in Exeter, may not be central to the membership. On the other hand, it is very convenient to be in a quilt shop where supplies and assistance are available and lunch options nearby. Joan Potter commented that the church was not open to having us on Fridays or Saturdays. Hope will talk with the church to see if there is any change in their decision. More discussion to follow on this issue.

**10. Comfort Quilts**

Mary proposed donating orphan blocks and panels to guild members interested in using them to make placemats for the Meals on Wheels project. The group supported this.

**11. BOM**

Participation in the BOM program has been low. Louise proposed having members make blocks but those blocks would be then used to make charity quilts. Fabric from Mary's comfort quilt stash could be used.

Chris suggested making this a learning opportunity for members who join the guild hoping to learn more about quilting. Louise was very supportive of this. She will continue to offer NBQA open sewing days at Sharon Mayers' shop with instruction for BOM. She will also have instructions and possibly video references available.

**12. Newsletter**

To date, 11 members have chosen the option of receiving paper mailed newsletters and paid the \$10 charge. As previously decided, anyone needing a paper newsletter but for whom the \$10 fee is a hardship should discuss this with Hope. The Board agreed that Hope has the discretion to make exceptions if needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM  
Submitted by Melanie Johnston