

NBQA Membership Meeting
May 19, 2016

The evening started with a Strawberry Social provided by the Hospitality Committee.

President – Hope Barton called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM

Basket Raffle Donation – Gerry Bergreen announced that as a result of the quilt show basket raffle, \$2,000 will be given to charity.

Gerry introduced Ann Marie from the VA Hospital Women's program and Janice from the Hope Alzheimer's Center. Each gave a summary of their respective programs and expressed much gratitude for our donations.

Secretary – Melanie Johnston. The General Meeting minutes from March were voted on and approved without change.

Treasurer – Lisa Champlin: April income: \$857. YTD Income: \$12,043. April Expenses, \$166.19. YTD Expenses, \$7,853.93. See attached for more detailed financial information.

Membership – Judy Chase. Membership renewal checks are being collected and will be deposited in June.

Judy will be doing the membership booklet for the 2016-2017 guild year but is looking for someone to train and work with her who would then take over for the 2017-2018 guild year. Please contact her if you are willing and able to do this.

Mug Mats – Allison Wilbur thanked everyone who made mug mats for the Quilt Show and awarded prizes to the three most prolific makers. 3rd place – Carolyn Marshall; 2nd place – Brenda Dziedzic; 1st place – Judy Beardsley. Judy has agreed to take over heading up the mug mat effort for the 2018 show.

Quilt Show Volunteer Drawing - Joan Potter thanked all who helped with our quilt show and conducted the volunteer raffle. Thirty prizes were given.

In her Quilt Show report, Joan announced that there were 980 attendees and we had a net financial surplus of \$1,390.

Workshops – Hope Barton announced that the Sewing Room is closing at the end of May. The May applique workshop will be held at Sharon Mayers' Piecing with Poppers Studio. Hope will be taking over Program for the coming guild year and is looking for a new workshop location. If you have a suggestion please get some preliminary information from the facility including Friday or Saturday all day availability, cost, size of space, parking, access to water and a kitchenette and then speak with Hope.

Raffle Quilt – Hope Barton extended thanks to all those who stepped up to make the raffle quilt a reality in a shortened time frame: Pat Harrison and members of her EQ group for design, Tina Craig for helping with fabric selection, making the center medallion and overall construction assistance, Maria Lage for construction assistance and applique work, Sharon Mayers for a discount on fabric and a space for construction, Susan Ellis for quilting and Cathey LaBonte for ticket sales!

Raffle Quilt - Cathey LaBonte drew the name of the raffle quilt winner - Jane Croucher from Mystic! Cathey then thanked Hope for her service as President for the last two years and gave her a gift from the guild.

President - Hope Barton gave each officer and committee chair a gift along with a personal thank you.

Fabric Challenge – Susan Chace is looking for a replacement. Billie Bunnewith volunteered to take over.

Program – Peggy Murphy reminded us that in a joint venture with NBQA and Ningret Quilters, Bonnie Hunter will be teaching workshops on September 14 and 15 at the Masonic Temple in N. Kingstown. Peggy also reviewed the workshops for the next guild year. They will be posted on the website soon.

Newsletter - Sarah Crocker announced that Sally Cooper will be taking over the newsletter for next year.

NEQM – Chris Bagley announced that Allison Wilbur will be our NEQM for next year. See Allison if you want to take advantage of a free pass. When you visit, please consider joining the museum.

Fat Quarter Challenge – Carol Kaufman drew the name for this month's baby themed fabrics. Susan Chace will take this over for next year.

Hospitality - Peggy Lane announced that Cheryl Boyd will be heading up Hospitality next year.

Slate of Officers - Hope presented the slate of officers: President – Louise Pankiewicz, VP – Joan Potter, Treasurer – Patricia DelPadre-Myers, Co-secretaries – Celia Schnacky and Kathy Esposito.

No nominations were offered from the floor. The slate was confirmed by a vote from the secretary and unanimous acclamation.

Block of the Month - Louise Pankiewicz showed the blocks made for May which will be made into comfort quilts.

Snack & Door Prizes – Prizes were drawn.

Show and Tell was excellent!

Adjournment 8:25 PM

Submitted by Melanie Johnston, Secretary