

NBQA Board Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2015

In Attendance: Hope Barton, Cathey LeBonte, Lisa Champlin, Susan Chace, Maria Lage, Anne Sabatini, Joan Potter, Joan Rebecchi, Peggy Murphy, Louise Pankiewicz, Barbara Hartford, Peggy Lane

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Door Prize Committee: Norrene McGeary has resigned from the Door Prize Committee. We will need a volunteer to take her place. There is a budget of \$350 for door prizes. The position requires that 3-4 door prizes are offered for raffle each regular meeting. Barbara Hartford volunteered to take the position.

October Meeting: Hope will be unable to attend the October meeting. Cathey LaBonte will preside. Hope created a meeting agenda and anyone needing time to talk at the meeting should contact Cathey to make sure they are on or added to the agenda. Joan Potter was a permanent add to the agenda for the rest of this year as the quilt show chair.

Increase visibility for Quilt Shops and Teachers: In an effort to show support for shops and teachers, it has been recommended that NBQA add a section to the website to reference shops and for email blasts be sent out with information about upcoming workshops and classes.

Raffle Quilt: Hope completed the binding on the raffle quilt. Denise Greenlund made the quilt label and brought it to the board meeting so Hope can attach it. The raffle quilt is ready to be photographed and that should be done next week. A picture of the quilt will be added to the website.

Cathey LaBonte will call Michael Patch about printing the raffle tickets. It was decided to print 150-200 pictures of the quilt so that the members could have a picture to show when they were selling raffle tickets. 2,000 raffle tickets will be printed. The drawing date for the quilt will be May 19, 2016. Cathey has developed a spread sheet to keep track of the tickets. Cathey received the paper work from Lisa to complete for the raffle permit. Lisa explained that because of our non-profit status we can state on the paperwork that we are keeping the funds raised from the raffle for NBQA programs.

Hope will contact the RI quilt shops to arrange for the hanging of the raffle quilt. A schedule will be developed with the shops and volunteers will be recruited to get the quilt to the shops and retrieve them to pass on to the next volunteer. Cathey will send out reminders to the volunteers so they don't forget their pickup and delivery assignments, but will not be responsible for moving the quilt from shop to shop. The volunteers will report the quilt's location to Cathey via email so that she knows where the quilt is at all times.

Maria Lage suggested that we start planning the next raffle quilt earlier, especially if we have multiple members working on the quilt. Maris pointed out the need for close monitoring of the raffle quilt as it is being created, sharing several stories of past quilts that almost didn't get finished. Hope will contact Allison Wilbur to see if she has a timetable for the creation of the raffle quilt. If a timetable doesn't already exist, then one will be created and given to the next VP

January Meeting: The January 2016 meeting will be another evening of demonstrations, games, vendors as well as great appetizers, desserts and beverages. Some people have already shown interest in doing a demonstration that evening.

How to attract younger quilters: Hope has talked with Barbara Stetson about coming up with some ways to attract young people to quilting. Joan Potter suggested we might outreach to Girl Scout troops in the area.

New business:

Hospitality Committee: Peggy Lane said she will no longer circulate signup sheets for food during the meetings. A reminder email will be sent out each month soliciting donations just prior to each regular meeting. Peggy will not continue to chair the Hospitality Committee after this year. Cathey will make an announcement at the October meeting that we need a volunteer to take over as committee chair. The volunteer would have the remainder of the year to train with Peggy. Several members of the committee said they would continue to help, but will not take the lead.

NEQM show – fall 2016: As a result of Anne Sabatini's quilt winning the NEQM Show, NBQA has been chosen to have a display of member's work in September of 2016. Maria Lage is creating a submission form which will be ready soon. January 2016 will be the deadline for members to submit the form to enter one of their quilts in the NEQM show. The quilts will be collected for the show in July or early August of 2016. Only 18-20 quilts will be selected for the show. A selection committee will be formed to decide which quilts will be submitted.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25 PM.

Submitted by Susan Chace