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Minutes of Steering Committee January 22, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Karen Skinner. Those attending were Karen, Heather Strickland, Susan Dickerson, Kris Klob, Miriam Baldwin, Geni Rains, Betty Rinkel, Jessica Duke, Jeanne Brenner, Michele Hackmeyer, Marsha Walper, Susan Skornia, Linda Davis, Judy Stricklin, and Peggy Clark.

Old Business

Approval of minutes was waived since no minutes were available for August or October of 2014.

Caretaker of the new guild computer is Treasurer Heather Strickland, and as previously approved, Quickbooks software has been purchased.

Thomasville Road Baptist Church is providing space for the monthly guild meeting without charge but the guild will be making a yearly donation to the church; there is a fee for uses such as workshops. This arrangement is only for this year. Our contact person at the church is Joy Stover.

New Business

The survey taken at the last guild meeting showed significant interest in a Saturday "Sewing Party". After discussion, a motion was made by Jeanne Brenner that we have a sewing day with the fee for the space paid by the guild. It was seconded by Miriam Baldwin, voted and passed. Karen will be in charge, Michelle Hackmeyer will assist. The two possible dates are in May. There will be no charge for members but it was suggested that we have a "tip jar" or donations.

Heather Strickland reported on the 2014 budget which showed expenses of \$13,860 versus income of \$ 10,860 for a deficit of \$2661. The primary factor was poor attendance at workshops. The proposed 2015 budget was reviewed and explained. Geni Rains asked for an increase to \$500 for the 2016 Opportunity Quilt for fabric and longarm quilting; and Karen Skinner asked to decrease the President's Discretionary Fund by \$100. A motion was made by Michele Hackmeyer to accept the amended budget, Kris Kolb seconded, and it was voted and approved.

A committee consisting of Pam Doffek, Peggy Clark, Karen Skinner, and Heather Strickland has been formed to plan for contingencies that might negatively affect the budget.

Peggy Clark reported on newsletter expenses. There are 27 members who request mailed copies of the newsletter at a yearly expense, between printing and postage, of almost \$16 per person. Some of the 27 members have e-mail and could be receiving their newsletter that way, reducing costs to the Guild. There was discussion of increasing membership dues to \$25 for those who want a paper copy (we already charge \$22 dues for people who want their directory mailed to them). It was agreed that this will be a sensitive issue and will need to be introduced gradually and tactfully.

The inventory of items from the old storage closet was reviewed and discussed. A few items were added to the "keep" list and some items will be offered at the "trash and treasures" sale at the next general meeting. A list of hospitality related items will be made to be used for the Sewing Party and workshops.

Jeanne Brenner had a Report outlining how the costs of Lectures by Workshop Teachers should be allocated versus those for the Classes.

The following changes in Chairpersons have been made: Jeanne Brenner has agreed to be Workshop Chair, Lascella Ingram will be Library Chair, and Stephanie Guttman will be Auditor.

Whereabouts of the keys to the Guild P.O. box were questioned, and it was agreed to remind Cheryl Gratt to look for them. The Guild quilt stand is reported to have been broken but it was agreed that it might be usable as a light stand.

The New Member welcoming party, which has been held yearly, was reviewed. Karen Skinner recommended that we have smaller gatherings more frequently, thus better matching the timeframe when someone joined the Guild. It was agreed to make one session part of the May Sewing Party and to include a name tag making activity.

Possibilities for additional income were reviewed, including a booth at Tallahassee Springtime or at the Saturday Downtown Market to sell tickets for the Opportunity Quilt.

Karen Skinner expressed a concern about the gap between our Bylaws and our Notebooks, which are for guidance, and can be changed at will. Typically, organizations have Policies & Procedures to formalize things like the allocation of costs between Lectures and Workshop Classes, and the Class cost computation. Policies for the Guild will start being prepared.

Future topics of discussion were briefly reviewed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Stricklin
Secretary