



# Quilters Unlimited

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Steering Committee  
March 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Those attending were Karen Skinner, President; Michele Hackmeyer, Philanthropy & Past President; Jeanne Brenner, Librarian & Workshops; Marsha Walper, Sit-n-Stitch; Linda O'Sullivan; Jessica Duke, Web Coordinator; Betty Rinkel, 215 Opportunity Quilt; Miriam Baldwin, Door Prizes; Kris Klob, Door Prizes; Joy Vo, Travel Coordinator; Lucy Patrick, Challenge Quilts; Sue Skornia, Welcoming Committee; Heather Strickland, Treasurer; and Judy Stricklin, Secretary. Peggy Clark came in later.

Karen announced that Thomasville Road Baptist Church has informed her that our agreement will not be renewed after this year, necessitating finding another meeting place. Due to a scheduling conflict, they also requested that we move our June general meeting from June 11 to June 18, and this was agreed.

#### Old Business:

Kris Klob moved that we accept minutes of the January Steering Committee, Michele Hackmeyer seconded the motion, and it was voted to do so.

The Workshop Committee had proposed that we adopt a schedule of cost allocations. Marsha Walper moved to accept this schedule, it was seconded by Michele Hackmeyer, and the motion was approved.

Costs of printing and mailing newsletters was again reviewed (approximately \$15 per member per year). The solution of requesting members to provide a self-addressed stamped envelope as announced at the last general meeting had been strongly objected to by one member. After discussion it was agreed to put this to a vote of the membership.

#### New Business:

It had been suggested that membership dues be increased to \$30 per year, and we agreed that this issue will be brought before the membership to vote by secret ballot.

Marsha Walper moved, and Kris Klob seconded, that new members during calendar year 2015 pay \$20 for the remainder of the year, and all members pay \$30 in January 2016; the motion was approved.

The Sewing Party has been scheduled for Saturday, June 13, from 10:30 to 4:30, at Chaires Community Center. Michelle and Karen are in charge but need help setting up tables.

Purchase of Opportunity Quilt tickets by members was discussed. The "policy" of requiring all members to buy 10 tickets is not in writing anywhere. Making this official was discussed and it was agreed that buying tickets is not mandatory but is encouraged as a way of supporting the guild. Joy Vo suggested that the price be changed to \$2 each or 3 for \$5, or \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5; no action was taken.

#### Fundraising:

Having a Spring Opportunity Quilt had been discussed and Frayed Edges had offered to make one. Marsha Walper literally pulled one out of a bag, a basket design donated by Mona Snowden.

A committee consisting of Betty and Michele will develop locations for displaying both the Spring and Fall Opportunity quilts and selling tickets. They will coordinate having pictures made and printed.

Having our own multi-day show had been discussed but it was agreed that this is not feasible due to the difficulty and expense of renting a location, and the challenge of finding sufficient quilt stands. We have also realized that we have no experience in organizing a show. Since we do not have a formal contract with the history museum, our arrangement there could change, and it was agreed that an exploratory subcommittee should be organized to explore this topic, and contact other guilds to learn from their experience. It was asked if there is a budget for travel expenses and this will be considered.

We discussed having a reception and open house at our general meeting at the church. The Opportunity Quilt, Challenge Quilts, and Silent Auction items could be displayed and tickets made available. It would also be a chance to recruit new members. Timing was discussed and it was agreed that October would have the fewest scheduling conflicts.

Pam Doffek is in charge of one of the libraries at FSU and has agreed to display the Challenge Quilts there in August and part of September. A reception there could be held in August (during summer break with parking available) and tickets could be sold at the reception.

The possibility of selling Silent Auction items on E-Bay had been discussed and Cheryl Gratt is working on this. Jessica Duke suggested also using the guild Facebook page.

Having classes taught by guild members was discussed, and the legality of doing this as a non-profit organization was reviewed. It was agreed that this is feasible as long as we can make a profit and instructors are fairly reimbursed. Jeanne Brenner agreed to oversee this as part of her workshop duties. Peggy Clark suggested that we check into using the meeting room at the downtown library, which would be free.

Changes to the budget:

A donation of \$1200 to the church had originally been budgeted; it was suggested that this be decreased to \$600. After discussion it was agreed to compromise on \$900.

The Distinguished Quilter Award was changed from an expensive custom charm to a \$50 gift certificate.

Jeanne Brenner indicated that the \$100 budgeted for new library books could be eliminated and it was agreed to move this sum to Opportunity Quilt expenses. Jeanne reported that the Sharon Schambers workshop has been rescheduled to spring 2017, but Karen Stone will still hold her workshop in May 2016.

A motion was made by Marsha Walper, and seconded by Kris Klob, to adopt the budget as amended; it was so voted.

Peggy Clark reports that she has had difficulty getting the newsletter from Selena Foo in time to send it to members, and has had difficulty reaching Selena to resolve this.

Printing of tickets for Opportunity Quilts will proceed and the drawing for the Fall Opportunity quilt will be at the December meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Stricklin, Secretary