

LNCQ General Board Meeting
January 20, 2025

Members in Attendance: Joan Fulton, Kaea Beresford, Pat Baker, Marla Arcadi, Dawn DeLong, Margaret Reek, Betty Ann Eash, Susan Linden, Julie Aanonson, Eileen Maelzer, Sheila Lindquist, Cathy Shultz, Crystal Wentz, Lauri Dykstra, Carla Lucas and Sue HIne.

The Board approved the minutes of the December 2024 General Board Meeting. Joan reminded the Board that any issues which arise between meetings may be discussed and voted upon by e-mail, as permitted in the by-laws. Therefore, she urges all Board members to attend to board related e-mails in a timely fashion to permit full participation of the board in urgent issues.

Old Business: The transfer of e-mails and Google drive accounts has largely been accomplished. Only the positions of Show and Tell and Newsletter Editor remain to be transferred. Many thanks to Margaret Reek for devoting time and attention to this task and for providing outstanding in-home education and service to the incoming board members.

Member Spotlight: Joan asks that Eileen (Hospitality) and Crystal (Newsletter Editor) coordinate space in the hotel lobby to show the Member Spotlight quilts before each meeting. Also, if a member is spotlighted in every newsletter, there will be more spotlights than meetings so perhaps on off months the spotlight could be shown on a small group. Another option is to show quilts of multiple members in the lobby before meetings. Hospitality and Newsletter Editor use their discretion.

Tips for Service Staff at Best Western: The Executive Board is doing research on a best practice for the guild.

Timely Payment of Fees policy is now in place. Pertinent LNCQ documents were updated and the policy is highlighted on registration information for retreats, workshops, etc.

Update of Newsletter Editor: Crystal Wentz has volunteered to assume that position. Susan Linden moved to approve Crystal as Newsletter Editor, Lauri Dykstra seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor. Susan and Crystal plan to meet to discuss their working relationship and appropriate division of duties.

Budget and Fund Raising: The 2025 budget was published in the January newsletter and will come up for official approval before the general membership at the February meeting. This budget does include a deficit of about \$1500. The balance of reserves is not advisable. Joan has had discussions with a few members about fundraising activities. Joan will be calling an ad hoc committee to brainstorm ways to raise additional funds. The ultimate goal is to recruit a Ways and Means chair and be able to provide that person with both a set of possible fundraising activities and ideas as well as a group of members willing to serve on the Ways and Means committee.

Community Service Quilts: Joan is going to get a few people together to review all the current efforts regarding charity quilts, looking at the efforts of the Community Service committee, small groups and individuals who make and distribute charity quilts. Joan also wants to think about ways to ensure recognition of all who work on these quilts.

February Executive and General Board meetings: Kaea has offered up her cabin for a Board Retreat in the time frame of Feb 16 - 24. Board meeting would be held at the retreat along with a Zoom option for those unable to attend. Joan will send out an exploratory e-mail for board members to work out details of dates and attendance.

Monthly Executive and Board meetings: Is there interest in reducing the number of General Board meetings per year and instead have written reports from each committee chair? Julie appreciates the effort to reduce meeting time but she prefers the meeting format versus submitting a written report. There was no other comment.

Chair Reports

Vice President - nothing at this time

Vice President Programs - Pat is working on setting up future programs. Two are confirmed: Susan DuBois of Treeway Silks and Jerry Dunbar to teach hand quilting. Two others are in discussion.

Treasurer - Marla has not had any questions since the budget was published in the newsletter. She will have hard copies available at the February meeting for perusal before the membership votes on the budget.

Joan and Marla to transfer signing authority from the past president to the current president. While at the bank they invested \$12,000 in a 90-day CD for a higher interest rate, leaving \$8,000 in regular savings.

Marla is sending out 1099's and preparing the 2024 tax return.

Secretary - Dawn has fielded inquiries from people who have inherited a quilt stash. The current response is that LNCQ does not have an interest in these items that belong to non-members. However, any one interested in fund raising should be aware that we receive these inquiries periodically.

Website & Integration - Sign up for the April retreat is ready to go on Feb 1st. Margaret could use more information to put on the website for upcoming programs. Julie says she can work on getting that information.

Web Coordinator-Communication - There was a glitch distributing the Jan newsletter. Thanks to Margaret for fixing it while Susan L was traveling out of town.

Program Host - Joan and Julie to meet today to talk about set up for February workshop. Julie has several people to help set up for workshop and speaker at the meeting.

Community Service - not present

Hospitality - Eileen asks if there is a designation of new members on the overall membership list. Cathy Schultz says there is a tab for that information.

Membership - There are currently 112 members in the guild. A few who have joined but haven't paid. Discussion of people signing up toward the end of 2024 and what year did they intend to pay for. Membership chair, Treasurer and President will meet separately to resolve this issue.

Newsletter -

Publicity - not present

Retreats - January retreat evals were quite positive, an increase in available slots up to 40 worked out well, long table were well received and side tables placed did not hamper movement. For the Spring retreat, single rooms will not be offered to allow for increased attendance, committee has a great gift bag planned. Dar will host the June retreat, no host designated for the Fall retreat. Kaea volunteers to help with the Fall retreat.

Special Events - 1st exchange of Round Robin will occur at the February meeting. Postcard exchange with a guild in Rochester NY is planned. Proposed day bus trip to Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum in October. 2024 Data quilts will be shown at the February meeting show and tell. At the August meeting, members will show their Missouri Star Layer Cake quilts.

Show and Tell - nothing at this time. Joan recommends that a photographer be identified, 'holders & folders' be designated, someone be present to assist people with filling out the show and tell form.

Small Groups - not present

Meeting adjourned.