

**The Greater Moncton Quilt Guild
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2006**

In Attendance – Executive Members: President - Susan Rumpel; Vice-President – Heather Arsenault; Treasurer, Susan Delaney; Recording Secretary – Roxanne LeBlanc; Registrar – Marilyn O'Brien; and Program Coordinator – Vicki Donnelly. There were 49 Guild members in attendance.

Call to Order – The Regular Meeting of the Greater Moncton Quilt Guild was held at the Golden Age Club on September 13, 2006 and was called to order at 7:02 pm.

President's Report – The President welcomed everyone to the meeting. One guest was introduced to the Guild.

Minutes – The minutes from the September meeting were read by the Secretary, seconded by Nancy Elashuk.

Treasurer's Report:

a) The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$4,198.11, revenue of \$1,558, expenses of \$726.80 for a closing balance of \$5,059.31, of which \$426.10 is being held for the Gathering of the Guilds and \$2,091.33 for the upcoming Anniversary Show, leaving a total of \$2,541.88 for the Guild's operating expenses this year. The Registrar reported that there were 1 honorary member and 68 paid members as of tonight. Report seconded by Juanita Allain.

b) As per the constitution, an audit of the Guild's books is required annually prior to the General Meeting in May. Vicki Donnelly volunteered the services of her mother, who has already reviewed the finances of other organizations. There were no objections.

Anniversary Quilt Show – The Show Chair, Betty Rice, reported that the Show Pins were available for sale at \$5. Volunteers were asked to sign up for shifts at the admission table; a total of 8 people are needed. Set up for the show will start on Thursday, Oct 19. Quilts may be dropped off from 11 am to 1 pm, and volunteers will be needed to receive and check the quilts and registration forms, and also to hang the quilts. Quilts must be labeled with the name of the quilter and name of the quilt, and a sleeve is also required in order to hang the quilt (10 1/2", folded in half). Registrants were reminded to keep the receipt in order to claim their quilts at the end of the show on Sunday, Oct 22 from 4-5 pm. Judging will take place on Friday, Oct 20 by 3 judges from outside the Guild. Bridget Daly volunteered to provide a dress form for the show. Volunteers were requested to sign up for Hostess duties, and one more volunteer was required for a demonstration. Posters were made available and everyone was asked to post them in public areas to advertise our Show or to email friends and families. The final Show Committee meeting will be held at Sobey's Riverview, Friday, Oct 13, at 7 pm, for Show Chairs and anyone else wishing to attend. Everyone was invited to attend and enjoy the show.

New Business:

a) Susan Rumpel designed a new website, "gmqg.com", through Yahoo. For the first two months the fee is \$8.95/month, and then it is \$11.95/month. Many members have already visited the new site and agree that it is worth keeping. Pat Hume moved that \$156.64 be budgeted to pay for the website for this year. Motion carried. This item will be then put forth as an expense in the Guild Budget at the next General Meeting.

b) There were still no volunteers for the Guild Christmas Party. The President asked if a restaurant outing could be organized and many members agreed. Betty Rice and Juanita Allain agreed to organize a Christmas Party for the Guild at the Moncton Golf and Country Club for the December meeting date.

c) Monday Marvels reported that Kathy Austen had donated a quilt to the local Exxon Mobil office to raffle as a fundraiser for their United Way Campaign.

Correspondence:

a) Lafayette, LA, is hosting a Quilt Show Oct 5-Nov 17, 2007, and have requested that we provide two quilts to be displayed. The City of Moncton will provide shipping and insurance. Information is available on our website. Individual registrations are also invited. Pat Hume suggested that we send our Guild's Banner Quilt, and Betty Rice suggested that we send the Anniversary Challenge Quilt made by Shirley Baillieul.

b) Information was received regarding the "Quilter's Dream Tour" to the Vermont Quilt Festival, June 27-July 1, 2007.

c) Email was received from a Grade 12 student in Port Elgin, ON, requesting a donation of one block to represent NB in her school project to make a quilt with blocks received from all provinces and territories in Canada.

Christmas Block Challenge – Kathy Henderson has prepared kits for sale (\$2); this year's theme is the Nutcracker. Anyone returning a block will receive 10 tickets for the draw to win all the completed blocks. Tickets will also be sold at the Christmas Party.

Block of the Month – 19 Brown Eye Susan blocks were won by Betty Currie. Diane Williams handed out next month's pattern for Poppy.

Mystery Quilt – Pat Hume handed out instructions for Kansas City Dugout blocks and explained that the colour choice will be the same for the next four parts. She also gave a demo on Eleanor Burns's method for piecing 1/2-square triangles, and the "QNN" link is on our website if more information is needed.

Round Robin – Nancy Trites presented this month's theme, which is a Signature Block (aka Friendship Block or Album Block).

Show and Share

Break

Program – There was a demonstration of how to put a quilt into a frame the "old-fashioned" way that allows several quilters to sit around at one time. The quilt will be available during meetings for anyone wishing to quilt or to learn to hand quilt.

50/50 Draw – Heather Arsenault won \$45.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Roxanne LeBlanc
Recording Secretary