

EMPIRE QUILTERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2005

Attendees: Cathy Bancroft, Jennifer Bigelow, Pat Decker, Lee Ebs, Betty Ford, Larry Gifford, Emma Green, Joan Hellmann, Sylvia Hughes, Barbara Hull, Paula Kenney, Marilyn Korn, Mary Levins, Leila Lieberman, Veronique Milliez, Beth Pile, Fran Riede-Klingler, Cindy Russell, Kitty Squire, Denise Walsh, Sylvia Zeveloff

Vendor: Sylvia Zev announced today's intended vendor cancelled because they're going out of business. No replacement could be found, mainly because of the Brooklyn Quilt Show.

FIT: Marilyn announced the contract with FIT is ready for Sylvia Zev to sign. All dates are for the second Saturday, except Nov. 19. Barbara is annoyed with the room arrangements for the second month in a row. Wants Board okay to send FIT a letter requesting a rebate; she'll email the draft to some board members for their input.

Discounts: Joan circulated a draft letter to Fabric Mill (also to be used for other local shops) requesting they grant Empire members the same discount they grant members of other guilds, as discussed last month.

Future dates: Jen will meet with other local guilds to coordinate dates for guild meetings and events.

Archives: Mary Levins asked for a backup to take photos. Kitty volunteered.

Bus Trips: Fran reported that she collected an additional \$20 each for the Lancaster trip.

Block of the Month: Leila wants to buy a 4 X 6 display panel for \$36. Jen may have one to donate; will phone Leila. If not, will check Joann's online price. Beth will buy one with a 50%-off coupon if that's the best option. Kitty MOVED and Marilyn SECONDED that motion, which PASSED unanimously.

Charity: Denise will assemble packet with info & some comments.

Membership: Cindy pointed out that the new form has no name, phone number, or email contact in case a prospective member has questions. Jen and Sylvia Hughes agreed to be cited as such.

Nominating Committee: Sylvia Hughes will announce full slate of candidates for the vote at the General Meeting.

Programs: Barbara suggested a fundraiser in December, needing no paid speaker. February will be the charity quiltathon.

Raffle: Sylvia H will handle it today.

Scrap Table: At the General Meeting, Pat will remind people not to come without their cash, and to bring small bills.

Ways & Means: Paula plans a 50-50 raffle in May. Will remind General Meeting to bring stuff, including baked goods, for the June fundraiser. Cathy showed a prototype for a folded flower kit, using a 7-inch circle and a 9-inch circle.

Will provide instructions. Beth needed help transporting books and other donations; all taken care off, thanks to helpful board members.

Welcome: Beth needs a helper from Manhattan for when weather is bad. Will ask at General Meeting.

Workshops: Barbara avoids workshop leaders who have spoken recently at other local guilds. We have already paid for the workshop room May 15. MOTION by Jen, SECOND by Paula, unanimously PASSED: we'll have a "Gathering Day" drop-in quilting bee, \$10 fee, bring your own lunch. Call or email Mary B.

Quilt Show: Jen reported that a small group has been looking into having a show, hopefully in October of 2006, as 2007 is Empire's 25th anniversary. Larry has been checking dates of other quilting events and holidays, as well as checking for space. Will meet with FIT next week, wanting any space available (for workshops, etc.). FIT would require we use their cafeteria and security. Larry will approach corporate sponsors and vendors. A friend of his is willing do our printing at a not-for-profit rate. He'll make sure it doesn't mess up our not-for-profit status. Anyone putting a quilt in the show MUST work at least 2 hours at the show.

Jen MOVED and Marilyn SECONDED the MOTION to adjourn. PASSED unanimously.