

LNCQ GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2007

Harmony Presbyterian Church

President CJ DiGristine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed 90 members and 10 guests. Guests and new members were asked to stand. CJ reminded all members to bring non-perishable food items or put a monetary donation in the envelope at the membership table for use of the church. If anyone has announcements later in the meeting, please have them in writing and give to Rinda Gillespie, secretary, so the information can be included in the minutes. CJ reminded members that the minutes will not be published in the newsletter. There are copies available at the front table if anyone is interested. They can also be found on the website. Please inform the secretary if there are changes, if not they stand approved as printed.

CJ announced about the fabric sale taking place during tonight's meeting. All the proceeds will go to LNCQ. Some of the money will be used for gift cards for 2008 workshops. Members need to sign up if they want their name to be in a drawing for these gift cards. Three members, Anita Walters, Jean Poland and Norma Carter were asked to stand. CJ thanked these members for helping cut all the donated fabric for tonight's sale.

The membership table will be taking renewals for membership for next year. Members need to renew before January 31 in order to qualify to attend the retreat for 2008. Paulette Murray will be taking over as retreat chairman for next year.

CJ talked about a new guild that was starting in the area. The new group is not in competition with LNCQ. The focus of this new group is to emphasize contemporary and art quilting. They want to provide additional resources with a different emphasis for quilters.. They will bring more variety of programs and workshops to the quilters and fabric artists in the area. They have made sure all of their meetings were scheduled so they do not conflict with LNCQ's meetings. CJ is encouraging both groups to work together and is encouraging members to belong to both groups. The new group has not asked LNCQ for money.

CJ informed members that she will not be returning as President for 2008 because of health issues. She will continue to support LNCQ as much as she can. She will be attending the board meetings next year. She thanked the group for a wonderful year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anita Walters reported on the nominating committee made up of Jackie Galbraith, Patti Smith, Maxine Tamlin and Anita. They have made many phone calls to members to get a new board lined up for the year 2008. Recently, there have been additional vacancies. If these positions are not filled, it may be necessary to vote to dissolve LNCQ at the December meeting. Anita asked all members to please consider if they want LNCQ to continue and how they can help to make LNCQ a success. Members can talk to the nominating committee during break or call them at home. Anita thanked everyone, past and present, who has helped in some way with LNCQ.

Tina Hickman showed samples of chenille, a vest and a pillow, which will be the next workshop by Maxine Tamlin on October 24th. It is a free workshop. Tina also informed members regarding the workshops that LNCQ is not getting any of the money. The teachers can choose to charge or offer it free. Sometimes, there will be a charge for supplies or a charge for the venue.

Stephanie Patterson told about a website she has for anyone left handed who is interested in purchasing left handed scissors.

Donna Winn announced if anyone was interested in contemporary quilts and would like to start a small group to sign up during the break. If there is enough interest, a new small group will form.

CJ passed around an invitation from the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum for Red Hat Ladies Tea on October 27th at 2:00 p.m.

Sharon Kollar informed members she has changed her business name to Old Town Quilting located at 916 Akin Avenue in Fort Collins.

CJ announced the next General meeting is scheduled for December 3. The guest speaker will be Carolyn Beam from Quiltmaker magazine. More information can be found on the website www.lncq.org. The next board meeting will be scheduled for November 5. All members are invited to attend at 7:00 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fort Collins.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Donna Jensen reported for Kyle Redente who was absent. Donna reported there are still five openings for the workshop on Tuesday on painted faces by Bonnie McCaffery. Members can sign up tonight and pay their money to the treasurer, Kit Robinson.

SHOW AND TELL

Some members brought quilts for show and tell and told about their projects.

NEW BUSINESS

A question was asked of CJ why the membership dues were increased. CJ explained that speaker costs have gone up and if we want to continue to get good speakers, dues need to be increased. It will be up to the new board to decide if they want to have fund raisers for next year.

SPEAKER

Donna Jensen introduced Bonnie McCaffery from Hawley, Pennsylvania. Bonnie has been quilting for over 20 years. Her work has been seen in many quilt publications and she appeared on Simply Quilts. She specializes in kaleidoscope quilts, free form appliqué quilts, dimensional quilts, and painted faces quilts. She is recipient of the Jewel Pearce Patterson Scholarship Award and has traveled to Europe to teach. Bonnie gave a slide presentation of her inspiration and development as a quilt artist which followed with a trunk show of some of her projects.

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Opportunity Prizes were given out.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rinda Gillespie, Secretary