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Lincoln Quilters Guild

April 2021

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## Notes from LQG President Lisa Burham:

- WE HAVE A SILENT AUCTION COMMITTEE !!

- Sherry Taylor
- Roddy Humeniak
- Deanna Faimon
- Kathi Schmitter
- Lisa Burham

A BIG thank you to these volunteers who have agreed to serve on the 2021 Silent Auction Committee. Brainstorming has started. Details will be shared as soon as possible. The Silent Auction will be the main fundraiser for our guild this year, and some of the ideas being discussed already sound like this event has the potential to be a wonderful time for friends, fun, fellowship, and fundraising!

- If you weren't able to attend the March meeting, please review the minutes below for important details regarding recent decisions about Quilt Show and Raffle Quilt dates.

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## Minutes of the Last Meeting

### Lincoln Quilters Guild Meeting Monday, March 8, 2021 College View Seventh Day Adventist Church

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Burham with attendees welcomed back to the Guild meetings.

New members were recognized and welcomed to the meeting.

#### Old Business

1. The minutes of the August 2020 meeting were included in the March Plain Print emailed to the guild members and published on the guild website. Seeing no questions or corrections, the August 2020 minutes were approved as published.
2. Also included in the March Plain Print were the Treasurer's Reports for October and November 2020. Seeing no questions or corrections, the reports will be remanded for audit.

## **New Business**

### **Introduction of officers**

The 2021 Board Members stood and were introduced to the guild members.

Lisa Burham - President

Connie Soucie – President Elect

Christina Chapman – Advisor (unable to attend)

Joyce Nass – Secretary

Sandy Hanson – Treasurer

Pam Rowland – Treasurer Elect

Nancy Anderson and Marti Franti – VP/Programs

Patrice Steiner and Lynn Willey – VP/Programs Elect

### **Nebraska State Quilt Guild – raffle quilt**

Representatives from the Nebraska State Quilt Guild were welcomed to the meeting and members were encouraged to purchase raffle tickets. Tickets may also be purchased at Sheila Green's home where the quilt may be viewed during the week.

### **President Announcements – Lisa Burham**

Members were welcomed and appreciation was voiced for being able to meet in person again.

The LQG has taken on a new look in the midst of the COVID pandemic, and the board has been working diligently to make future plans in the midst of continued uncertainties. Factors that have been considered by the board:

1. The fundraising events of the biennial quilt show and quilt raffle (raffle initiated the year prior to the quilt show with the drawing done during the show) have been an important source of funding for guild activities.
2. Providing responsible stewardship of funds raised in the past is an important consideration.
3. The guild's future and planned activities will be impacted by fundraising decisions.
4. Feedback received from guild members involved with past quilt show planning has provided insight into challenges associated with obtaining sufficient manpower for this event.
5. There has been a concerning trend throughout all guild activities over the past several years regarding volunteer availability for various roles including committee work as evidenced by the need for multiple requests made during the past year. This year only one of the eight open positions on guild committees has been filled.
6. Many of the fundraising activities require a lengthy time commitment, and several of the tasks involved with the quilt show are physically demanding and may create a problem for many members.
7. Multiple concerns associated with COVID restrictions continue to exist. Consequently, the need for some changes becomes more and more apparent.

**Future plans:** One advantage of being a repeat board has been the ability to brainstorm and discuss some of these concerns over the past year. The COVID cancellations have also provided additional time for reflection and discussion.

### **1) Quilt Show:**

- In light of current COVID uncertainties and to optimize volunteer availability (essential for quilt show success), the scheduled 2022 quilt show will be moved to 2023.
- 2023 is the 50th birthday of the guild and a big Golden Anniversary / 50th Birthday celebration quilt show is envisioned.

- This change provides:
  - An opportunity for the guild to move past the restrictive environment related to COVID, enabling easier planning with fewer cancellations.
  - A wider planning window which may be advantageous in securing an appropriate venue (a difficulty encountered in the past).
  - Guild members with additional time to create more quilts for entry and potentially creating a larger quilt show.
  - Additional time that will allow posting a “save the date” notice for this event.

## **2) Raffle Quilt Plans:**

- Move the raffle quilt creation and unveiling for ticket sales from 2021 to 2022. This would allow the quilt raffle drawing to be performed at the 2023 quilt show.

## **3) 2021 Fundraising Ideas:**

- An October Silent Auction is proposed as a fundraiser for 2021.
  - A fall fundraiser would have less likelihood of being cancelled (due to COVID) and would provide an opportunity for Holiday shopping.
  - A Silent Auction committee will be required to initiate event planning as soon as possible.
  - Guild members interested in leading or participating on this committee should notify Lisa Burham ASAP via email ([president@lincolnquiltersguild.org](mailto:president@lincolnquiltersguild.org)) or phone (402-560-3151).
  - The deadline for planning-committee formation is April 15th. If there are insufficient volunteers for this committee by April 15th, Silent Auction Fundraiser plans will be cancelled and other budgetary options will need to be pursued.

Lisa’s message to the guild - As quilters, we have so much experience in taking many assorted pieces and creating something new and lovely. I’m hoping that this is just what we can do with the various factors we have in our current stash and together we can create something both useful and beautiful.

## **Announcements**

- Members were reminded to check last week’s email blast for announcement details.
- A thank you was extended to Barb L’Heureux, Carol Curtis, and Sheila Green, (audit committee members) as well as Sandy Hanson and Pam Rowland (Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect) who have concluded the audit of the guild’s finances and for a job well done.
- The Meals on Wheels placemats donation was a huge success. The guild made and donated 560 placemats to the Meals on Wheels recipients in December of last year. Several thank you notes have been received and will be published in the next email blast.
- In addition to the need for volunteers for the Silent Auction committee, the guild was reminded of the need for volunteers on the following committees: Finance, Membership, Nominations, Scholarship, and Mini-Quilt Raffle. Volunteers were asked to contact Lisa or one of the board members if willing to help in any of these roles.
- Approximately 400# of fabric have been received for the Isles Sale which will be held later this year.
- Applicants still have time to submit an application form for the 2021 Scholarship. The form and instructions are on the guild’s website at [www.lincolnquiltersguild.org](http://www.lincolnquiltersguild.org).
- The April guild meeting is a ZOOM only meeting. There will be a short business meeting on ZOOM just prior to the presentation.
- Members were encouraged to check the latest email for information about the IQM (now open to the public with face masks required). The IQM website has

information regarding current exhibitions as well as information about the Virtual National Quilting Day event scheduled for March 20, 2021.

- The Lincoln COVID Sewists mask count is up to 32,128 this week. Masks are still being donated and the most requested type is gender neutral masks. Contact Sheila Green for fabric, mask kits, elastic and T shirt ties or to drop off finished masks.

### **Vicky Skoudas – Cuddle Quilts and Project Potholder**

- Cuddle Quilts is currently not meeting.
- 2020 quilt deliveries – total of 570 quilts:
  - Clinton School 72
  - Hartley School 61
  - Pershing School 52
  - Belmont School 150
  - Peoples City Mission 141
  - California fire victims 23
  - Home Instead 30
  - Malone Center 16
  - Fresh Start 25
- Project Potholder is the IQM project for 2021. Potholders can be dropped off at IQM or given to a member of Friends of IQM. Guild members were directed to the IQM website for additional information.

### **New Member Meetings – Kathy Schmitter and Rebecca Brooks**

Meetings will be on Monday nights at 6pm before the guild meeting until a meeting place can be found. The meeting is planned for approximately 30 minutes. No meeting will be held in April as that guild meeting is by ZOOM.

### **Nancy Anderson – VP/Programs**

Nancy reported that program information is available on the guild's website and handouts were distributed at the meeting. A thank you was extended to Janiece Goin and Linda Gale for the development of tonight's Merrie Ford's program that was moved from the 2020 program following cancellation. Two openings are available for tomorrow's workshop.

The April ZOOM meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and Kellie Willey will join the group at 7:20 for the program: "Little Quilts, No Big Deal". Kellie's Friday workshop, "Little Modern Mini" (size approximately 11" x 14-16"), will also be presented via a ZOOM format. Workshop registration is on-line at Kellie's website and the \$45 fee includes a PDF pattern (link provided on the guild's program site). If the number of registrants is less than the required minimum of 8, the guild will pay the additional fees.

May's program/workshop will be presented by Connie Lange (the program will be a trunk show and the workshop will be Foundation Paper Piecing – Judy Neimeyer technique). Individuals registered for the 2020 workshop that was cancelled may register for the rescheduled workshop at this time.

Nancy introduced Merrie Ford as the speaker for the evening.

The meeting was adjourned followed by Show and Tell. Members should watch their email for information about the ZOOM meeting format for April.

Respectfully submitted  
Joyce Nass, Secretary.

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# Treasurer's Report

	Beginning Cash Balance 12/01/2020	54,439.09
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
	Checking Interest	19.96
	Membership	90.00
	Mini Raffle	0.00
	Program & Classes	0.00
	Donation	5.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>114.96</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
<b>1. Operations Expenses</b>		
	Ins and bonding	103.75
	Classroom Rent	0.00
	NE. Dept. of Revenue-Sales Tax	326.51
	Programs and classes	0.00
	Miscellaneous - Stamps	17.60
	Resource Room Rent	75.00
<b>1. Operations Expenses Total</b>		<u>522.86</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<u>522.86</u>
<b>2. Educational Services</b>		
	Programs and classes	150.00
<b>2. Educational Services Total</b>		<u>150.00</u>
<b>5. Public Organizations</b>		
	Nebr. State Quilt Guild	25.00
<b>5. Public Organizations Total</b>		<u>25.00</u>
	<b>NET CASH</b>	<b>(582.90)</b>
	<b>Ending Cash Balance 02/28/2021</b>	<u><u>53,856.19</u></u>
	Current Checking Balance	23,655.48
	Current Money Market Balance	30,200.71
	<b>Total Cash 02/28/2021</b>	<u><u>53,856.19</u></u>
	<b>Outstanding checks</b>	<b>-</b>



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