

Meeting start: 6:35 p.m.

Attendance: Not taken

Discussions:

- Linda understood an issue was the number signed up for the guest speaker but Vicky Marsh explained the concern is overall symposium registration count. Rhonda Gianturco reported 56 have registered for the symposium with 9 signed up for the guest speaker's class. Linda stated we need to cancel the guest speaker by February 15 in order not to have to pay her. Linda understood the guest speaker's class count was 5 but feels better knowing it is now 9. We need 8 attendees for the guest speaker's class to avoid cancelling her class. Overall registration needs to be 110 paid attendees for the symposium to break even.
- In depth discussion over how registration process is done. Registration was taken first come first choice except for repeat class choices. Members wanting to take the Barn Quilt half day class both sessions were put on hold in order to give everyone an opportunity to take a session. (This was approved at a prior meeting by the committee.) It was advised that due to the low registration to place all in their chosen selections now. Linda said to go ahead and put them in and if by chance we get somebody else we don't have to tell anybody yet who is placed where. We don't have to tell anybody until a month before. Rhonda stated everyone wants to know now of the classes and so far everyone but the two wanting to repeat the barn quilt class has gotten the classes they want. Vicky Marsh expressed she was number 1 to register and she signed up for the two barn quilt classes and if she does not get the two she will be very upset. It was agreed to place everyone as registration forms come in and it stays. Marilyn Rivera moved to let those applications proceed with taking the same class for the morning and afternoon; seconded by Carol Richardson. Motion carried.
- Linda reported she sent symposium information out to several neighboring guilds.
- Linda reported the credit card thing is going over good, everyone likes it. It has been great for membership. Rhonda reported at least 2 people have commented they cant sign up online for the symposium cause they cant get it online. Linda replied it is there, they must be doing something wrong. Linda will send another email out.
- Marilyn Rivera reported the advertising committee doesn't know what has been done; doesn't know who Linda has contacted already. No report on who they have contacted but after learning who Linda has contacted they will now move forward. Linda will forward a copy of the email she sent to Candi to use as a template. Discussion on who has been contacted and who should still be contacted.
- Registration closes March 13. Registrations will be taken after that pending the class seat availability.
- Donna Dooley reported door prizes are still coming in.
- No discussion on teachers needed; have all the information needed.

- Tabled from November meeting: *There was discussion on those working during the symposium and still paying to attend. Many agreed it was not right to pay while working they symposium. Yvette Cienski and Debi Cross offered to work but not take classes. Everyone was asked to think this over and the subject was tabled for the next meeting.* Linda reported she read back over all prior years and every year committee members paid to attend the symposium. She reported if you're taking a class you have to pay anyway, you're going to have lunch, you're going to have door prizes, see the vendors, and its up to you if you take a class or not. She reported she has 35 helpers on the committee that you would not get money for. Debi Cross expressed the discussion was not the entire committee per say, but instead her and Yvette volunteered to come that day to work not take classes, be gophers, do whatever was needed. Linda said that is where the confusion lays. If you're on the committee does that mean you have to come, take a class, pay, whatever. In the past it meant they paid cause you're either there to take a class or for the door prizes, or for whatever else is available and we're going to have alot. Candi Byrd made a motion that we all pay for what we do; seconded by (didn't catch name). This does not include teachers or vendors. Debi Cross expressed as one of the two volunteers that she is not going to pay \$70, \$65, or whatever to come here to work. She and Yvette both said they would walk across the street and buy their own lunches. But Debi went on to express that this was intended as an offer to support the symposium, not take classes, not audit classes but work. The whole purpose of the offer was to eliminate committee members from being pulled out of classes they had paid for. Plain and simple. And to ask any member to pay to work is asking too much. She refused to pay to work. Other members on the committee had expressed in prior years paying and being pulled out of classes. Denise Vassar expressed doing lunches last time but was in and out of her class alot and it was horrible. Debi expressed it should be established that when a committee member pays to attend the symposium she is here as a paid attendee and don't pull her out of her paid for class, that isn't fair or right. We should allow committee members who don't want to take a class to come and support. Donna Dooley mentioned she had expressed to Yvette that she was concerned about selling tickets at lunch if she took a class; Yvette told her she would be able to do so and Donna then said she would take a class. Lisa Hartman suggested having a designated number of volunteers to do just as Yvette and Debi have offered; not take classes but be runners, helpers, and work the day. There was discussion those who on the committee who are taking only one half day class could volunteer to work the other half. Debi emphasized the count of volunteers suggested is 5 and with committee members going back and forth the list of worker volunteers is already 5; cannot halve a body! If you don't want to confuse the membership then it needs to be 5 clear cut volunteers. Marilyn has already said she will make us different name tags so we are easily identifiable. Marilyn asked if we can take a vote on the motion. Candi Byrd withdrew her motion. Lisa Hartman made a motion to designate five people that will be runners only, they will not pay for the symposium or take a class but they will have lunch and they will pay for the lecture separately. If there are extra goodie

bags they can have one. Marilyn Rivera seconded the motion. Marilyn also stated this is not to be discussed with members outside of the committee; it is a secret vote. It was noted that not all teachers asked for a helper. Debi suggested that because of the confusion of people offering to help half days to have the registration committee determine where help is needed and assign. Rhonda was not certain she understood what was being asked of the committee. Linda said it was not needed and we could determine the helpers tonight. Further discussion included the hospitality committee due to they would be working that day setting up before classes. It was pointed out that Linda will be sending an email out to membership asking for food donations to which members will simply drop their dish off before going to class and the volunteer workers will be available to coordinate the donations. The hospitality committee members should take a class if they wish. Vote was called and motion passed. We have two definite volunteers, Yvette Cienski and Debi Cross.

- Rhonda Gianturco reported she had registration forms if anyone wished to sign up tonight. Tonight only would be at the \$65.00 registration fee.
- Rhonda reported most classes have 2 or less signed up. Marilyn suggested cutting class limit off at 10 and start putting people in other classes. Barbra Blanton and Rhonda's class each have has 14. Denise's and Michelle May classes have 9. Marilyn brought up matter of electricity usage in classrooms. Marilyn felt those members who sign up now should get their second choice because they've had two months to sign up. Linda agreed saying we have the right to say there are too many in a class and move them. Debi asked about the registration committee turning the list over to the facilities committee and they determine the rooms for the classes because they know which room can handle what. Denise explained it's the irons that causes the problem but she can put the irons in the halls. Denise cannot assign rooms until she knows the actual attendance. Marilyn Rivera made a motion that the classes of 15 be capped at this time to put people in their second choices; second by Linda. Concern now voiced having future registrations filling the other classes but first choices being capped at 15 and preventing more attendees. Lee Taylor reminded the committee that the teacher contracts have it listed that if the class doesn't have 6 people it would be cancelled. A vote on the motion was asked for. More discussion on which classes have what registration count. Call for a vote was asked for again by two committee members. Linda called the vote: 2 voted in favor. More discussion including how many classes are there. Further discussion on class count. It was stated the discussion was over; in the middle of the vote with 2 in favor. Linda asked what was the question and further discussion continued. Vicky Marsh asked for the vote to be called. Discussion was allowed to continue. Linda called for all not in favor: 10. Motion not passed. Discussion continued. Carol Richardson pointed out the guild will make more money allowing people to continue signing up for Barbra Blanton's class than what we'll lose if cancel the classes with only 2 signed up. Debi Cross expressed that we need to give the attendee what they sign up for, they will have a great time and return the next

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year. Classes that don't get people to sign up for should not be offered the next year.  
It was agreed to give the people what they want.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debi Cross  
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