

General Meeting – Northern New Jersey – State Quilt Guild of NJ, Inc.  
Meeting held on October 3, 2009 at  
Paramus, New Jersey

Meeting was called to order by President, Allan Hahn, at 12:40 PM.

A very small group attended. But, a meeting was held and things were accomplished. The meeting hadn't been posted on Website. Michelle gave the Treasurer's Report. Guild Balance is \$4,884.61, Show Balance is \$1,041.95, Heritage Balance is \$2,143.77 and PayPal is \$265.00. Credit card has an available line of \$4,990.05. The balance on card is \$9.95.

Geri did not have the minutes from the May meeting with her. Minutes will be published from now on in the Newsletter.

Allan gave a report on the Show. It was not good news. We lost approximately \$20,000. Members of the audience wanted to know how this could happen and Lacey explained that contracts were signed without being authorized or approved. People questioned how we could allow this and Lacey explained that we just weren't aware of what was going on and the by-laws have been updated to prevent this from ever happening again. Additions and corrections to the by-laws will be read by Kim later in the meeting.

Consequentially, there will not be another show until we can pay back money borrowed on this one, and more importantly, until we can work to get the guild back on its feet. We want to build up our membership and work on attendance to meetings. Everyone should keep talking up the guild and work on getting people to come back.

Michelle is going to work on the newsletter and Geri will help where needed. We want to become the guild that other guilds rely on for help. We would like suggestions on places to hold meetings and in the future – our show. We were paying way too much for the Edison venue.

This would have been our Election Meeting. But, nothing was ever sent out so our Elections will be held at the May 1, 2010 meeting. We will follow the by-laws for this election. President and Vice-President are up for election. We will have information out to all members. We ask that anyone with an idea or who wants to nominate someone or volunteer to run, contact anyone on the board or Geri at 609-443-6596 or [Meadowswoman@aol.com](mailto:Meadowswoman@aol.com) and we will make sure the information gets out there. Please spread the word. We also need volunteers for a Nominating Committee for next election. From now on elections will be held at the May meeting.

This is everyone's guild and we need your help. You are a very important part of the process. Please join in and help make YOUR guild a success.

Kim then read the changes in the by-laws. She read the present and the proposed by-laws. A vote was taken and they passed.

Michelle also suggested a questionnaire be sent out on the internet to get people's opinions and ideas. Also, to ask what they want from THEIR guild and what committees they would be willing to work with.

Allan negotiated and purchased new liability insurance for the guild.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Wolf  
Secretary