

Procrastinating Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2017

The Procrastinating Quilts meeting was called to order by Pauline Mallory on March 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Guests attending our meeting are Bonnie Fairbank, Tracy Parks, Mary, and Billie Albrecht.

We welcomed three new members to our guild: Jackie Evans, Holly (sorry Holly I didn't get your last name) and Denise Swenson.

Heaven on Earth for Veterans – Presented by Penny Black and Judy Wedekind. An inspiring presentation was given for “Heaven on Earth for Veterans” by Carol Barkalow. The organization provides quality living spaces for veterans in need. They are a non-profit organization founded by three women who purchase, remodel and furnish houses for those vets who cannot afford to own or are on their own. The vets lease private bedrooms and the common living areas are shared. We are proud to serve our veterans in helping to provide financial backing for the homes they will live in. From the sale of tickets for our Opportunity Quilt, we were able to give them a check for \$3000.00. Carol shared that what we donated would be used to upgrade the electrical in a home they recently purchased.

Quilting Techniques – presented by Carol Hemmingsen. We were treated to a demonstration of paper piecing by Carol. This is a new program we are using to refresh members on techniques we know and to help new members learn from us techniques they don't know. Thank you, Carol.

Our Program – Karen Grof of Happy Apple Quilting: Karen shared with us all her new gadgets: Quilt marking tools, Misty Fuse, pencils for marking, Stripology Ruler from Goodra, starches, even freezer paper to run through the printer. There were fabrics, of course, and a challenge for the Thicket Panel. She also brought things for sale and discounts.

New Business:

Reports of Officers:

Treasurer and revised budget for 2017: Karen Pieczonka shared our new budget. Reviewed and approved. The budget will be ready for viewing if you weren't present by calling Karen. We are not publishing our finances as we have had an issue of someone calling and pretending to be Pauline. To protect our people and our guild we won't have this information on-line. But members can see it anytime by calling. Our budget is planned on membership of 60 persons.

Presidents Challenge: Make something green. This will be completed for the December party. Must be finished and come with a label. No size restrictions.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Quilt Show Report- Carol Hemmingsen: We will be voting in April to participate in the next show, so you have time to think about it. We will have an accounting in April as well on our profits.

Programs/Education: Lynda Weingart and Penny Black: Cecelia Reed will be speaking from Pat Sacks of Titusville on the history of feed sacks.

Membership: Teri Roberts. We had 39 members with us this evening and 3 new members. We now have 56 total members.

Community Outreach: Gale Pittman reported the NICU needs baby quilts in 30" or 36" squares. No batting, for boys especially needed. Burp pads and, of course, little hearts

Mystery Quilt: May 20, 2017, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Directions for cutting our fabrics will be on the web site. A signup sheet was passed around during the meeting. Remember that directional fabric will cause you a challenge so you might not want to use them. Bring all your own equipment. Bring zip lock bags 'a quilter new best friend'. We should be able to get a good quarter done of the project. There will be plenty of parking at Christ Presbyterian Church, 3115 Dryer Ave, Largo, FL

Community Outreach. Charity quilts donations from your stash. Put together packets, as quilt kits you didn't finish, projects not finished, and yardage groupings with ¼ yard pieces, whatever you would like to share from your stash.

Newsletter: Janis Magee. The Newsletter is looking good.

Retreat: Cathy Starman and Lynda Weingart. Two weeks till Quilting Soothes the Soul. Check the website for information or call for last minute questions.

May Party: Cathy Starman and Lynda Weingart: May 18, 2017. The party will be held here. There are party blocks available: See Cathy after meeting or call to do one or two. There will be enough to do six lap quilts. Bring a dish to share. Our fund raiser will be a sand pail with a kit to finish of any size in a pail, a handmade goody, a pattern with fabric, as a few ideas. We will be selling tickets.

Brown Bag Challenge: June Sanchez and committee: "This Bag for You" Fabric equaling two yards. Minimum size is 20 x20 and maximum size 36 x 36 for project. You can also do placemats or a table runner. These projects are for you so put your choice in the bag and your choice of theme written on the bag. We will receive the bags at the May party and have them due back at the November meeting.

Theresa reported that Diana had a triple by-pass surgery and is doing well. Thank you, Theresa.

Fifty/Fifty: A question was asked concerning where our funds would go from the fifty/fifty. We will be contributing these funds to the Heaven on Earth program. The drawing was won by Flo Bradbury.

Website- Patty Merry: Website is looking good and is now under procrastinatingquilters.com. We will also not be posting financial information on our site. Please call Karen Pieczonka if you want to see the financial reports.

Old Business:

Show and Tell

Meeting adjourned from our new location:

The Seville Recreation Center

2460 Seville Boulevard

Clearwater, FL

