

## Procrastinating Quilters Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Pauline Mallory.

New member, Mary Martinel, was welcomed. Several guests were welcomed including Lee Seabury, Catherine Knoth, and Sharon Kalinowski's mother Barbara.

Program Chair, Lynda Weingart, introduced the guest speaker Cecelia Reed. Cecelia spoke on her mother's work and collection of feed sacks and gave a fabulous trunk show of quilts and feed sacks. A notable saying by her mother was, "Anyone who is sleeping under a quilt is covered with love". She invited everyone to visit her website: Pat's Sacks of Titusville.

Treasurer Karen Pieczonka reported on the budget. Information on budget and finances are not published so if there are questions, please be sure to talk to Karen to get them answered.

Pauline Mallory asked Carol Hemmingsen to give a report on the Quilt Show that was held in March in cooperation with two other groups, Largo Quilters and Hidden Stitches. Carol reported that the Quilt Show has seed money in a separate account so PQ does not have to come up with any money to participate in the next quilt show which will be held in 2019. There was a lot of discussion surrounding various comments from the evaluations given by quilt show participants. After much discussion and talking about the ins and outs of running a Quilt Show, Miriam Scott made a motion that Procrastinating Quilters participate in the 2019 quilt show. The vote was a majority voting yes with two (2) abstentions. A volunteer is needed to co-chair the event.

Since PQ has voted to participate in the Quilt Show, there needs to be a small group formed to work on the Opportunity Quilt right away. Pauline and a few others are planning a trip soon where they will have a chance to review some options. Someone said, 'Our quilt mother will come up with the perfect one'. It was funny. The group decided that the profits from the Opportunity Quilt would again be donated to Heaven on Earth for Veterans.

Teri Roberts reported that PQ now has 58 members.

Gale Pittmon, Community Outreach – suggested everyone kit up some coordinating scraps from their own stash. Include larger usable pieces and a backing. Wrap them all together with a selvage piece or use a gallon zip lock bag. Gale expressed thanks for the generosity of the PQ members who gave this month for the hospital. The hospital needs boy quilts or quilts that work for either a boy or a girl.

The May 20<sup>th</sup> Mystery Quilt event first handouts were given to those participating. The handout has the fabric requirements and cutting directions.

Cathy Starman and Lynda Weingart gave a report on the planned Quilt Retreat. It will be held at the Christian Retreat Center in Bradenton April 5-8, 2018. Thursday arrival time is 9:00 AM. Cost for the four days and meals is \$290.00. Everyone was encouraged to participate in the “FUN” if at all possible.

The May Party will have a beach party theme. There will be pails filled with a project for our fundraiser. Members are asked to do a “Project In a Pail” for the silent auction. The project can be a handmade project, an unfinished project, a pattern with fabric, etc. Whatever you can imagine is OK. Tickets will be sold like the ones we do at the show.

June Sanchez reported on the Brown Bag Challenge. There will be a secret swap at the May party. Please select a theme for your bag, write it down and slip it into your Brown Bag. Remember, it's 2 yards of fabric. It can be fat quarters or pieces to equal 2 yards. The quilter who gets your bag can add their own fabric when they do it. The “Challenge” will be due in November at our meeting.

Happy Apple Quilts has donated a quilt top to PQ for a community project. It is an unfinished quilt brought to them by a customer. They decided to give it to PQ to finish and use for our projects. They would like a photo of the finished quilt. It will be published in their newsletter.

Procrastinating Quilters is filing for tax exempt status. If approved we will be able to make better use of our funds. Another plus is that the quilt retreat will cost less.

Show and Tell was shared. Some showed what they had finished at the retreat.

The meeting was adjourned

Submitted by SueAnn Suderman, Secretary