

Procrastinating Quilter's Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Lori Lewis.

Lori welcomed us with a "tea-in-the-afternoon" kind of atmosphere with lovely decorations, cookies and beverages. Lori's love notes: Cute painted rocks with affirmations on them were especially nice. Lori also helped us keep on track and organized with folders and agendas. We had a few bumps last year and we going to put that all behind us. We are going to be there for each other, have positive thoughts. If bad things happen, we are going to stand up for each other and step forward and say "No". Being kind and positive is our new goal for this coming year.

Lori Lewis welcomed our guest Lucy and our newest member: Norma Santiago, who is a returning member.

The Vice-President, Pam Sprague, led us through an activity for UFO buddies. The challenge is to revisit our UFO projects. A card with a butterfly, representing transformation, was passed out to groups of four. The UFO buddies traded phone numbers and we wrote a list of projects to start us off.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Lori Lewis to accept December's Minutes as posted to our website. Billie Albrecht accepted and seconded by Tracy Parks. All the members present were in favor with no objections.

Lori Lewis announced we would have a notebook at each meeting with our minutes and financial reports in it. She also announced that if you want a copy of the reports, we would be glad to provide that for you. As reported earlier, we are no longer posting financial information on the website in order to protect our group and our officers. So feel free to ask any questions you may have or request a copy of a report. We would be glad to mail that to you.

Community Outreach: Gale Pittman, chairman, reported that there are opening for members on her committee. Please let us know if you would like to serve on this committee. Gale reported that last year we donated 174 comfort quilts, 459 hearts and 97 burp clothes. Her friend at the hospital thanked us and said her cupboard is full to the ceiling. Good job to all our members. We will be working with Morton Plant hospital, who has never received any donations like ours before. Gale handed out instructions and measurements for the pieces needed. They are asking for a simple teddy bear, new born baby hats and scarves for drafty rooms. Heaven on Earth for Veterans needs placemats for their homes. Contact Pauline for details on this project. In the future, we will have a drive to collect household products that they will need. Gale also has learned of a senior daycare center that is in need of materials to do crafts projects. Because they like to sew too, she was able to donate a box of fabric at that

very moment that was in her car. Gale also reported on a children's group that needs clothing for kids that we could consider helping.

Programs: Chairperson, Penny Black has a wonderful slate of programs for us in this next year. A handout was at everyone's seat.

PQ 2018 Calendar

Month	Date	Programs/Event
Jan	1/04/2018	Transition Board Meeting @Seville
	1/18/2018	PQ Annual Meeting
	1/28/2018	Open Sit & Sew @ Seville 9am-3pm
Feb	2/15/2018	Business Meeting and Speaker, Jen Lee
	2/17/2018	Class with Jen Lee, Red Thread Studio @Seville 10-3 \$25 limited to 20 people Kit fee \$12.00
	2/24/2018	Mystery Quilt Day 9am-3pm Christ Presbyterian Church Largo
Mar	3/10/2018	Charity Sit & Sew 9am – 3pm Christ Presbyterian Church, Largo
	3/15/2018	Business Meeting – Program by Jan Cunningham, a certified instructor for Sharon Schaumber A machine applique teacher \$25. Limited to 20 people
	3/17/2018	Class with Jan, Seville 9am – 3pm
April	4/05 -08/2018	Retreat - New location! Mini board meeting @retreat Sat. morning
	4/19/2018	Business Meeting – Program TBD
	4/21/2018	Scrap Class with Mary Jeanine Ibarquin Location and time TBD
May	5/17/2018	Summer Party – Tisket Tasket Theme Basket Walk and activities President's Challenge Reveal, summer challenge begins
June	6/21/2018	Business Meeting – Program TBD
July	7/21/2018	Saturday Open Sit & Sew Location TBD

Aug	8/18/2018	Saturday Charity Sit & Sew – Location TBD
	8/30/2018	Short Board Meeting, Panera, Clearwater Mall 6 pm
Sept	9/20/2018	Business Meeting Program TBD
Oct	10/18/2018	Business Meeting – Round Robin program by Members
Nov	11/15/2018	Business Meeting – Program by Linda Hahn Paper piecing teacher - Frog Hollow Designs – New York Beauty Designs
	11/17/2018	Paper Piecing Class – Linda Hahn
Dec	12/20/2018	Holiday Party – Starry Night PJ Party

Updates for all classes and events will be posted in our Template Times Newsletter. Be sure to read our newsletter for any details on events. The January Sit and Sew is an open time so you may come and go as your schedule allows. The electricity is located on one side and we don't know how it will work. Bringing hand work would be helpful since we are unsure of how it will all work. Other Sit and Sew's have a title but if you have something else to work on or need help with, bring them to work on. They are welcome projects too. Come and have a good time.

Brown Bag Challenge has been tabled for now. According to the survey, the interest was low so we are not going to do that this year.

We will be moving things around and accommodating teachers if they happen to come our way.

December's party theme will be Starry Night and we will be wearing our PJ's. So invest in pajamas or something you would like to call pajamas. You have a whole year to fabricate your most awesome pajama outfit. Go for it. Be crazy. Buy those awesome slippers to match. There will be pictures.

Retreat: 2019

We will need a chairperson for the 2019 Retreat; it could be two or more. They will be our contact person at the facility and planning persons.

Retreat 2018: This year, Cathy Starman, chairperson reported that we have 44 signed up for our retreat on April 5 -8, 2018. She can add more. Cathy will be passing out folders next month with a map, information for those attending. The rooms have double beds, bathroom in the room, and an elevator for second story. Entry into the sewing room is at 10:00 am. Your bedroom will be ready at 12:00 pm or later. The first meal is at dinner. The theme is "A Stroll Down Memory Lane". 1. Bring antique quilt or a traditional quilt you have done for your bed for

special activity. No modern quilts, please. 2. Bring your favorite quilt or something personal you have made to talk about. 3. Let Cathy know if you want something special at retreat (Ice Cream! Wine! were thrown out at Cathy. A small pincushion to remember the event by was another idea.) Remember your final payment coming up.

Membership: Teri Roberts, chairperson, reported that we have 37 members attending tonight Annual Membership Dues are being collected. Our name tags are also used for charms so if yours name tag doesn't have holes for the chain, be sure to leave them with Teri and Lori will drill holes for you. We will be giving out charms for various things this next year. Teri will do the clasp for you if you don't have that for past charms and for the chain Teri or Lori will do a lobster clasp so you can decorate with the charms. Just drop them off to Teri. Teri also has pieces if you need like magnets, etc.

Lori Lewis also announced that for new members, we will be working up a temporary name tag and a charm to welcome them. **A reminder for retreat members**, they will get a discount for wearing their badges at the local shops. It's a good time to look for it! If you need a new one, it's \$10:00 and can be ordered from Teri.

Newsletter: Janis Magee announced that if you want an article in the newsletter pass it to her.

Audit: Janet Jensen was grandfathered in from last year. She said that was ok, so no report at this time.

There are no small jobs, so remember when it's time for the nominating committee to look for volunteers; you will be needed, so consider doing one small thing.

A Small Thing: Our wonderful refreshments. Please, sign up to bring refreshments. Many hands make the work a party.

Parliamentarian: Penny Black has agreed to stay on in this position.

Mystery Quilt 2018: Judy Leshovsky, Chair, Karen O'Malley, SueAnn Suderman

The event will be held on Feb 24, 2018, Saturday, from 9 am – 3 pm

At the Christ Presbyterian Church or better known as June's church. If you need help with your material, we would be glad to do that. Contrast is the key. Be sure to bring your own lunch.

Sunshine: Paula Riccio Paula had a heart attack, so she's the one that needed the sunshine.

Website: Patty Merry. No report for today.

Party Blocks: Tracy Parks, chairperson, the concept and how party blocks works was explained to the membership.

Old business:

Our past president, Pauline Mallory, wasn't able to attend our December meeting. We presented her the President's Quilt we made for her. She has been an officer for the last two years, both vice-president and president. A big thank you to everyone who worked on Pauline's quilt. Carol Hemmingsen and Cathy Starman were thanked for creating the quilt design. The quilt was striking batiks, in log cabin blocks. The blocks form a sunrise with silhouettes of African animals. Carol appliqued the silhouettes of the animals. Pauline saw these animals on her trip 2 years ago. Elaine did the quilting for us. She loved it.

The president's green challenge was then shown since Pauline wasn't there. We saved them for her.

Treasurer: Karen Pieczonka proceeded to explain our hand-out on the proposed budget for 2018. After going through the budget we have expenses of \$255.00 more than income which is based on 60 members. We discussed a possible increase the dues by \$4.00 each or make a onetime payment from Discretionary Funds account. Discussion ensued with several proposals.

Pauline addressed the 2017 under-budget item of Equipment. We had set aside fund for items that might get broken. Since we didn't spend the money in this line item because we didn't need it, the money could be moved to discretionary funds and then voted on as needed.

It was decided to do an assessment from our current checking account of funds that were not used last year. A motion was made by Robin VanScoy to report the assessment as an income item for 2018 to balance the budget, keeping the budget clear and understandable. The motion was seconded by three people. All voted in favor.

A motion was made by Norma Santiago to approve the budget Seconded by Paula Riccio. The motion was passed with no objections.

Drawings were held for door prizes: Winners were Connie Rinehart, Janice Magee, & Billie Albrecht.

Drawing for hoops.

Fifty/Fifty \$43.00

As you are cleaning your sewing room, remember to put aside items for the May basket walk.

There will be a link to the quilt show on the web site. The quilt show will be on Feb 15 & 16, 2019. The opportunity quilt is at the quilters for our show. Should be able to have it for next month's meeting.

We closed our meeting with show and tell.

Respectfully submitted by SueAnn Suderman