

Procrastinating Quilters Guild

March 15, 2018

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

No guests for our meeting tonight so greetings and welcome to our guest speaker, Jan Cunningham.

Pam Sprague led us in a game to unscramble phrases to make quilt block names. A stumper for us.

Tonight's decorations have Shamrocks with pipe cleaner stems for cleaning your machine. Cool.

Treasurer: Karen Pieczonka

Be sure to read our PQ members book that is present at each meeting to see her full report. If you have specific questions, be sure to ask.

Secretary: SueAnn Suderman

I was unable to put in a copy of the minutes due to surgery. The minutes will be in the book and on the web site for next month's meeting.

Community Outreach: Gale Pittman

We had a Charity Sit and Sew day last Saturday, March 10, and 7 people came, and they sewed for 6 hrs. and got 79 pet beds made. Next Charity Sit and Sew will be in August. Lori said the project was very different and freeing: no structure and very lindy.

The group, Beds for All Paws, is having a hard time getting a storage area, the one they had wants there area back now instead of 2 months from now. Donations of money will help them find storage for supplies and finished beds. They got there 501 3c which will help.

Programs: Penny Black

Mary-Jeanine Ibarguen will be having a workshop for us on Saturday, April 21. We have already had the lecture so now we will do the practical part and make a scrappy quilt. Penny had a time getting the quilt samples to us as they went to the wrong post office (Penny's other home where Mary-Jeanine has stayed before and where she mailed them.) and were being held there instead of delivering them. They were not at the main post office but at another one, a sub post office in New Port Richey. They had already closed by the time she got there so she had to do goo goo eyes at the man to get our samples which are beautiful. The supply sheets and directions will be on the web site.

Retreat: Cathy Starman

Different stores will be giving us discounts before and after retreat. Check the newsletter for those and a hand-out from Cathy. Sew Worth It Quilt Shop will be setting up a mini shop on Thursday; Modern Sewist will come on Friday morning to set up another mini shop. Lori wants you to bring a fat quarter of a juvenile print for a project sometime during the weekend. Also don't forget your quilts. We will have a fun weekend.

Next year's co-chairs for our quilt retreat will be Janet Jensen and Diane Friedman. They have secured our dates at the same time next year, April 4-April 7, 2019 and have gotten the contract in the mail today.

Membership: Teri Roberts

Tonight we have 59 members. Those that have not paid their dues will be dropped from our list. There are 47 members present tonight. If you want a chain on your badge and are going to retreat, do it after retreat or see Lori at retreat to have it done. Anyone else can turn it in to Teri and she will do that for you.

Newsletter editor: Janis Magee

April 8 by midnight will be the dead-line to get your newsletter articles in.

Quilt Show Liaison: Sharon Kalinowski

Sharon has posted an article in the newsletter with lots of information on our quilt show. The quilt show dates are on February 15th and 16th 2019. The theme will be A Quilter's Journey. The website for the show is being updated but most of the information is there: <http://www.midpinellasquiltshow.com/> Call Sharon for the code to get into the members section if you don't know it.

Check out the article for details of needs, sizes of quilts, sleeves and new rules on quilt panels. All the rules for entering and the rules regarding copyright laws are on the website. The next meeting will be March 26 in Largo.

Pauline Mallory shared our Opportunity Quilt with us again: Aviatrix Medallion is the pattern we used. We are the first to be completed. The profits from our tickets sales will go to **Heaven on Earth for Veterans, Inc.** Penny Black is working on tickets for the quilt. The tickets should be ready by next months. What we need now is a "nanny". This job requires the "nanny" to hold the quilt and make sure it gets shown. She will be the coordinator who hands-off the quilt to whoever is taking the quilt to sell tickets and then make sure it gets back. She is the keeper of the calendar of where and when. This person makes sure it gets shown at shops, shows, museums and other guild meetings. It's everyone's job to sell tickets and show the quilt. Toddy Sumsky recommended all guild members buy tickets which we have done in the past. Robin VanScoy will be getting photos printed for showing. On-line Vista print was suggested as a resource.

Party Block: Tracey Parks

She has sold out of her 38 kits and will be making more. The fabric line by Moda is Grunge Hits the Spot. A call for how many more we should make was made. It was suggested another 36. Hour glass blocks and an embroidered owl from the Grunge fabrics were passed around for everyone to see what our party blocks are.

President's Challenge: Lori Lewis

We are making an 8 x 8 inch small hanging known as a prayer banner or a flag. The flags are loosely based on the Tibetan and Buddhist traditions. They are often simply colored pieces of fabric that have a word or prayer printed on them. When

finished they are then placed outdoors to blow in the wind. The wind then carries the good thought out into the world for everyone to benefit from. In the quilting world sometime around 2012, there was a big group of people doing the Prayer Flag Project. They made little quilts that they hung all over. They put a word of affirmation on them. This is a no hold-bard-project so try something new, be unstructured, let your imagination run wild, doesn't need to be quilted. They will be displayed at the May party.

There is a new project coming at the May party. Next month we can sign up to do this unknown quilt. It will require 3 yards of fabric, a light, medium and dark, must have contrast, no directional fabrics, be ready to sign up and bring \$5.00. These will be done and finished for the November party. There are several patterns. All the same size quilt. It was suggested to have them in the quilt show along with the flags.

A date for the Christmas Party was discussed. The third Thursday is not always convenient. A vote was taken and 14 people say 20th is ok. The rest voted for the week before. So we will change to the second Thursday for our party, December 13. Karen Pieczonka will check to see if that date is available for our Christmas Party.

In 2017, it was decided to have all of our funds for the 50/50 to be donated to Heaven on Earth for Veterans. So those funds need to be sent to them. End of 2018 we need to decide where to send the funds again. A motion was made to again donate the funds to Heaven on Earth for Veterans. Robin seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Program:

Confessions of an ADD Quilter by Jan Cunningham.

A wonderful presentation and quilt show was given by Jan. There were over 50 quilts presented. Each quilt had a story and what she changed on it. Imagination on vacation. Her goal is to encourage quilters to think creatively and use their imagination.

Norma Santiago has provided door prizes for us.

The 50/50 brought in 48 dollars.

Show and tell ended our meeting and started clean-up.

Respectfully submitted by SueAnnSuderman