

Procrastinating Quilters Guild

April 19, 2018

Our meeting at the Seville Recreation Center was called to order at 7:00 PM by Lori Lewis, president. Our sound system is working well tonight. We can all hear.

VP is not present tonight.

Members: Teri Roberts

Our newest member is Donna Pain, who loves piecing. She likes blues and purples. Welcome.

Treasurer: Karen Pieczonka

Be sure to read her report in the Member's Book or you may call for information.

Secretary: SueAnn Suderman

Motion to accept minutes were tabled till next month's meeting. They did not get published on the website.

Community Outreach: Gale Pittman

There were three carloads of fabrics donated by a wonderful woman who called Lori Lewis who passed it on to Gale. Her mother was a sewer, a quilter, and she made draperies. She passed away and her daughter donated it all to the guild. Gale, Janis Magee, and Pamela Hoscheit picked it all up and deposited it all on Gale's front porch. Gale proceeded to go through it all. Eight large garbage bags of fabrics were donated to "Pace Senior Center" for their ladies who sew. She will be donating about 200 yards to the pet beds project "Beds for All Paws". She has also saved yardage for quilt projects for the guild's future use.

With the Bears (2 bears per fat-quarter), that were made at the retreat; we ended up with a donation of 15 quilts, 56 bears, and 13 hearts to Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater. The bears go to the ER and chemo for all the kids to cuddle. The patterns for the bears, hearts and the knitted baby hat for preemie's, scarves for

lady's under-going chemo because they get chilled are all located on the website. These will be ongoing projects for this year so they can be done at any time.

A big thank you was received from Lori Lewis to all the gals who set up the table decorations and the electrical cords ahead of time. A special thank you also was given to Norma Santiago for making the table decorations and Z'ine (a mini magazine). The flower decorations are also templates in various sizes; just deconstruct them to use the circles.

Programs: Penny Black

Penny introduced Mary-Jeanine Ibarquin who is visiting our meeting tonight. We have two spaces left in her class. Her class is on Saturday.

Opportunity Tickets for our Opportunity Quilt are available now.

Retreat: Lori Lewis

Lori thanked Cathy Starman and her committee for a wonderful job on the retreat and each thing they did was outstanding. They did a fabulous job, our programs were great, the planning was perfect, there were good activities, and Lori really enjoyed the quilt walk-through. It was full of amazing quilts and interesting stories. We got to know our guild members better while having fun. Thank you to our retreat committee for doing such a great job.

The location had some challenges with accessibility issues for our ladies who had canes and walkers. Retreat planner Janet Jenson, has reached out to a lady at the center who will contact the director concerning our safety issues and complaints. We discussed requesting a refund of our deposit from our present location (Bradenton Christian Retreat Center). IF WE ARE ABLE to cancel and get our deposit back, understand that we may not have a go-away retreat next year.

At the present location, in speaking with the management, we asked about the rooms and the complaints of mold, hard to breathe and access for our challenged members. We also did not have the amenities (coffee, water, refrigerator for snacks & freezer for our ice cream, & a kitchen area) we were used to at Day Springs. We were trying to cover all the bases before even suggesting we get our

deposit back. The renovations beyond the great room are going to be very, very slow they said. They also will not have any more handicap accessible rooms for more than 2 to 3 years. There will not be a quick solution to the problems we experienced.

In reviewing the comments, we found that more than half the group would not be returning to this location. With only the possibility of 18-20 members, that doesn't carry the weight for that big room that we had with 40-45 members attending.

As a self-supporting event, we could do whatever the membership wants. It's a money-in-money-out event not a guild monetary supported event.

It is also a consideration that we may not get our non-refundable deposit back.

A comment was also made that a few members did not vote because they were not attendees and felt that they had no right to vote on this issue. Lori pointed out that this is a guild function and every member present votes as a part of the group. We are all in this together.

Day Spring has what we want but we can't go there in 2019. So, as we are committed with our deposit to this place or if we get our deposit back, we can do something else for 2019 and wait till 2020 to go to Day Spring. Next year is also a big year for our guild as we have a quilt show to put on.

Our two options are to stay at this location and whoever goes goes or we don't go and look for other things to do.

A show of hands vote was asked for by Lori of the 31 members present with everyone voting.

If we can get our money back, Lori asked, are we willing to do something else: raise your hands: Of the members present, 30 voted yes.

We will decide the something else later and if we can't get our money back we will go ahead with a much smaller retreat.

Lori asked for another show of hands: Who is ok to go back to Day spring in 2020? A unanimous show of hands passed this question. Penny Black is able to confirm a date for Day Springs for 2020 at the end of February.

A round of applause was given to Cathy Starman and her team who were amazing. This was only, again, a facility issue. Kathy's team really went over the top! Kathy Starman would like to point out that if there is an issue or a problem at a facility or hotel for members to go to the front desk and say something right away so they have an opportunity to fix the issue right away.

Membership: Teri Roberts, revisited

We have 31 members present tonight and 61 on our paid membership roll. We have several guests tonight. Robin introduced Michelle Reinhard to our group. Robin just met her tonight. She used to live in Orlando and just moved here to Clearwater. She has been quilting for some 20 years and found us on Facebook. Lori introduced 3 guests tonight. Mary Cummings, a visitor tonight, she has been quilting for about a year now. Rosemary King and Gyfton Bjornberg-King who she met at the World City Comics table top game night. Their families are very close and they have come to see Lori's class. Also Mary-Jeanine Ibarguen is visiting. She will be teaching our Scrap Quilt Workshop on Saturday. Welcome to all our visitors and guests. (Michelle and Mary joined our group later in the meeting.)

Newsletter: Janis Magee

Submission deadline is May 6, 2018 at midnight.

Audit: Janet Jensen: 2017

She has a new form that is used for the disbursement and makes it extremely easy to track all the money coming in and going out from our accounts. She reports that everything balanced perfectly.

Quilt Show Liaison: Sharon Kalinowski

Requirements for your quilt are now on the website. Everyone who belongs to a group gets to enter a quilt. If you belong to one group, then you are guaranteed

one quilt entry. If you belong to two, then two are guaranteed and so forth from the 3 groups that are participating. Sharon discussed copyright issues. Details on fabric copyright, displaying and magazine copyright are all explained on the quilt show website. midpineallasquiltshow.com There is a copy of these pages in the Member's Book for you to check over. You can always call & request a copy of these pages from Sharon. Sharon also has cards to put up on display about the show. The dates are less than a year away: February 15 & 16, 2019.

Denise Appleman & Paula Riccio have volunteered to be our basket chair persons for our group. They will be contacting you for your basket contributions for the show.

When submitting your quilt, you must give credit to the person who quilted it and the name of the pattern and its author. If you have previously submitted a quilt to this show in the past, it would not be eligible for this show. We want to see new stuff. All quilts must be finished and have a label.

Party Blocks: Tracey Parks:

All sold out! Remember to bring your finished blocks to the May party.

Diane Friedman has a friend who makes mats for the homeless and would like donations of our plastic bags. Please bring what you have to the next meeting or call Diane.

Our May meeting will be a potluck Mexican Fiesta dinner. A sign-up sheet was sent around for foods you would like to bring. The dinner is at **6:30 pm**.

Three yard challenge: Also, at the meeting for May, you will receive a pattern for this challenge if you signed up and paid your \$5.00. Just add the 3 yards of fabric to complete your project. They will be due in November. The quilt doesn't have to be quilted or finished but pieced. Yes, you can also embellish your quilt.

May is also our fundraiser-Basket Walk Silent Auction. Don't forget to make up a basket for the auction.

Kindness flags are also due at the May meeting.

Denise Swenson, had surgery on her back last week, did well, went home, developed complications & went back into hospital. She came home today.

Pictures were taken of the Red Thread Studio embroidery project to send to Jen, for a drawing. We had 8 ladies who finished a project: Diane Friedman, Cathy Starman, Theresa Arrison, Teri Roberts, Lori Lewis, Janis Magee, Gale Pittman and SueAnn Suderman

April Program: Lori Lewis

Lori will be discussing and demonstrating techniques in hand piecing tonight. She also gave us a little kit to get started. The project fabrics were from QTfabrics.com who gave us wonderful fabrics to work with and free bags for our project. Lori showed us projects she completed by hand and then led us into how it's done.

Respectfully submitted,

SueAnn Suderman, secretary.