

PIECE BY PIECE QUILT GUILD

GENERAL MEETING

January 19, 2023

WELCOME: General meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm at Grace Hill Church meeting room by President Betty Colombo with approximately 50 members in attendance. The new president opened the meeting with a brief greeting to all. Linda Boman took the podium to present our out-going president, Cheri Strempele with a gift and a thank-you for her dedication and perseverance during a very difficult couple of years of meetings during the pandemic.

Betty welcomed our 3 guests present in the assembly.

Betty acknowledged and thanked her Christmas Party committee and thanked them for their incredible work.

Betty asked each of the board members to rise and introduce themselves as our new year begins.

The president introduced her "suggestion box" and explained its use for all members to communicate ideas and feedback to the president.

The announcement was made that the scheduled evening program "Rules and Options of Planned Improv" with Sarah Goer had to be cancelled due to a covid exposure in her family.

EVENING PROGRAM: A substitute program of approximately 30 mins. was provided by the Program Committee, Cheri S., Leslie M., and Sue O. They gave a detailed plan of this year's programs and workshops with a brief description of them, and questions were also entertained about the programs from the membership.

SEE CHART to follow

	Mtg Date	Spkr	Wksh	Spkr/ Instr	Title	Mo
Jan	1/19	x		Sarah Goer	Rules and Options of Planned Improv	
Feb	2/16	x		Jenny Lyon	Quilting is a Contact Sport	Free Motion Quilting
Feb	2/16		x	Jenny Lyon	Yes, You Can Free Motion Quilt	Free Motion Quilting
March	3/16	x		Olivia Ronan	Dyeologue: A Discourse with Eucalyptus	
March	3/16		x	Geri Patterson-Kutras	Boro, A Creative Patchwork of Reuse and Renew	Sashiko
April	4/20	x		Ron Conlon		Ergonomic Quilting
April	4/20		x		sew day	
May	5/18	x		Julia McCloud	Everything but cotton	
May	5/18		x	Julia McCloud		Smithereens
June	6/15			Demos by members		
July	7/20		x	Fabric Sale		
July	7/20	Ice Cream Social				
Aug	8/17	x			Judging Quilts	Cheri to investigate

Sept	9/21	Quilt Show Preview		Cheri		
Oct	10/19	Donation Quilts				
Nov	11/16					
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Dec	12/21	Holiday Party				

A 15-minute break from 7:30-7:45

TREASURER's REPORT: Margaret Sullivan – Margaret reports a balance of \$27,620.23 as of Dec 31, 2022.

PROGRAMS: In February we will be having a Free Motion Quilting artist, Jenny Lyons, give a hands-on program Feb 16, 2023. A sample of her work and a sign-up sheet is available at the back table, and the cost is \$40 payable this evening. There is an instruction sheet for those enrolling. She will also present our guild program.

MEMBERSHIP: Kelly Ann Brown – Kelly Ann reported our membership enrollment this evening was #50 persons and dues were \$36. There are no membership cards this year, but a membership pin is being given.

STANDING COMMITTEE: Diane Tainter and Melanie Martens

Sign-ups for BOM 2023 – Block of the month sign-ups are available for next year. More sign-ups are needed after May until the end of the year.

Sew days will be starting in April and hostesses are needed to sign up for Sew days.

Block of Month – The Feb block will be a **Valentine's Block** and a description can be found in the newsletter.

The winner of the **January BOM** "FOOD JARS" was won by Michael Sue Korbel

President Betty asked the membership if they would like to resume cookies/refreshments – only 4 members raised their hands, and the suggestion was defeated.

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Linda Rubio No report given.

PHILANTHROPY: June Okano and Linda Boman

Philanthropy Basket was won by June Okano with no total amount collected reported.

Future Philanthropy baskets are going to be provided and assembled by members who sign up. Next month will be made by Laurie Perez. A \$25 reimbursement for items will be allotted to the basket maker for the month. Others can donate sewing items and extra baskets to be used in the prepared baskets for this program. Donations encouraged.

Kits are on the back table. Batting and labels can be obtained from June Okano.

When Sew Days return in spring, it has been suggested that we tie some quilts that are currently stored in the storage unit to get them ready for donation. The membership voted by show of hands to allocate the “stored quilts” for the purpose of donating them to charitable organizations who take TIED quilts (such as Quilts for Ukraine and Jewish Family Services). The vote was passed.

Kelley Stover also wanted a show of hands from the membership to conduct the collection of QUILTS for UKRAINE at a table at our meetings. It was supported by the membership and Kelley will be collecting and sending quilts sometime in Feb/Mar. More information is available on the guild website if you wish to participate. Kelley will ask for a small monetary donation from the maker to defray the cost of shipping to Utah if she accepts the quilt for shipping in her box.

NEWSLETTER: Kelly Ann Brown

Kelly announced the Christmas Party movie on the guild website and that there will be new content presented frequently and invited everyone to take a look.

SUNSHINE: Diane Kirkpatrick – Diane sent one card this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoom Sew Day –Chris Bradshaw No report

UFO Lists – Melinda McGlashan

Melinda announced year 2022 was “THE HONOR SYSTEM” for reporting completed UFO’s and she would like your totals reported to her by March 2023 to enter the raffle. 1 Finished object= 1 raffle ticket. \$25 Gift Certificate to Quilts and Things.

For Year 2023 – A list of your **projected** UFO FINISHES needs to be handed in to Melinda by March 2023. She will accept your handwritten list as she doesn’t have a form for this purpose..yet. These will be checked in MARCH of 2024.

Fun Day Report- Marilee Kline

April 15, 2023, from 8 am-4pm at Electricians Union Hall in San Jose. \$40 with optional \$16 Eriks Deli lunch. Please fill out registration forms avail at back table and pay by April 1st. Breakfast, games, raffles, exercises and free sewing or you may pay \$5 for a mystery pattern and bring your own layer cake fabric.

Retreat Report – Diane LeGore

Lots of fun and next year the retreat will be increased to 4 days at St Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista.

Show and Tell -see photos taken by Kelly posted on the website

Name Tag Drawing – Kelley Stover

Reach Out Donation Drawing – Marilee Kline

Fat Quarter Drawing – Carol Ikemoto

NEW BUSINESS:

4th July Parade - President Betty asked us to think about participating in the 4th of July Morgan Hill Parade, July 2023.

Quilt Show – September 2023 Cheri Stempel asked members to sign up to form a Quilt Show Committee to begin the process of formulating a plan for the Morgan Hill Quilt show we voted to host next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm by President Betty Colombo

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Widman, Co-Secretary