

PIECE BY PIECE QUILT GUILD

GENERAL MEETING-In Person

July 21, 2022

WELCOME: General meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Cheri Stempel. 38 members were able to join in the first in-person meeting in about 2 years. The President opened the meeting with a brief statement of appreciation to all for the kind support during this difficult time of personal loss. Cheri was also grateful to returning members having the confidence to once again come back to in-person meetings, which Cheri greatly missed.

PROGRAM: A fabric sale was held by the guild philanthropy committee at the Grace Hill Church from 4:30-6:30 pm for \$5.00/ lb fabric and open to friends of the guild. It was prepared and presented by many members of the guild and preceded the meeting. It was considered a success and a good way to clear out part of the storage unit and generate enthusiasm among the members. A General Meeting was then held and finally ice cream /wrapped cookies were served. It was announced that a janitor would clean up the chairs and tables for a fee paid by the guild.

TREASURER's REPORT: **Margaret Sullivan** – No report was given in Margaret's absence.

MEMBERSHIP: **Kelly Ann Brown** – Cheri reported that 3-4 new members were in attendance, and she welcomed them to the meeting.

Cheri stated that Kelly will be updating the new rosters every 3-4 months and they are available to paid members online. Corrections are encouraged for completeness. Membership sign ins were gathered and recorded.

STANDING COMMITTEE: **Susan Jackson and Linda Rubio** – no report given

MEMBERS AT LARGE: **Diane Tainter and Melanie Martens**

Block of Month – **Melanie Martens** conducted a drawing for the few Patriotic blocks this month. They were won by Melinda McGlashan.

Next month will be a Hot August Nights block shown by Melanie and pattern directions are to be published in the newsletter as well as a few printed copies available this evening. The colors are very vivid and bright.

Fidget Quilt examples were shown to the group by Melanie and made by Diane Tainter. Instructions are in the newsletter. The fidget quilts will be collected as part of the philanthropy gathering in Oct and will be presented to a local memory care facility.

PHILANTHROPY: **Linda Boman**

Quilt as you go kits are still available from Quilts and Things and from Linda Boman at the meeting. Linda showed several examples of completed blankets using the QAYG technique, showing the different effects using only thin strips and another using wide /various strips. The kits include flannel strips, batting, backing and binding to complete the blanket.

Linda announced that our donations would be going to 4 different organizations voted on by the members last month. 1) Community Solutions, requesting #50 2) Grace Community Center requesting #12/month 3) Older Adult Care Center and 4) Jewish Family Services for Afghan and Ukrainian refugees.

Laurie Perez hosted the table with #3 Philanthropy baskets which were available for raffle at \$1 each ticket or 6 for \$5. They each held over \$100 worth of goods and the 3 lucky winners were Melinda McGlashan, Chris Torres and June Okano.

NEWSLETTER: Kelly Ann Brown – no report given

One member stated she had not received the newsletter in a while but discovered it was because dues had not been paid. A discussion about dues being paid halfway through the year came into question. Melinda clarified for new members it was prorated but returning members were required to pay full membership.

SUNSHINE: Diane Kirkpatrick – no report given

PROGRAMS: Susan Oakes

Susan Oakes announced the August meeting program – Game Night.

Sept. meeting is a speaker, **Kellie Willey** who specializes in Mini Quilts and details are still in the works for an in-person presentation and possibly a workshop in conjunction during the day. Arrangements are being negotiated by the programs committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Next Zoom Sew Day – No report given

Name Tag Drawing - Bernice Avina winning a bundle of fat quarters.

Reach Out Donation Drawing – Diane Garibaldi winner. It was stated that “USUAL needs” include diapers, soap, shampoo and other hygiene products.

Sign-up sheets – Melanie placed several sign-up sheets for different guild activities including the Christmas Party Dec 6th (TUESDAY) at the Community Center, Fun Day (TBA) and help for the SVQA Quilt Show in September (last weekend) during Taste of Morgan Hill. Helpers are needed for all areas.

The SVQA Quilt Show – People are needed to help with the setting up, judging, sales, white glove duties and taking down of the show. A sign-up sheet was posted with 2-hour time slots. Entries are also needed for the show. To enter a quilt go to SVQA.org and download an entry form and submit it by Sept 15th. Juried entries are \$15, and others are without charge. The quilts are due at the quilt shop by Wed before the show date and pick-up is Sunday between 4-5 pm after the show is over.

NEW BUSINESS:

Garden Railroad – Aug 20 from 9-4pm a display of early 1900’s trains will be set up for kids of all ages to visit. If interested Laurie has flyers in her shop.

Cheri announced that in the future refreshments would be water only and no homemade goodies.

A motion for adjournment was made and seconded by Susan Oakes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm by President Cheri Stempel

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Widman, Co-Secretary