

PIECE BY PIECE QUILT GUILD

GENERAL MEETING-In Person

October 20, 2022

WELCOME: General meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm at Grace Hill Church meeting room by President Cheri Stempel with approximately 53 members in attendance AND a working microphone! The President opened the meeting with a brief greeting to all and welcomed our new members present in the assembly. The announcement was made to go directly into the evening's program, led by Linda Boman. The General meeting would then follow the program after a short break.

A Reach Out letter from Carol Lillig was received and read to the membership thanking us for our continual donations to the food pantry and their appreciation for our support.

EVENING PROGRAM: Linda Boman introduced our traditional **Charity Quilt Night** program for the month of October. It was our great honor to host 3 of the Charity representatives to speak to us about their respective organizations and how they serve their client populations. Each one spoke for about 10 mins and entertained questions from the membership. The representatives were from Community Solutions (Jackie Starkovich), Pat Doolittle from Grace Arts and Wellness and Susan Frazier (member Carol Frazier's daughter) representing both Jewish Family Services and Older Adult Care. These ladies were inspirational and grateful for the 155 quilts that were first paraded across the front of the room (by their makers), and then divided among the receiving charities. This "ceremony" of the giving of the quilts was very much enjoyed by the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Margaret Sullivan – No report was called for by the president. Margaret did collect \$5.00 from members donating to the appetizer fund for the Christmas party as requested by Betty Colombo to improve the Christmas Party menu of offerings.

MEMBERSHIP: Kelly Ann Brown – Kelly Ann reported 3 new members were in attendance and 2 returning members were present, and they were welcomed to the meeting. She was reminded by Cheri to bring the "new member doll pins" to the next meeting to give to those new members so they could be easily identified. It was reported that our membership was continuing to increase over last month.

Membership sign-ins were gathered and recorded by Kelly Ann and the number was reported to the secretary as 53 persons present.

STANDING COMMITTEE: Diane Tainter and Melanie Martens

Block of Month – A drawing for the much-admired Pumpkin Blocks were won by Diane Tainter. The pattern had been re-sized by member Judy Gillingham, and it was a very popular block.

Next month's block SCRAPPY SUSANNAH was posted by Christine Widman with a few paper instruction sheets made available. 4 blocks were already made by the presenter and posted along with 2 examples of "setting layout" ideas for next month's winner.

Printing of the directions was encouraged at home if needed to complete the blocks to save resources and the block can be found in the newsletter.

The Christmas Block quilt, which was the model for our current Christmas Block, was again presented by Melanie. Each fabric packet with project instructions were for sale for a \$2.00 donation and 2 Christmas

Blocks could be made from the fabric within the bag. Raffle tickets would be given at the Christmas party to those turning in a maximum of 2 blocks.

Sign-up sheets were filling up but still needing more help with Fun Day 2023 and Holiday party. It was reiterated that signing up does NOT mean you oversee the event.

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Linda Rubio No report given.

PHILANTHROPY: June Okano and Linda Boman

Quilt as you go kits and other kits were available at the table from June Okano.

Philanthropy Basket was won by Susan Oakes with no total amount collected reported.

Linda Boman conducted the wonderful collection of the quilts and provided an inspirational program for the evening as previously described.

NEWSLETTER: Kelly Ann Brown – Reports a list of current needs for the food pantry is listed in the newsletter.

A list of the contents of our tote bags for the woman's shelter will be placed in the newsletter along with a link to a video explaining how to make a LINED draw string bag to hold the contents of the Christmas Gift bags to the woman's shelter.

SUNSHINE: Diane Kirkpatrick – Diane sent one card to Christine Long for her surgery.

PROGRAMS: Marilee Kline announced the program for the November meeting would be an "out of the ordinary" program by artist Olivia Ronan from the quilt museum. She will talk about using natural dyes and natural elements in creating art.

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 was available, and the cost is \$40.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoom Sew Day –Chris Bradshaw Next zoom meeting Wed. Nov 9 and the topic will be Christmas Gifts that are being made/have been made by participants. The dates are also advertised in the newsletter, emails and on Facebook.

Christmas Party Update – Betty Colombo The Christmas party will be held on Dec 6th and Betty needs a few more helpers to get things done. She announced a special "BOY BAND" (Sid and 3 other gents) would provide live entertainment while we enjoy our festivities. An additional \$5/member was requested for appetizers to accompany the cookies/sweets and beverages for the party. Betty demonstrated a drawstring tote bag and the contents to be brought to the party in lieu of gifts for one another. The contents are about \$15 to purchase and the tote bag requires a half yard of fabric (lining required) to make. They will go to a local woman's shelter. Candy was added to the list of contents by popular vote.

Name Tag Drawing – Sarah G.

Reach Out Donation Drawing – Betty Colombo

Fat Quarter Drawing – Virginia

Show and Tell – A parade of Charity quilts was done quickly as there were 155 quilts donated this year.

The SVQA Quilt Show REPORT – A very positive response was reported by the SVQA President Sharon F. with comments gathered from a survey given to attendees as well as from verbal comments and casual feedback interviews. The church was helpful in providing some of the heavier lifting and enjoyed having the show in their church. Sharon also reported that SVQA would not be doing the quilt show next year as the group was getting older and less able to accomplish all the aspects of putting on the show in its present format. She reported that the Historical society wants the quilt show to continue in some form and feels it is a real value to the community and would be a loss should it not go forward year to year.

RETREAT News – Diane LeGore announced the annual St Francis Quilt Retreat in San Juan Bautista January 8-11, 2023 was FULL with a wait list started. The group is held to between 16 minimum and 20 max persons and she reports 20 paid participants.

NOMINATIONS – Vice President Linda Boman presented the nominees for the Piece-by-Piece board for year 2023.

President-Betty Colombo (will possibly accept if there is a co-president as well) there was not one named.

Vice-President – Laurie Perez

Treasurer – Margaret Sullivan (2 yr position)

Secretary – Co-Secretary Laurel Blakley

Co-secretary Christine Widman

Standing Committee – Melanie Martens

Diane Tainter

Members at Large – Linda Rubio

- Susan Jackson

Newsletter/Membership – Kelly Ann Brown

There were no nominations from the floor. Voting will be conducted according to the by-laws at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal Taking over the Quilt Show - Cheri proposed to the membership that Piece by Piece think about taking on the Quilt Show as part of our guild programs beginning next year. She has several new ideas as to how to accomplish the show and would be willing to lead as the chairperson with lots of helpers. She asked the members to consider if it would be something our guild would like to undertake for the community. It will be discussed at another time but wanted to place the idea out to the membership.

A motion for adjournment was made by Susan Oakes and seconded by Linda Rubio

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm by President Cheri Stempel

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Widman, Co-Secretary