

Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild

February 15, 2016

President Karen Clark called the meeting to order at the Bahia Vista Mennonite Church at 7:00p.m. Karen welcomed members and guests, and thanked the "Fantasy Quilters" cottage group for acting as hostess tonight. Karen reviewed Tampa Bay Surface Design Group's fliers for two workshops – fliers were available by the door. Vicki Strumpf asked for a volunteer to pick up her quilt from the Daytona AQS show.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January meeting were approved and accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: The February Treasurer's final report will be published along with the report for March due to time needed to prepare tax reports.

2nd Vice President: Ellen Simon, Librarian, introduced three new books to our collection, and a new DVD. Sample blocks from the new Baby & Kids Quilts book by Fons and Porter were displayed.

Past President: Cass Bowen introduced a new charity project last month, and Cheryl Szyrkowski volunteered to quilt the 45 x 54 quilts for oncology in-patients at Sarasota Memorial Hospital on her long-arm quilter. She requested backing and batting to be 3-4" wider on each side of your quilt to enable her to attach it to the long-arm machine. Cheryl will pick up your quilt sandwiches at the Guild meetings and deliver them back to the Guild meetings beginning in April. Labels will be available from Cass at the meetings. The first completed quilt for this project was displayed. Quilt sizes may vary – quilt is intended to brighten up the hospital room at the foot of the bed, or used as a lap quilt.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Linda Swanson introduced 6 new members.

Lynn Purple announced that 25 members made reservations and attended tonight's pre-Guild meeting dinner held at Dutch Heritage restaurant. Please be sure to let Lynn know by email if you plan to attend so she can make an appropriate reservation. Current members as well as new members are invited.

Class registrar: Manatee Patchworkers' workshops were announced.

Newsletter: Deadline for newsletter submissions to Jane is February 23.

Photography: Darlene Schwartz was introduced as our new photographer. She will be putting more photos online.

Kids Quilts: Report on their impressive activities is in the newsletter.

Quilt Show: Elva Farrell announced the first meeting for the 2017 Quilt Show will be March 16 at her home. She will email details to committee chairs.

Old Business: Dawn Moore represented FKQG and other guilds in the county at the Sarasota County Commission meeting proclaiming March as Quilting Month. She read the proclamation to the group.

Sue Baker requested baby photographs from those planning to attend the retreat on March 10-13, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

1st Vice President: Elva Farrell introduced quilt artist/teacher Karen Combs.

Show and Tell followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Delores Simpson, Secretary