

Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild

January 16, 2017

President Delores Simpson called the meeting to order at Bahia Vista Mennonite Church at 7:00 p.m. Delores reminded everyone to vote for the Surprising Sarasota quilts and thanked the Crazy Quilters for acting as hostesses tonight.

Comments:

Katie Metheny welcomed guests and introduced new members, who are wearing yoyo and pink ribbons pins.

The December 12 Guild meeting Minutes were approved as published

The Treasurer's Report and 2017 Budget were approved as published

1st Vice president Jann Warfield announced that there are openings in Susan Cleveland's class this week, and there are openings in all classes offered in 2017.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Carrie Burden reported that tonight's attendance was 121, plus 8 guests. Dues are being collected for 2017 and members are encouraged to send their dues to Carrie or pay them at the February Guild meeting.

Class Registration: Barbara Jeffries reported that registrations are going well.

Newsletter: Jane Sanks announced the deadline for the Feb. newsletter is January 25.

Library: No report

Habitat for Humanity: No report from Anne McCunney

Photographer: Brenda Wathier has volunteered to serve as the Guild photographer. Kathy Dotson will fill in for her when needed. Members were asked to bring photographs from quilt shows to share on the overhead projector before meetings begin. Contact Brenda Wathier if you have photos to share.

Friendship: Bev Wiberg asked members to email her if they know of a member who has suffered a loss or illness. She will send them a card from the Guild.

Cottage Groups: No report from Terri Reiman

Kidz Quilts: Jo Wieczynski reported that over 700 quilts were given to the Sarasota Memorial Neonatal Unit last year. The next work session is on February 14, 12-4:00, at the Fruitville Library.

Website: No report from Linda Pearce and Marjorie Holloway

New Members: Katie Methany announced a Road Trip to the Clearwater Quilt Show on January 28 and the Punta Gorda Quilt Show on February 18. Quilters will meet here and caravan to the shows. Call Katie if interested. Also, Chat and Chew will be organized by Cheryl Szynekowski. Contact Cheryl to be included in meeting for dinner at Der Dutchman before Guild meetings.

Quilt Show: Elva Farrell announced that Surprising Sarasota quilts have not been photographed by Sarasota Magazine and the quilts need to be kept until the show. To receive an armband for the show, bring your receipt for working. Set up begins at 8 a.m. and armbands will be given for helping then. Drop-off Days are Friday, Feb. 17, 9-3, and Saturday, Feb. 18, 9-12. Ironers are still needed. Bring your iron and board and arrive at 8:30 on March 2. An 8-Spool Serger was donated for a silent auction and bids will start at \$1,000. Janine Ward advised members to look at the website to learn about the consignment booth. Carol Jenkins suggested members come to the entrance and help with a sit down job when needing a break. Also, she is offering miniature fabrics from Timmie Stewart's estate. Cass Bowen has 73 small quilts for the silent auction and would like 27 more. Small quilts will be accepted through set up day. Dawn Moore shared flyers and bookmarks and asked members to share them in their communities. Elva needs take down volunteers and wants them to sign up. A crew has been hired to set up the show, but members will handle all quilts. Mary Lee Charlet still needs hostesses to greet attendees and hostess the show. Dawna Basl will show our raffle quilt and sell tickets at the Mancuso Show in Orlando this week. She will have raffle tickets at the next Guild meeting, plus members can buy them at local quilt shops.

Quilt Retreat: Sue Baker announced there are still openings in the March 30-April 2 Retreat. The County Fair is the theme. Information will be in the newsletter. Interested quilters must sign up and pay by the February Guild meeting.

Old Business:

Winners of the **Do Not Touch the Quilts** project were announced and the quilts were shown. Elva Farrell won first place and 90 auction tickets with her tombstone quilt. Cathy Lane won second place and 60 auction tickets with her bumper sticker quilt. Beth Grindel's Trio of Owls and Randy Carman's Quilter in Jail tied for third place and 30 tickets.

Surprising Sarasota quilts were voted on and winners were announced. Entries were received from Eileen Mikos, Susan Arndt, Elva Farrell, Kay Katowski, Pam Zeck, Linda

Swanson, Delores Simpson, Tommy Fitzsimmons, Margaret Daniels, and Pam Morris. Winners were Elva Farrell (first place), Susan Arndt (second place), and Linda Swanson (third place). They received 90, 60, and 30 auction tickets respectively.

New Business:

National Quilting Day is Sunday, March 19th and there will be an Expo at the Venice Community Center from noon to 4 p.m. There will be lots of demonstrations and exhibits and admission is free.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Program: Susan Cleveland: My Eclectic Quilt Pagant

Show and Tell followed.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Lane, Secretary