

Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild
Member's Meeting
March 21, 2016

President Karen Clark called the March meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Bahia Vista Mennonite Church. Karen welcomed new members and guests. Everyone was reminded to check the tables at the entrance for news of quilt events and services. Those who leave their cards there need to pick them up at the end of the meeting.

Thank you to the Hidden Stitches Cottage Group who were our hostesses tonight, greeting people and showing new members and guests around.

OF NOTE: The North Sarasota County Library has again asked us to display our quilts for a month. Volunteers are needed to hang the quilts on Saturday morning, March 25th. Those who would like to loan quilts for this community outreach, please bring them to the library at 8:30 a.m. on that day. Last year 68 quilts were displayed and much appreciated by the library patrons.

MINUTES: The minutes have been posted to the website. Accepted as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report is on the website. Accepted as published.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT (EDUCATION): Terry Waldron's April class "Scraffito" still has openings. The Monday class "The Japanese Way," also has a few openings. People were encouraged to sign up after the meeting if interested. One of Joe Cunningham's classes in November still has openings. The other one is filled.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Ellen described the summer programs: **June:** Trunk Show: "Slice of Ft. Myers." **July:** "Iron quilter / Project Runway." (Guidelines will be given and small groups will be working together on a quick project with cheerleaders cheering them on. (Prizes and Ice Cream, too!) **August:** "Threadhangings"—there will be a Monday class to teach this unique technique. At the meeting there will be a trunk show by SAQA (Studio Art Quilter Associates) and they will have 50 small quilts to show. **September:** 2017 Class Rollout—time to sign up for next years classes.

COMMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: Carrie reported there are now 309 members. 2 new members tonight, 17 guests, and a total of 137 here tonight.

Library: Ellen described the new additions to our library and encouraged everyone to check them out.

CHARITY: Our current charity project is for the Adult Oncology unit at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Quilts to be given to these patients to cheer them and their room up and to be taken home with them should be made approximately 45" X 54", "give or take."

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FRIENDSHIP: Bev shared the sad news that Emily Gross passed away. Carol Brown has a fractured wrist.

COTTAGE GROUPS: Terri and Sue report there is room for more people in several cottage groups. Please contact them if interested.

KIDZ QUILTS: Please see the report in the newsletter. Very impressive!

NEW MEMBERS: Katie said the “South Shop Hop” is planned for March 26. The members will be visiting 3 shops and have lunch. Great opportunity to get to know one another. They will be meeting at the church and leave at 10:00 a.m. Contact Katie if you wish to participate.

QUILT SHOW: Pat and Elva are already hard at work on the 2017 show. The rules and changes to certain entry categories are posted on the website. Armbands for entry into the show can be obtained by members in one of the following ways:

1: Enter a quilt. 2: Volunteer to work a shift at the show or some other volunteer opportunity. 3: Sell at least 20 raffle tickets in advance of the show. 4: Pay \$8.00 at the door!

Mini Quilts: A few quilts have already been turned in for the mini-quilt auction! Would like to have 100 quilts donated for this part of the quilt show, 50 for each day.

Winter Retreat: Sue reported everyone had a great time at the Winter Retreat—“great fellowship” and, she and Terri volunteered to do it again next year.

Summer Retreat: July 7-10 at Day Springs. Watch out! “Witch Way to Sew” is the theme this year. Sign ups with a deposit begin tonight.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Elva introduced our speaker for the evening: Charlotte Warr Anderson, who gave a lecture titled: “Charlotte’s Scrapbag.”

Show and Tell followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Slocum, Secretary

