

Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild
Members Meeting
September 16, 2019

President Cathy Lane called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The hostesses from the Shelter Buddies cottage group were thanked.

The **August Guild meeting minutes** are posted on the website. There was no discussion; therefore, the minutes were approved as presented.

The 2020 Guild and 2020 Education Budgets have been prepared by Treasurer Joy Abbott. The budgets have been posted on the website under Members Only. It is requested that the members review the budgets for an approval vote to be taken at the November 2019 Guild meeting. Any questions may be directed to Joy Abbott.

First Vice President, Jann Warfield, announced the Monday, November 18, 2019 class is being cancelled due to minimal enrollment. At the October meeting sign-ups for the 2020 classes will take place. Jann announced there will be a NACQJ 2-Day "Introduction to Judging" Seminar being held in Slidell, LA. This is for anyone interested in becoming a certified quilt show judge. The seminar is being conducted by Beverly Fine and Pat Harrison on April 1-2, 2020. Please consult the NACQJ website for more information. It is \$200 for the registration and \$25 for class fees.

Second Vice President and Librarian, Ellen Simon reported that books in the Library that have not been checked out in 2 years or more will be for sale and this will allow her to purchase new books for the library. If you have quilt books that you would like to donate to this sale to help raise money for purchasing new books, this is a great cause. The sale will take place at the October meeting as will the **2020 class sign ups**.

Newsletter deadline: the 25th of each month.

Charity Initiative: The newsletter and website has ideas and meeting times of the various groups including KidzQuilts, Pet Beds and Fidget Quilts. A tax donation form has been posted to the website for anyone who would like to claim donations to our charity initiatives. This claim would be for materials not your time and labor to make the quilt. The form is located under Charities on the website and must be signed by a Board member.

Member of the Year – Katie Metheny announced ballots would be available at the October and November meetings for members to cast their vote for Member of the Year. The 2019 recipient will be named at the December Holiday party.

2021 Quilt Show – Katie Metheny announced the donor quilt was currently being quilted by the long-arm quilter and should be returned soon. The marketing committee for the show will be busy getting tickets and publicity ready for the quilt. Karen Clark has volunteered to be the Drop-Off Chair for the show and her home will be the drop-off location. Current openings for Show Committee Chairs are posted on the website but it is urgent that we fill the position of Publicity Chair. Complete guidelines are available and Katie will work with the Chair to review the job. QS Categories and Definitions were handed out at the meeting. They have been posted to the website.

Membership: Membership helper, Kathy Shanley, announced there were 49 members present and 2 guests at this meeting.

Retreats: The dates, information and registration forms about the retreats at DaySpring are on the website. The next retreat is March 12-15, 2020 in Pavilion A with a limit of 32 quilters. Cass Bowen will be handling the registrations and money for the Winter Retreat. Helen Lucas has volunteered to be a co-chair for the March retreat.

The South Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild is having it's first retreat starting Friday, September 20 –Sunday, September 22, at the DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center in Ellenton. They still have several spots available for day stitchers. The fee is \$145 for the 3 days.

Nominating Committee: The Executive Board is accepting nominations for First Vice President for 2020 and 2021. This is basically the Education Chair. Teachers have been booked and classes chosen for 2020, so the new person can ease into the role. There is a desperate need to fill this position. Please consider serving your guild in this capacity.

The next **Board Meeting** will be at Cathy Lane's house on Friday, October 18 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The program was a Trunk Show of small quilts by members of SAQA. Show and Tell preceded the program and there were many beautiful quilts!

Respectfully submitted,

Cass Bowen
Co-Secretary