

Honeybee's Quilt Guild

Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Membership meeting (6:30pm)

Mandarin Presbyterian Church, The Loft

2501 Loretto Road, Jacksonville, FL 32223

Attendees: Denise Adams, Robin Allison, Robyn Baldwin, Jenna Borcharding, Trini Bowen, Sandra Brinson, Sue Brown, Robyn Eubanks, Pat Guilford, Marilyn Golman, Mary Alice, Howie, Jeanie Jacobson, Kathy Johnstone, Dawn Kelly, Connie Kight, Karen Krueger, Sandra Kruszewski, Nikki Levinsion-Lutgarten, Carol Malicki, Carol McBride, Cheryl McCain, Bonnie McCarty, Virginia Muse, Terry Palmieri, Beth Porkert, Colleen Rosatone, Jennifer Routh, Cindy Souders, Kristine Stein, Elaine Stemetski, Anna Turek, Jill Voetsch. Visitors-Kathy Minton (Been quilting since 1990, owned a Quilt shop in Michigan & does Quilts of Valor), Janet Brown & Tina Toxlvoc, all from First Coast. They met at Rivergarden doing Quilts of Valor.

Trini Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:37pm. The minutes from the August meeting with a motion to approve from Kristine Stein was moved to be accepted and seconded by Beth Porkert. It was requested to please volunteer for offices for the Honeybee's board. We can not have a Guild without people volunteering to run for offices.

**Vice President- Mary Alice Howie** reported that there are envelopes which you can choose a tee shirt or collared shirt, pick a size and put the money or check into the envelope and circle the size. Mary Alice will put an order in this month and next since we don't have a minimum order. There is a choice of V neck and crew neck for the tee shirts. They will be unisex and white. If they are larger sizes, they will be higher in price.

**Treasurer's report-** Pat Guilford reported:

Checking: 2,710.65 and Savings: 12,462.28

Income Year to date: 14,508.92 Expenses year to-date: 14,023.09

Quilt tickets are available - Please see Pat for tickets. It was discussed what to do with proceeds from the Opportunity quilt. It was felt that Cinnamon's offers kid sewing classes, but kids do not seem to be signing up. Gabriel house was also discussed- All volunteer funds are used to run the Gabriel house. Beth Porkert made a motion to give 1/3 of our opportunity quilt funds to go to Cinnamons for education for kids to learn to sew thereby promoting quilting, 1/3 to Tilted Quilter for same and 1/3 for our Guild. The motion was seconded by Nikki Levinson-Lustgarden.

**Charity- Robyn Allison- was present-** She did not have a report but had an idea to make reading pillows for kids. There is a pocket in the front and she has numerous books to put in the front pocket. There is plenty of fabric in the storage which is multiplying.

Speaking of storage- Pat Guilford was unable to find the Honeybee's banner which we will need for Quiltfesr. Does anyone know where it could have gone? Or where it is

**Challenge-**Sandy Brinson is asking that everyone please contribute something for charity or quiltfest such as Me dolls, pillowcase, drain pouches, and heart pillows. Please put your name in for the drawing

if you brought anything tonight. Chery McCain can scan the pattern so people that need them can have them sent in a PDF file by email instead of US mail.

**UFO- Beth Porkert** was present & did not have a report.

**Education-** Jennifer Routh reported that next year's programs are almost completed. Also, the workshops are full. January will be organizing scraps, Dawn Kelly was asked to help with this topic. Tonight we will be playing Bingo (to get to know our fellow Honeybee members) and a Scavenger hunt that will take place at Quiltfest.

**Elfin Magic-** Elaine Stemetzki reported that Elfin Magic is on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-3pm where we will use the time to make six different projects. The projects will require a machine that does zig-zag so if your machine does not have that, please let Elaine know so she can lend you a machine that does that. There are 6 spots left. Please note- it will be located in the Fellowship Hall which is located off Mandarin Rd. just north of the church.

**Exchange-** Colleen Rosatone reported that our exchange for this year is over and showed a finished quilt with our exchange blocks. Since we had to use the background fabric only 12 people could participate. The 2024 exchange will be introduced next month. There will be room for 32 to participate.

**Hospitality-** No report.

**Christmas Party-** The theme will be Button nosed Reindeer. The catered food that will be Italian.

**Welcome-** Karen Krueger had the door prizes- There were several winners.

**Membership-**Maureen Wasson was not present but it was stated that there are now 67 members.

**Newsletter-** Connie was thanked for the newsletter.

**Publicity-**Dawn Kelly stated that she posted a blurb on the Facebook group.

**QuiltFest-** Jeanie Jacobson reported that the Quilt turn in was on Saturday. There were 437 quilts turned in out of the 458 that were registered for the show. On Monday (afternoon), Tuesday and Wednesday between 9-5 she will be hanging the quilts and will need volunteer assistance hanging the quilts. QuiltFest will be Thursday, Friday & Saturday. Please sign up to volunteer. Jeanne will be on First Coast Living tomorrow between 11 and 1. She will be promoting QuiltFest.

**Quilt mother-** Carol Maliki asked that if we know anyone who will be traveling to QuiltFest, please tell them about Southbank Riverwalk Hotel- since they are reserving so many rooms for the QuiltFest.

**Retreat-** Robin Eubanks reported that we had an online auction and raised \$561 for the sea turtles. Staycation is \$65 in October at Cinnamon's. The deadline to pay is next month. The dates are 20, 21 & 22. It opens at 8am. Dinner will be on Friday & Saturday nights. Sunday will be from 8am-3. There are 4 slots left. The winter retreat will be at the Suwanee River & it is full. No theme but will state "On the Suwanee"

The next retreat is also at the Suwanee River on May 23-26. There is a \$45 non-refundable deposit due on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. It was limited to 18 but they will now remove the furniture so we can increase the number to 20 for the winter & the May retreat. We can go up to 15 rooms but must use at least 8 rooms.

Under the sea retreat went well & pictures were uploaded on Facebook but she had difficulty tagging people. Please sign up in the retreat book if interested in signing up for the remaining slots.

**Sunshine-** Mary Alice stated that the Birthday cards will be going out shortly. She asked if anyone was interested in taking over this position. Robyn Allison stated she was interested.

**Ways & Means-**This position is vacant- please think about taking over this position.

We will also need officers for next year. We can't continue Honeybee's without having these positions filled.

**Membership-** Connie will take \_\_\_\_?

Beth Porkert - needs items to fill the baskets for the Quilter's Walk.

It was decided to give the Cash box to Elaine S. since she will be the first at the Honeybee's booth for the QuiltFest.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.