CALICO CUT-UPS, A CHAPTER OF ARIZONA QUILTERS GUILD

Pueblo El Mirage

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El Mirage, AZ 85335

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2025

Board Attendance:

Shirley Helgeson, President - Present

Pat Weddle, Vice-President - Present

Nancy Johnson, Treasurer - Present

Barbara Smith, Secretary - Present

Committee Attendance:

Becky Simmerman, Community Service - Present

Pattie Johns, Membership – Present

Lexi Burg – Programs - Absent

Linda Bower, Sunshine - Present

Linda Ashburn, Ways and Means – Present

Sandy Hughes – Web Master - Present

Call to Order at 10:09 by Shirley Helgeson, President

Approval of minutes with changes: Motion to accept by Sara Friesen, 2nd by Sandy Hughes, motion carried.

Reports:

**Treasurer** -– by Nancy Johnson, ending bank balance on February 28, 2025 was $7,557.90. Income of PEM Vendor Fair $135, Valentine Basket $47, Magazine Sales $47.72, Fundraising Products $136. Expenses of Shirley Helgeson, Office Supplies $14.78, Lexi Burg, Education Supplies $14.84.

**Vice President** – Pat Weddle. Nothing to report

**Secretary** – Barbara Smith. Nothing to report

**Programs** - Lexi Burg is in WA, so, the information was reported by Shirley Helgeson. The envelope bag was a success. be made at the next sew day.

After today’s meeting, Kathy Garten will be conducting her barn quilt class.

We will do half square triangles at our next sew day.

On 4/28/25 we will have the inktense class. Supply list will be emailed prior to class.

Lexi will not be continuing as Program chair. She has volunteered to have the new Chair shadow her for 3 months.

**Community Service** - Becky Simmerman reported that she does not have a count for the successful charity sew. There are kits available for members.

**Membership** - Pattie Johns, to date 42 members.

Dues are due by June 30th. A $5 penalty will be applied to late dues. Also remember that dues also need to be paid to AQG. Dues not paid the AQG by July 15 will be archived off the membership list; if you renew after that date it makes retrieving your information more difficult for the AQG volunteer, so, please renew on time. You can renew and pay online on AQG website. AQG is $25. Calico is $20.

**Hospitality**- Today’s refreshment have been provided by Linda Ashburn and Karen Holiman. Bev Brown. A new sheet for sign ups will be passed around after the meeting.

**Sunshine** – Linda Bower sent 6 cards this month.

Please let her know if you know of someone in our group that needs a card.

**Webmaster** – Sandy Hughes is working to add supplies lists for the next 2 educational events.

**Ways and Means** – Linda Ashburn reported we will, once again, attend the vendor fair at Pueblo El Mirage on March 21st. We will be in the banquet hall. We do not, yet, have a Calico Brochure. Prices for items will be set by the Committee Chair, Linda Ashburn.

Old Business:

A Spring Cleaning 50/50 will be held during our April 14th meeting following the business meeting. Each member should bring any sewing/crafting/art items that they would like to sell. We will be buying from each other. Half of all proceeds will go to our chapter. Sara Friesen has volunteered to coordinate the event. A sign up sheet is on the sign in table.

Kathleeen Guyer is the Chair of the Nominating Committee. She and her volunteers will be phoning each member to gather candidates for the Board positions. Currently, the secretary is the only position that is permitted to run again. Please consider serving. Let Shirley or Kathleen know if you are interested.

The By Laws committee (Pattie Johns, Barbara Smith, and Linda Ashburn) met. After reviewing the current document, it is suggested that 1 general board member be added to the current board. This individual may or may not be a committee chair. The suggestion to rotate positions so the entire board does not turn over at once is not implementable under AQG guidelines. Some corrections to our By Laws were made to be in line with AQG. The due dates for grants was corrected to August. The new AQG harassment policy has been referenced. The By Laws were emailed and members have 60 days to review before they can be voted on.

We need a committee to help implement “Pat’s List”. This committee will be under the Program Chair.

1. More volunteers
2. Meet people
3. More classes
4. BOM with our own fabric
5. Block exchange
6. List of each members strengths/skills
7. Open sews
8. All day classes with big projects
9. 3yd quilt class
10. Retreats
11. Summer sew along project. Sara Friesen will organize July or August
12. Bed turning of quilts
13. Social events – Pot Lucks
14. Demo of sandwiching quilts for quilting on domestic machines
15. Round robin classes
16. Sign up to meet outside of our regular meeting for sew-ins at our homes
17. Social events that include guest

New Business:

Memorial Day falls on one of our scheduled sew days. A show of hands indicates that we will conduct our meeting on the holiday.

Pat Weddle informed the group that there is a new membership handbook on the AQG website that members are encouraged to read.

Members expressed interest in having another barn quilt class and a resin class. Both classes would be conducted by Kathy Garten. A 3 yd quilt class and a “Quilting on a domestic machine” class were also requested. Sara Friesen will coordinate these classes during the summer.

Happy Trails Resort has a vendors day the 1st Friday of the month from September until April. It is open to the public. Just tell the guard you are going to the vendor sale. Judy Earsley and Beth Bachtel are both property owners there.

 Meeting adjourned at 11:17 A.M. Motion made by Pat Weddle and seconded by Sara Friesen

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Smith, Secretary