CALICO CUT-UPS, A CHAPTER OF ARIZONA QUILTERS GUILD

Pueblo El Mirage

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2025

Board Attendance:

Shirley Helgeson, President - Present

Pat Weddle, Vice-President - Present

Nancy Johnson, Treasurer - Absent

Barbara Smith, Secretary - Present

Committee Attendance:

Becky Simmerman, Community Service - Present

Pattie Johns, Membership – Absent

Lexi Burg – Programs – Present

Sara Friesen – Programs - Present

Linda Bower, Sunshine - Absent

Linda Ashburn, Ways and Means – Absent

Sandy Hughes – Web Master - Present

Call to Order at 10:04 by Shirley Helgeson, President

Approval of minutes with changes to Happy Trails Sales dates Motion to accept by Sara Friesen, 2nd by Judy Moran, motion carried.

Reports:

 **Treasurer** – Read by Barbara Smith, ending bank balance on March 31, 2025 was $8,144.14. Income of PEM Vendor Fair $220, Return of starting cash for vendor fair $150, Additional Fund Raising Sales $285.00. Total income of $655.00. Expenses of PEM Vendor Show Fee $20, Shirley Helgeson for Office Supplies $23.23, Linda Bower for postage and cards $25.53. Total expenses of $68.76

 **Vice President** – Pat Weddle. She sent in our chatter submission and inquired about updating the Calico member picture which is very out of date. She hasn’t heard back, however, she will follow up. Additionally, Pat reviewed the suggestions from the members and passed some items on to the program chairs

  **Secretary** – Barbara Smith. Requested that members check the email list to confirm their email. Kathleen Guyer, chair of the nominating committee asked that the following message be passed on to the group. As of this time only 2 people have volunteered; both are willing to be the member at large.

  **Programs** - Lexi Burg announced that she will be turning over the programs chair to Sara Friesen. As Lexi is able, she will be assisting Sara.

Lexi went over the inktense class that we will be doing on the next sew day. She suggested an oven silicone sheet for protecting the table and using for pressing. Members can embroider outlines on their fabric, or draw on the fabric. If members have a light box they should bring it to the class. Sandy Hughes will be bringing extra white Kona cotton in case anyone needs it. Pattie sent an email with the supply list. Lexi will provide brushes and the finishing spray.

The mystery quilt welcome fabric selection sheet was handed out. 4 fabrics and a background are needed. The “D” fabric is fairly large pieces and would be appropriate for a large print. Labels will be provided for the pieces. We will reveal the finished quilts in the November Business meeting.

Current programs schedule is as follows. (Subject to revision)

 May - 2nd mystery clue

 May - No class

 June - 3rd mystery clue

 June - 3 yard quilt. A free pattern will be provided.

 July - 4th mystery clue

 July - class on sandwiching a quilt for machine sewing

 Aug - 5th mystery clue

Aug - Quilting the quilt on your home machine

Sep - 6th mystery clue

Sep - TBA

Oct - 7th mystery clue

Oct - TBA

Nov - Reveal the Mystery quilt

The group was asked for suggestions and the following were put forward:

 Block of the month with our own fabric. All traditional piecing.

 Pizza Box Challenge where everybody picks a block to make and they make the

 Same block every month with fabric provided to them

   **Community Service** - Becky Simmerman 34 quilts have been turned in this year.

**Membership** - Pattie Johns not present. Reported by Shirley, We currently have 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 Joan Morse and Sara Friesen. The sign up is full through May. We will only need one volunteer for June, July, and August.

  **Sunshine** – Linda Bower has been ill, however, she still sent the cards this month. Shirley sent Linda a get well card.

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

 **Webmaster** – Sandy Hughes reported that the website is up to date. She has added the board job descriptions under the bylaws tab.

**Ways and Means** – Linda Ashburn was absent. Presented by Barbara Smith. The Pueblo El Mirage Vendor Show netted Calico $876.45. We still have some stock and we will need to decide how and where to sell it.

 **Nominating Committee**  - Kathleen Guyer has arranged for all members to be called. As of now she only has 2 persons willing to take a seat. Both people will be willing to do the members at large. During the meeting Lynn Van Mierlo said she would be willing to act as Treasurer. Barbara Smith agreed to stay on as secretary, and Beth Bachtel agreed to be the member at large.

Old Business:

The By Laws have been sent out by email. We will vote on them prior to board elections on May 12th.

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.

The new AQG Harassment Policy has been posted on their website. All members are encouraged to review them. It was recommended that our board create a policy for our group.

Busy Bee Quilters invited Calico members to a Garden Party on May 21st. It will be at the Grace Int’l Church , 11415 N 35th Ave. You must sign up. Shirley will have the sign up sheet.

Pat Weddle is looking for either a home or hotel location for a retreat for the group. She is attending a retreat from October 18 to the 21st. There are still 2 beds available. See Pat if you are interested.

AQG will be having their spring zoom meeting on April 26th. Shirley asks that officers attend the meeting. All members are welcome. You need to register online.

Rusty Barn Westworld will be from August 28th to the 30th. AQG will be displaying over 100 winning quilts from the previous quilt show.

 Meeting adjourned at 11:11 A.M. Motion made by Sandy Hughes and seconded by Sara Friesen

 Minutes submitted by: Barbara Smith, Secretary