CALICO CUT-UPS, A CHAPTER OF ARIZONA QUILTERS GUILD

Pueblo El Mirage

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2024

Board Attendance:

Shirley Helgeson, President - Present

Pat Weddle, Vice-President - Absent

Nancy Johnson, Treasurer - Present

Barbara Smith, Secretary - Present

Committee Attendance:

Becky Simmerman, Community Service - Present

Bev Brown, Hospitality - Present

Pattie Johns, Membership – Present

Lexi Burg – Programs - Present

Linda Bower, Sunshine - Present

Linda Ashburn, Ways and Means – Present

Sandy Hughes - Absent

Guests: Joan Miller, a past member

Call to Order at 10:06 by Shirley Helgeson, President

Approval of minutes: Motion to accept by Linda Ashburn, 2nd by Judy Harrison, motion carried.

Reports:

 **Treasurer** -– by Nancy Johnson, ending bank balance on October 31, 2024 was $7,472.68. Income of $20 for Kim Dotson dues, $54.00 for raffle, $20 for class fees, and $400 from AQG Grant. Expenses of $76.55 for Bazaar Supplies and $14.60 for postage.

 **Vice President** – Pat Weddle not present. Shirley Helgeson reported there is nothing new concerning our meeting place and Chatter news is due by the 15th of each month; members are encouraged to create submissions.

  **Secretary** – Barbara Smith thanked everyone for standing and stating their names when speaking

  **Programs** - Lexi Burg reported she is currently planning 1, possibly 2, charity sewing days. She presented a bag she would like to make at a future sew day and the group approved of the bag. She suggested ink tents (which are designs drawn on fabric and a medium is added to make it look like a painting) and Elf workshop. She asked the group to contact her if they have additional ideas. She will finalize her plans for 2025 shortly.

   **Community Service** - Becky Simmerman will meet with Lexi to arrange the sew days. Shirley Helgeson stated that she would like our goal to be to present the Surprise police more than 34 quilts next year.

**Membership** - Pattie Johns, to date 43 members and one guest today. Although there are a good number of kits already made up, Pattie Johns and Becky Simmerman will put together more kits. While we, the members, cannot duplicate the patterns from Fat Quarters, we can individually download the free patterns. Our chapter is required to make donations to justify our $400 grant from AQG.

 **Hospitality**- Bev Brown reported Marleen Gucwa and Shirley Helgeson provided the food today. A sign-up sheet for 2025 was passed around today.

  **Sunshine** – Linda Bower – Announced the Birthdays for the month:

Becky Smith

Carol Johnston

Kathleen Guyer

Kim Dotson

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

Lynn Van Mierlo thanked the group for the birthday card she received.

 **Webmaster** - Shirley Helgeson asked everyone to keep Sandy Hughes in their prayers as she goes in for hip surgery. Winfred (Fred) Walker offered to help with the website while Sandy is recovering.

**Ways and Means** – Linda Ashburn reported that the group met the goal for sale items for the November 16 bazaar. We will be setting up at 8am in the Banquet Hall which is located across the courtyard to the side of our meeting place. There is a large parking lot available behind the banquet hall. There will be hot, grilled food for sale during lunch.

Old Business:

Christmas Party – Pat Weddle is the chair, Report by Shirley Helgeson. The Christmas party will be a Grinchmas Cheer party on 12/9. The pot luck sign-up sheet was distributed. Please bring serving utensils for your dish.

The Ham and the Turkey will be provided by the committee.

Each member is to bring a homemade gift with a maximum cost of $10. The gift should be in a brown bag. The bag will be stapled shut before we distribute them. No food items. The gift does not need to be quilting, however, it must be home made.

There will be a Christmas basket raffle. Ticket costs as $1 for 1 or $5 for 6.

Everyone needs to wear Grinch Green or an ugly sweater. Note: Hobby Lobby has an extensive Grinch collection. Please RSVP ASAP to Pat at weddlpk@gmail.com.

Anyone bringing ice, please bring it in a cooler.

Shirley Helgeson has a barn quilt sign-up sheet. Even if you signed the sheet that Kathleen distributed, sign up on the Calico sign-up sheet. You will need to bring either indoor or outdoor paint as appropriate for the block you intend to paint. The metal sign will be 24x24 and the wood will be 12x12. You choose your own block design, however, you should keep it simple.

New Business:

There is no 2nd meeting in December. Our January meeting are on the 13th and the 27th.

Pattie Johns placed a few flyers on the table for the AQG Next Gen program. There will be games and a raffle for the kids. Admission is free for the child and the adult accompanying them. The last show presented 14 youth quilts.

 Meeting adjourned at 10:41 A.M.

 Minutes submitted by: Barbara Smith, Secretary