

Mississippi Valley Quilters' Guild August 6, 2019 General Meeting (Corrected)

The meeting was called to order by President Diana Engelbrecht at 1:00 p.m.

Attendance was 121 members at the afternoon meeting with 5 visitors and 0 new members] present. There were 39 members at the evening meeting with 0 visitors and 1 new member present. Members introduced themselves to someone they did not know well and told them what they would invent to help with their quilting experience.

Announcements:

Diana Engelbrecht thanked everyone that came out to the Mississippi Valley Fair and demonstrated their handwork for fair-goers. It was appreciated by the fair board and the organizer of the Heritage House, Lois Schurr.

Diana congratulated those who participated in the 100th year celebration quilt block challenge at the fair and asked those members to stand and be recognized. She also congratulated those who entered other items in the fair and asked them to stand.

Date and location changes were announced for Fiber Arts which will meet at the Eastern Avenue Library Branch August 13, 1-3, due to scheduling conflicts at the Fairmont Library. Doodle Day will also be held at the Eastern Avenue Library Branch August 20 from 12-3. Practicing doodles is a great way to practice your continuous line quilting. Doodling helps train your hand/eye coordination and muscle memory. Terre Klipsch will be there to help.

Beverly Smith, former member, passed away the end of July.

Diana asked for two volunteers to help audit the books. They will work with the treasurer, Diane Murtha. The books will need to be audited by August 31. Sandy Cockerill volunteered.

The Doohickey Drawing is the Woolly Felted Seam Pressing Bar and Clapper. It is wonderful for pressing seams open. Then you set the seam by placing the wooden base over the seam as it cools.

All Committees and Groups Year End Reports are due within the next two weeks if not handed in today. All committees and groups listed in the regular ongoing Sit & Sew Calendar are included in reporting what you have been doing this year. This should include numbers of people in your group/committee, numbers of quilts given if this applies, what your committee/group has done this year, and any other information that you may have available to include. Please include a description of what is involved with your position as a committee chair. Committee chairs please see Diana during the intermission.

Board & Committee Reports:

Paula Hardy, Charity. We will meet Thursday at the Deere Wiman Carriage House. Everyone is welcome.

Diane Murtha, Treasurer. Diane has forms if anyone needs them. Please turn them in today or at least by the 21st as the books will be closed out the end of this month.

Terry Austin, Quilts of Valor. QOV will be sewing tomorrow. The fund raiser at the TBK Sports Arena has been postponed until next spring. Terry Austin, Clayton Peterson, Janet and Denny Zahrt presented quilts to 10 veteran gravediggers at the Arsenal. Clayton will have a sign up sheet next month for members who would like to bring cookies to the Fall presentation.

Jane Darin. The Clinton River Arts display was successful with over 300 people visiting and viewing our display. The Clinton Herald had a write up which is posted on the board in the L. Please pick up your quilts if you have not done so. The September Floating Tiles class is full with a waiting list so if you will be unable to attend please let Jane know.

Faye Kunz, Show Chair. The first Quilt Show meeting was held and the Quilt Show rules were finalized. They will be posted in the newsletter and on our website. Faye is still in need of a co-chair for the raffle quilt baskets to help out Jan Carpenter. A chair for the small quilt auction is still needed.

Vicki Hamilton, Blocks to Raffle. The block, "Bring an Umbrella," is available in the L.

Cindy Hoste is selling tickets for the Geneseo Guild's raffle quilt that is on display. The show will be the 13th and 14th of September.

Karla Miley, Program Chair. Diane Murtha will be giving a different presentation this evening entitled "Challenge Quilts, The Next Step." You might want to attend that meeting as well. September will be the guild challenge. In October, Linda Halpin from Wisconsin will be teaching two workshops that result in a secondary bonus quilt using your cut aways. Sign ups are in the L.

Mary Korrekt, Incoming Program Chair. Bring your finished UFO Challenge #3 to the September meeting.

Susie Goodley, Travel Committee. The bus trip to the Quilt Festival in Madison on September 6th is full. If you are unable to make the trip please let Susie know as there is a short waiting list. The Trailways bus will load at the Masonic Center at 6:30.

Sandy Cockerill, Library. We do have books in our library depicting buildings you might be able to use for your village buildings.

Jo Ann Pilgrim, Habitat for Humanity. Jo Ann has kits to pick up and finish sewing. If you have an easy pattern please let her know. She is also in need of long arm quilters. If each long arm quilter in our group quilted one a year, we would be in great shape. The goal is to have 10 quilts completed by the end of the year. If you have a top you would like to donate, the requested size is 85X92 inches.

The September challenge is Chocolate and Wine. Today's example is grapes for everyone to snack on. Quilts must be no larger than 144 inches in circumference.

Margaret Paulos, Doll Quilts. Thanks for all the quilts that came in today. We currently have about 400. We have inherited some new fabric and will be cutting it and kitting it in August. Kits will be by

the door to take home and complete. The Festival of Trees theme this year is “Christmas Around the World.”

Mary Pement, Retreat. The Fall Retreat will be held October 23-27 from 8:00 a.m. Wednesday through 3:00 p.m. Sunday. \$100 for 5 days or \$25 per night.

Faye Kunz, Members-at-Large. If you did not sign in when you arrived, please sign in at break.

Dawn Thompson, Nominating Committee. Nominees were introduced and unanimously voted in. They will be installed next month at the joint 7:00 p.m. meeting.

President – Diana Engelbrecht

Vice President – Elaine Giesecke

Secretary – Diane St. John

Treasurer – Diane Murtha

Program – Mary Korreect

Newsletter – Diane Schloemer

Historian – Hope Schroeder

Membership – Debbie Schladt

Members-at-Large – Nancy Duvall & Faye Kunz

Webmaster – Lydia Hoelle

Program:

Karla Miley introduced our own talented guild member, Diane Murtha. Diane shared with us her long and varied quilting journey through slides and trunk show in a program called, “Accept the Challenge.”

Name tag drawing was held and show and tell presented.

The board meeting will be held August 13, 6 p.m. at the Butterworth House.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Rios, Secretary