

Mississippi Valley Quilters' Guild
August 4, 2020 General Meeting
LeClaire Civic Center / Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Diana Engelbrecht.

Attendance at the meetings was:

Afternoon Meeting: ___ members and ___ new members

Evening Meeting: ___ members and ___ new members

Announcements:

President Diana Engelbrecht asked the question, "What do you do to make happiness happen". Discuss with someone on your right and tell them what makes your happiness happen.

Diana announced that Guild member, Betty Walther's husband passed away a couple of weeks ago from the COVID virus. Diana asked that if anyone hears of a member or their family having passed away, to let the President or one of the Board members know.

Diana asked for two volunteers to do the yearly audit. She explained that each volunteer would go through the request for payments, deposits and receipts for the bank accounts. Beulah Spaulding has volunteered from the afternoon group. Nancy Jacobson has volunteered from the evening group. Diane Murtha will contact each volunteer and set up a time and date for them to do the audit.

The August Doohickey item is a hand-turned stiletto/seam ripper made by Deb Schladt's husband. If you wish a different color, Deb will accommodate you.

Faye Kunz announced the nominations for the Board for the next term. There were no additional nominations from the floor. **Nancy Jacobson made the motion to accept the nominations for the Board for the next term. Lynn Figg seconded. Motion carried.**

- President – Sandie Cockerill
- Vice President – Hope Schroeder
- Treasurer – Laura Strickland
- Secretary – Diane St. John
- Membership – Elaine Giesecke
- Program – Mary Korrekt
- Newsletter Editor – Diane Schloemer
- Historian – Peggy Fierst
- Member-at-Large – Nancy Duvall
- Member-at-Large & Past President – Diana Engelbrecht
- Webmaster – Shelly Moore

Diana Engelbrecht reminded members about the “It Takes a Village” exhibit. Information is on the counter in the kitchen area and also in the newsletter. The quilt piece should measure 16x16 with some allowance for shrinkage when quilted.

Diana Engelbrecht reviewed the Guild’s Status in trying to return to normal and our commitment to the Guild. There are many ways to be informed via the Website, Newsletters, the MVQG Facebook page and The MVQG Quilting Bee. The MVQG Facebook page is primarily announcements, events and information regarding the Guild. The MVQG Quilting Bee is an interactive group where you can ask questions, post photos of your current projects, and see what members are doing. Tanya Toulou is the Administrator of the MVQG Quilting Bee Facebook Page and will approve all posts, based on the Board’s recommendations. Please note that because of the review, your posts may be delayed. A member asked if a “button” could be placed on the MVQG Website to link to The MVQG Quilting Bee Facebook page. Diana highly recommended reading the newsletters, emails and email blasts to receive updated information regarding programs.

Diana explained about the Amazon Smile Foundation which will donate 0.5% off eligible purchases. Diana asked if you purchase items from Amazon, please go to the Amazon Smile page and select MVQG for the foundation’s donation.

Ads can be placed either in the Membership Directory or the Newsletter. Membership Directory Ads must be in to Suzi Dale no later than October 31st. Cost is \$25 for ¼ page, \$50 for ½ page and \$100 for a full page ad.

The Retreat is in October. Adjustments may need to be made but they are moving forward. Please sign up if you are interested. Spaces are limited. For further information and the sign-up page, see the newsletter.

Board & Committee Reports:

Quilts of Valor: Clayton Peterson announced the group will meet tomorrow at the Masonic Center in Davenport. There is a limit of 20 people. If you are interested in attending, please contact Terry Austin. Earlier this year, 69 quilts were distributed at the “Drive Through” event. The group was very pleased at the event and had good comments. In July, 77 quilts were given out. The ceremony in November has been changed to September 27th at the Botanical Center where they will be giving out 90 quilts. If you know of anyone that was to be given a quilt in November and is unable to make it in September, they can move their gift to the May 2021 event.

Membership: Debbie Schladt reminded members to turn in their membership dues. If you need a form, she has forms at the table.

Raffle Quilt: Dawn Thompson asked members to turn in their raffle tickets and money ASAP. As of now, only half of the membership has turned in their tickets. Dawn has been selling tickets at the Iowa Shop Hop locations the past few months. She has also visited individual quilt shops to sell tickets. She has sold 350 so far. The Birthday Bash at

Expressions in Threads is August 10-15 and she will need help to sell tickets. The quilt drawing will be held at the Garage Sale (September 18-19) on the 19th. This will be posted on Facebook Live.

Vice President: Butterworth Center updates: Elaine Giesecke announced the Board meeting will be at the Carriage House not at Butterworth Center next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Get-Away will meet in the Carriage House on Friday only (September 11) from 8-5pm. Doll Quilts will not be meeting this month. Elaine will release the room.

Second-Hand Treasures: Faye Kunz will be accepting items for the sale through next weekend. At that time, they will be marking the items and placing them on FB Marketplace. If you would like to come over to Faye's garage and shop, please text or email Faye to make sure someone will be available. You can shop and make an offer. Please understand the donation is for the Guild in lieu of the Quilt Show.

Doll Quilts: Margaret Paulos was able to get batting and fun materials from Faye's Garage at the Second-Hand Treasures sale and will be making up more Doll Quilts. Margaret has about 50 kits in her car today you can pick up. Head Start will need about 400 more Doll Quilts by the end of the year. The Doll Quilts group will not get together this year, but she will have kits available at her home. You can drop off finished quilts to her home also.

Program: Jane Darin spoke about the upcoming meetings.

At the September meeting, there will be Installation of Officers and the reveal and voting on the 2020 MVQG Challenge "Double 2020". The Program Committee is still searching for a location, however they have exhausted possibilities. The location they were going to use had steps and was not handicapped accessible. She asked members to let the Committee know if they know of a location that would be available for the Guild's size. Please check your emails for further information on the location for the September meeting.

The October program speakers will be Mary Korrekt and her sister, Jan Ragaller. They will introduce and launch "Border of the Quarter" and will include a trunk show.

The November program speaker is Internationally-known and celebrated speaker, Jane Sassaman. Her presentations are "Quilting Against the Odds" and "Under the Influence". Jane's workshops include a two-day workshop (October 31-November 1 at \$70) and is "Wings and Wedges". The one day workshop (November 2 @ \$35) is "Moths and Moons". Due to unknown circumstances, we are in a "wait and see" mode at this time. You will need to pay for your class to hold your spot. The checks will not be deposited until the workshop is confirmed. If the workshops are cancelled, your check will be destroyed.

Jane stressed to read updates on Program information in your newsletter, online or through emails.

Botanical Center: Clayton Peterson announced there will be a quilt display at the Botanical Center November through January. He is asking Guild members for a topic for the display and would like to feature the quilts that were to be in the 2020 Quilt Show. A couple topics suggested include “Mini 2020 Quilt Show” and “Finished for COVID”. If you have any topic suggestions, please let Clayton know. There will be 30 quilts on display for 3 months. If you would like to display a Christmas present/quilt design, it can be on display until Christmas and another quilt could take its place for the remainder of the show.

Introduction of Speaker: Jill Fisher of Pie Lady Quilts presented her lecture and trunk show “Every Quilt Has a Story”. Jill explained why she is called the “Pie Lady” and entertained us with her quilt stories that brought a tear to your eye and a smile on your face.

Name Tag drawing was held and show and tell was presented.

Diana announced the dinner tonight with Jill will be at “Go Fish” in Princeton and everyone is invited. Please let Diana know if you will be attending.

The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Deere-Wiman Home.

Meeting adjourned by Diana Engelbrecht.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane St. John