

January 2024 Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Business Meeting

January 11, 2024, Kiln Library Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm by President Jean G. Twenty-three members were present.

Past President Therese S announced that we need two or three volunteers to perform an audit of 2023 guild financial transactions. Jill W and Liz F volunteered. Treasurer Sharon B will provide audit guidelines. The audit report should be completed by the end of February. Therese then turned the meeting over to President Jean G.

Jean welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for patience and help as she settles into her new position.

Minutes: Minutes of the December 2023 meeting were distributed to members via email. Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Martha S, seconded by April H. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Sharon B

December 2023 Treasurer's Report presented by Sharon.

An updated check signature card has been submitted for new President replacing outgoing President. Treasurer incumbent continues for 2024.

Vice President: Ida M Ida noted that there was high participation for the January Block-of-the-Month. She reviewed the Calendar Quilt BOM program, reminding everyone that each month a quilter will make a block that reflects the month of the business meeting. Block size, pattern, fabric, etc, is chosen by the quilter. Quilters who show their completed Calendar Block for that month will be entered into a door prize drawing. Completed Calendar Quilts will be displayed as a special exhibit in our 2025 quilt show with separate Viewers' Choice prizes awarded.

The January 25th program will be a trunk show by Charlotte T followed by sit-and-sew. On February 22nd we will all work on portions of the Opportunity Quilt as directed by chair April H. On March 28th, Peace by Piece will provide a program, with kit, and maybe a product demo. Ida asked for future program suggestions.

Membership: Sherrie Q We have 47 members carried over from 2023 with seventeen 2024 renewals received. Several members brought their dues up to date during the meeting.

Newsletter/Website: Debra L Debbie is collecting pictures and information for the January newsletter. She has edited the newsletters and guild minutes on our website for privacy. Member names are first name followed by last initial, and treasurer reports no longer contain financial data. An updated 2024 membership form has been uploaded.

The archive area on the website, where info from past years is stored, cannot handle any additional sections. Consequently, Debbie is creating separate pages for Business Meeting Minutes, Newsletters, Block of the Month, Program Meeting Projects, and Sew-N-Draw Projects going forward. Documents from the archive page could migrate to the new individual pages, but that's going to be a slow process.

Debbie will post information on the 2025 quilt show and opportunity quilt as it becomes available.

Charity Programs: Louise H Louise read a thank you note received from the Armed Forces Retirement Home. She currently has 2 completed quilts and one that needs to be quilted for the home. She also has a lap-sized girl's quilt donated by Sue C. Louise is in the process of looking into a homeless shelter for teen girls in Slidell as a possible outlet for charity quilts. She is still looking for the contact's name for the Women Veterans of the Vietnam War. Gretchen F inquired about the status of Brenda's House, a previous beneficiary of Bay Oaks charity quilts. Several members related that BH no longer houses foster children; its current focus is outreach and counseling.

OLD BUSINESS

GSQA Traveling Teacher: Marsha R Current enrollment is 18; we have 2 open slots for the January 22nd class.

Beckwith Retreat (August 15-18, 2024): Therese S She heard from Beckwith and our deposit of \$800 is due now. (and has been paid) Double occupancy will be \$357 and single will be \$435. She will start collecting money in April. Anyone wishing to break up payments can make three payments of \$119 or \$145 in April, May, and June. She asked if anyone else would be interested in the job of retreat coordinator. Crickets....

End-of-Year Charitable Donations: Jean G Quilt show donations were \$352.80 each to the Hancock County Animal Shelter and the Ladies of Liberty of Slidell. In 2024 the same amount will be distributed to qualifying charities. We collected \$235 at the Christmas party for the Hancock County Food Pantry.

St. Joseph Abbey Retreat, March 5-8, 2024 The cost of the 3 1/2 day retreat is \$475.50 or \$65 daily rate (no overnight stay, three meals). Michele M is currently signing up Bay Oaks members. We need a minimum of 15 for the retreat. There are 8 quilters lined up who are not guild members, so the retreat should be a go.

GSQA Quilt Show and Rosebud Luncheon: Therese S The guild will provide 2 baskets for this year's GSQA quilt show luncheon/auction (April 6th). Therese, Ida, and Sharon went to Willow Creek Quilt Shop in Vicksburg and purchased items for both baskets at the going-out-of-business sale. They spent \$39.78 for one and \$40.14 for the other. The pre-sale value was \$99.46 and \$115.86, so it was quite a bargain. If you have items to add to the baskets, please get them to Therese by January 26th, as she will deliver the baskets to GSQA on the 27th.

The next GSQA meeting is January 27th in Mobile at the Fellowship Hall of Regency Church of Christ, 501 University Drive, Mobile, AL. 36609-2915.

The GSQA quilt show is April 12th and 13th at the Harbor Center in Slidell. Entry registration per quilt is \$15 for GSQA members and \$20 for non-members; a photograph of the completed quilt top must accompany each registration.

Quilt intake for the GSQA show:

a. Quilts may be delivered Friday April 5, 2024
9am to 4pm only
1752 Nellie Drive
Slidell, LA. 70458

b. Quilts may be mailed between Feb. 26, 2024, through March 25, 2024,
via USPS, UPS, or FedEx c/o:

Therese S
8338 Kahala Drive
Diamondhead, MS 39525
springerstc@icloud.com

c. Quilt delivery will be accepted from *9:00 am – 12:00 pm* at:
Rosebud Luncheon
Pinewood Plantation Country Club
405 Country Club Blvd
Slidell, LA 70458.

Therese needs help transporting quilts from her house to the Harbor Center in Slidell on Monday, April 8th, no later than 8 am.

NEW BUSINESS

February Pre-Business Meeting Luncheon Dempsey's Seafood, 6208 Kiln-Delise Rd, 11 am. Ida will make reservations.

Sew 'n Draw: Michele M The next Sew 'n Draw will be February 17th, Kiln Library Meeting Room, 9am - 3pm. The pattern is Shattered, a freebie from the Fat Quarter Shop, using Mardi Gras colors with a white background. Michele will provide information on how much fabric to bring at the February business meeting. It can be Mardi Gras colors or MG fabric. Future Sew 'n Draws will be in May, July, and September.

UFO Challenge: April H She distributed a form for the UFO submission list, also previously sent to members via email. The list must be submitted to April by the February business meeting. Projects **must** be started to qualify, but guild projects and Sew 'n Draws from 2024 can be added.

2025 Quilt Show Opportunity Quilt: April H The quilt is queen-sized. April wants to have the quilt finished by the July 2024 GSQA meeting; we will be able to display the quilt there and sell tickets. She is getting teams together to coordinate construction and wants all members to participate. Teams and leaders-

1. Corners- Drunkard's Path Magnolia, 14" square. Kay G
2. Bird blocks- Marsha R
3. Convergence Blocks- April H
4. Tree- Ida M
5. Final Construction- A future OCD volunteer
6. Borders- someone precise who has yet to volunteer
7. Embroidery and embellishments- Michele M
8. Center Heron- Charlotte T
9. Quilt-?
- 10.- Binding and Hanging Sleeve-?

April will provide a sort of "road map" of the quilt top, sketching it out with block lines drawn in and dimensions.

Drawing for Calendar Quilt Block Participation: Winner, Liz F

Door Prize Drawing: Gretchen F

Show and Tell: Lots of shows and Therese S announced that she has the stars from the library Christmas tree if you want to pick up the star(s) you donated for the tree.

Motion to Adjourn, 2:18 pm by Michele M, second by Martha S

Respectfully submitted by Kay G, Recording Secretary, January 11, 2024