

February 2024 Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Business Meeting

February 8, 2024, Kiln Library Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by President Jean G. Twenty-two members and one visitor were present.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 2024 meeting were distributed to members via email. Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Sue C, seconded by Charlotte T. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Sharon B

January 2024 Treasurer's Report presented by Sharon.

Vice President: Ida M

The Program Meeting on February 22nd, April H will lead members as they work on various parts of the opportunity quilt. April will send out a sign-up for members to indicate which groups they will work in: Corners, Bird Blocks, Convergence Blocks, etc. April has the material. Bring sewing machines, cutting items, and ironing items. If sewing, bring neutral thread.

The Program Meeting on March 28th, Peace by Piece will present a program on a 10 degree ruler, demonstrating making: a table runner, a new border, and a tree skirt. An example of a table runner using this ruler is at <https://cutloosepress.com/products/zig-zag-runner-pdf-pattern>. Peace by Piece will have fabric and the rulers (around \$30) available for sale at the meeting. Members should bring scraps of fabric.

- Marsha R has offered to teach a class April 25th on a new cathedral window technique.

This is based on a free pattern available at <http://loandbeholdstitchery.com> (Scrappy Windows Quilt-Along) Marsha is developing a supply list to construct an 18" pillow top.

Membership: Sherrie Q We have 47 members carried over from 2023 with 29 members renewing for 2024. Three members brought their dues up to date during the meeting. It was discussed that the Bylaws state that a person must become a member of the Guild on their third time attending a Guild Meeting.

UFOs: April H April collected UFO lists from members for 2024 and started to check off any during Show and Tell.

Newsletter/Website: Debra L Debbie is collecting pictures and information for the February newsletter. For the website, she has created separate pages for Business Meeting Minutes, Newsletters, Block of the Month/Calendar Quilt, Program Meeting Projects, and Sew-N-Draw Projects going forward. She has also replaced the 2019 Quilt Show pictures with 2023 Quilt Show Pictures. April H was to send some pictures of the 2023 Show being set up. Debbie will put those pictures on the website as soon as possible.

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

Charity Programs: Louise H Louise read thank you notes received from the Armed Forces Retirement Home, the Slidell Ladies of Liberty, and the Hancock Food Pantry for quilts, food, and monetary donations.

OLD BUSINESS

Audit Guidelines: Jill W and Liz F

Jill W and Liz F previously volunteered to do the audit for the Guild. Treasurer Sharon B has provided audit guidelines and went over the guidelines with Jill and Liz after the meeting. The audit report should be completed by the end of February.

GSQA Traveling Teacher: Jean G Since the January 22, 2024 GSQA Traveling Teacher Class with Cindy Grisdela was canceled due to illness, Sharon has written and delivered check reimbursements to members who paid for the class at the meeting. Marsha R (absent) will be stepping down as GSQA Traveling Teacher Coordinator. We need a volunteer to take over. There was a discussion on what are the duties of a GSAQ Traveling Teacher Coordinator. We need to find out if a document exists stating these duties.

Beckwith Retreat (August 15-18, 2024): Jean G The deposit of \$800 has been paid to Beckwith. Double occupancy will be \$357 and single will be \$435. Sharon B will take payments starting today. Anyone wishing to break up payments can make three payments of \$119 or \$145 in April, May, and June. Therese S (absent) previously asked if anyone was interested in assuming the responsibilities of the Beckwith Retreat Coordinator. There was a discussion on what are the duties of a Beckwith Retreat Coordinator. We need to find out if a document exists stating these duties.

St. Joseph Abbey Retreat, March 5-8, 2024: Jean G The cost of the 3 1/2 day retreat is \$475.50 or \$65 daily rate (no overnight stay, three meals). The Retreat is full. If members wish to attend for a day, they need to contact Michele M (absent).

GSQA Quilt Show and Rosebud Luncheon: Jean G The guild will provide 2 baskets for this year's GSQA quilt show luncheon/auction (April 6th). If you have items to add to the baskets, please get them to Therese S.

NEW BUSINESS

Rena K's Archives: Rena K's family is almost ready to let the Guild go through Rena's quilting things. We want to recover the Guild's historical archives because she was the Guild's previous Archivist. There was a discussion on what to look for: photos of quilts, thank you notes, newspaper clippings of the Guild, notebooks of items, Guild Minutes, etc. What items do we keep and how long do we keep them? We need to find out if a document exists listing what to keep and how long. Therese S has some archival items. Gloria B might know – we need to check with her.

Sew 'n Draw: Jean G The next Sew 'n Draw meeting will be February 17th, Kiln Library Meeting Room, 9am - 3pm. The pattern is Shuttered, a freebie from the Fat Quarter Shop, using Mardi Gras colors with a white background. Michele M (absent) wants members to bring 2 fat quarters of Mardi Gras fabric to the Sew'n Draw meeting. It can be Mardi Gras small patterns or solid Mardi Gras colors. Michele will bring the background. A sign-up sheet was passed around to fill in a member's job preference. Members should bring the tools they need for that job.

Luncheon rendezvous in March: Jean G Jill W suggested Panola's Café on 603. She will make a reservation for 11:30 am for 12-15 people.

Drawing for Calendar Quilt Block Participation: Winner, Liz F

Door Prize Drawing: Winner, Bonnie D

Show and Tell: A few quilts shown – some really old!

Motion to Adjourn, 2:10 pm by Jill W, seconded by Pam B

Respectfully submitted by Debra L, Recording Secretary, February 9, 2024