

April 2024 Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Business Meeting

April 11, 2024, Kiln Library Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by President Jean G. Twenty-one members were in attendance.

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

Treasurer Report: Sharon B

Membership: Sherrie Q We have 35 paid members. Sherrie has been experimenting with printing membership cards and will have updated ones available soon. One visitor attended the meeting- Liz F's sister Mary, the knitter, from Oregon.

Vice President: Ida M

Thirteen people attended the March program.

Marsha R will 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 emailed a supply list to construct an 18" pillow top. She suggests you watch the YouTube video on Scrappy Cathedral Windows from Lo & Behold Stitchery. Since some members can't remember receiving the supply list, Kay will resend it to all members.

May- Slash the Stash. Bring scraps from your stash to share as we sew a table runner (largest piece is 6 x 8). We'll "shop" from each other's stash with the caveat that everything we take must be used at the program meeting. Each participant will also need ten 1" WOF strips for sashing. Ida M will lead the class. After the program we will work on fidget quilts.

June 27th- how to make a rope bowl taught by Liz F. Liz will provide a supply list at a later date.

July 25th- Michele M will demo how to do the attic window technique. She asked if anyone has an attic window quilt to please let her know.

Quilt Show Update- Sue C

Sue passed around a volunteer list for quilt show committees, and reminded us that she's relying on everyone to do their part. If a specific job doesn't appeal, there are opportunities for floaters- who will fill in where needed. Renting the St. Rose Holy Spirit Center for three days in 2025 will cost \$1000. This is an increase from previous years, but the price had remained stable for a long time. We are already getting a discount because Therese is a member of the church. Michele M moved that the guild pay \$1000 for the venue; Pam B seconded. Motion carried. A deposit of \$300 is due soon.

There was no update on the opportunity quilt.

Newsletter/Website: Debra L

Debbie L was not at the meeting, but Jean G floated the idea of having a separate retreat page on the web site. There was general agreement.

Charity Programs: Louise H

Louise announced that we will work on fidget quilts after the May program meeting on May 23rd. Louise will bring a sample to the April program and May business meetings. She asks members to bring embellishments for the quilts. (beads, ribbons, zippers, etc.) We'll need to make a lot of these little quilts and it may become an ongoing project.

Historian: Jill W

Jean reminded us that a discussion at the March business meeting circled around moving toward a digital guild archives, but further investigation was punted to the board. The board agreed that it is desirable not to rely on one person having custody of a physical archive. Many guild documents and photos already exist in digital form. Debbie L previously suggested that the guild purchase a 5T hard drive for the digital archive. She also recommended a file structure similar to that of the website to organize the archive. The board approved the purchase of a 5T hard drive at around \$120, pending a members' vote. Charlotte T moved that the guild purchase such a hard drive; Martha S seconded. Approval was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

GSQA Traveling Teacher: Kay G

GSQA is bringing travelling teacher Cindy Grisdela back in April of 2025 to finish out the classes and lectures that were cancelled this year due to her illness. Bay Oaks is tentatively scheduled for a class on April 7, 2025. We need 20 people to sign up for the class to be held. A decision is needed by April 13th. If the guild decides not to have the class, it will be offered to other guilds at the April 20th GSQA meeting. There was no interest in rescheduling the class in 2025; Kay will so inform GSQA. Sharon reminded that Cindy still has our \$100 deposit. Kay will ask about the procedure for getting a refund from Cindy.

GSQA Quilt Show: Therese S

The GSQA quilt show is April 12th and 13th at the Harbor Center in Slidell. The show is about a third hung. A line of storms blew through Slidell on April 10th, and the Harbor Center lost power. It is hoped that power will be on by 8 pm April 11th. If it does, hanging will resume at 6 am April 12th. Show opening may be delayed by an hour or so. Any volunteers should report at their assigned time.

Sew 'N Draw: Michele M

The next Sew 'N Draw will be Saturday, May 25th at 9am in the Kiln Library meeting room. The pattern is Lady Luck, a freebie from Robert Kaufman. It will finish at 66" x 80". The background will be blue- Michele will provide that. Participants should bring 2 1/2" strips.

Arts Alive!: Martha S

The dates for this year's Arts Alive! in Bay St. Louis are April 13th and 14th. Martha has not signed us up yet, due to a lack of volunteers. She especially needs people for Sunday. There was a general agreement that the guild should make an effort to participate in AA every year, not just when we have an opportunity quilt. This segued into a discussion on whether the guild should become a member of The Arts, Hancock County, the group that organizes Arts Alive! Sue C moved that we become a member of The Arts, Hancock County; Ida M seconded. Sharon B reminded us that membership would be an annual commitment. Kay G said there were several tiers of memberships, and it is uncertain where we would fit. Martha volunteered to contact The Arts and find out more.

Beckwith Retreat: Therese S

Therese is now collecting signups and money for the August 15 - 18, 2024 retreat. The cost is \$357 for double and \$435 for single. Payment can be all at once or in three installments- April, May, and June. Our deposit to the retreat center is due in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Party: Sue C

The Christmas party will be on December 12, 2024 at the Kiln Library meeting room. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet will be circulated a month before the party. There will be some version of Dirty Santa.

Name Tags: Sharon B suggested that future name tag kits include a 2-part magnet. One half would attach to the name tag and the other would lay beneath a shirt, providing pinless attachment. Bonnie D, who assembles the name tag kits, said she would be happy to include whatever we decide to eventually purchase.

May Pre-Business Meeting Luncheon- Fajitas Mexican Restaurant, 16331 MS-603 #3, Kiln, MS 39556. 11:30 am. Therese will make reservations.

Drawing for Calendar Quilt Block Participation: Winner, Sue C

Door Prize Drawing: Winner, Louise H

Show and Tell:

Louise H- Fall Table Runner, and Lasagna Quilt

Pam B- Scrappy String Quilt

Chris J- Child's Quilt from Cheater Cloth

Motion to Adjourn, by Jill W, second by Liz F

Respectfully submitted by Kay G, Recording Secretary, April 12, 2024