

May 2024 Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Business Meeting

May 9, 2024, Kiln Library Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President Jean G. Twenty-nine members were in attendance.

Jean welcomed two new members, Suzie V and Florence P.

Minutes: Minutes of the April 2024 meeting were distributed earlier to members via email. Kay G, Secretary, provided an update on the status of deposit refund from the cancelled travelling teacher class. The \$100 deposit was applied to the cost of the teacher's hotel room and dinner, for which the guild was responsible. Consequently, we are financially clear with teacher Cindy Grisdela. Motion to accept the minutes as amended by Sue C, seconded by Martha S. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Sharon B

Jean reminded everyone to give any checks or money for guild activities to the appropriate chairperson, i.e. membership, retreat, ticket sales, etc.

Membership: Sherrie Q We have 42 members in good standing.

Vice President: Ida M

□ 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 stashes 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 suggests we could join four or so of these runners to create quilts for the Kiln library staff. After the program we will work on fidget quilts. Louise H, Charity Quilt Chair, requested that we bring snaps, buttons, zippers, crinkle fabric, and other interesting things to sew onto the fidget quilts. April H suggests that whatever we put on the quilts be washable.

□ June- Liz F will teach how to make a rope bowl. We'll need at least 50 ft. of rope.

Clothesline is softer, but you can also order the stiffer 7/32" Evandale rope on Amazon. If you want to cover your line with fabric, use one inch bias strips and bring coordinating thread.

□ July- Michele M will lead the group in making attic windows blocks with a Christmas in July theme. She asks if you have an attic windows quilt, please bring it to the program for ideas.

Quilt Show Update- Sue C

April H displayed the center of our 2025 opportunity quilt. Michele M will now add hand applique features. Then Marsha R will add the bird blocks. April thinks it would be nice to feature the names of everyone who had a hand in creating the quilt on the back. Perhaps they could be embroidered or signed like an album quilt in Micron pen. There was general agreement that this is a good idea.

Sue needs volunteers to handle show publicity. Kay has done publicity for past shows and has templates for show fliers, posters, post cards, and bookmarks that she will share along with information on past procurements and after action reports. Michele M volunteered to arrange television publicity.

Marsha R and Florence P also volunteered to work on show publicity. It was acknowledged that all members have opportunities to publicize the show.

Newsletter and Website: Debra L

Debbie continues to work on the newsletter and website and will update both after the business meeting.

Guild Archives: At the April guild meeting, members voted to purchase a 5T external hard drive to further our goal of a digital archive. An approximate price of \$120 was set. Debbie said she will visit Best Buy and research brands of drives that can interface with both Mac and Windows computers. There was a brief discussion about possibly using the guild's cloud account as a transfer point for digital files. Debbie said she would prefer to receive any digital archive files as email attachments.

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" batik strips. (8-10 WOF strips in cool, clear colors. No orange and limited yellow.) She passed around a sign-up sheet for work assignments.

Arts Alive!: Martha S

No update.

Beckwith Retreat: Therese S

Therese is now collecting signups and money for the August 15 - 18, 2024 retreat at the Beckwith Retreat Center in Magnolia Springs, AL. 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.

Chris J collected money today in Therese's absence.

Christmas Party:

The Christmas party will be on December 12, 2024 at the Kiln Library meeting room. Last year's party was from 11:00 am til 2:00 pm. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet will be circulated a month before the party. We will once again have a Dirty Santa gift exchange of handmade items.

Bonnie D said that name tag magnets are now available and asked everyone who already has a name tag to get one from her. New name tag kits will contain one. The magnets replace pins, lanyards, and other means of displaying name tags.

June Pre-Business Meeting Luncheon- Dempsey's Restaurant, 6208 Kiln Delisle Rd, Kiln, MS 39556, 11:30 am. Sharon B will make reservations.

Drawing for Calendar Quilt Block Participation: Winner, Charlotte T

Door Prize Drawing: Winner, Gretchen F

Show and Tell: Many, many beautiful quilts were displayed by members.

Motion to Adjourn at 2:25 pm, by Pam B, second by Sue C

Respectfully submitted by Kay G, Recording Secretary, May 10, 2024