

October 9, 2025, Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Business Meeting Kiln Library Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:11 pm by President Florence P. There were 17 members in attendance.

Present 2025 Board:

Florence P, President

Therese S, Vice President

Sharon B, Treasurer

Liz F, Secretary

Absent—

Louise H, Charity Quilts

Debra L, Newsletter Editor and Website Administrator

Sherrie Q, Membership

Minutes - The minutes of the September meeting were accepted and approved. Motion made by Michele M and seconded by Martha S. Motion carried.

Vice President's Report Programs:

Beckwith Retreat — Florence led a discussion on whether to book Beckwith for next year since Beckwith wanted a deposit in September- Susie V checked an Episcopal retreat center, and it was over \$600.00. Michele M checked with the Abbey and found the guild could book Oct 6-9, 2026. No pre-deposit with a rate of \$492.00 per person for private rooms with bathrooms and meals included. An option is not doing the lodging which would then be \$75.00 per day with meals included. Limited to 20 people and if 20 don't show, the guild can cover with other people or pay the difference. Liz F was asked to email all info on both retreats to guild members, and the Board requested that the email specifies that each member respond before the program meeting scheduled on October 23rd.

October 23rd — Diagonal Zip Bag, commonly known as a Hemingway Bag presented by Liz F. Liz showed the members two examples of the bag. A materials list was emailed to members.

Membership: Florence P for Sherrie Q

Our membership is currently at 48 paid members and one honorary member.

Newsletter & Website Administrator: Debra L - absent

Debra is always in the process of uploading pictures and keeping the website current with the Newsletters, etc.

Charity Quilts: Louise H

Louise H had Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 9 am to 2 pm scheduled in the Kiln library to work on donation quilts. 5 members were present and the guild determined with the few pillowcases that some members sewed at home that we are about at half of our goal (67). The pillowcases are for residents of Dunbar Village, possibly for Christmas. There are approximately 60 residents at maximum, two-thirds are women and one-third are men. Susie V asked if a decorated pillowcase was acceptable and if it's washable it is.

Fidget Quilts — Please note all materials must be washable.

Kennel pads should be washable, measuring 24 inches by 24 inches or 24 inches by 48 inches for the cages.

Members can continue to sew the various items and turn them in at a meeting or sooner to another guild member if possible.

Marsha R is to check on ordering more Guild labels for the quilts.

Old Business

Librarian Quilts - There are 4 quilts to be donated to the librarians by the November Business Mtg. One quilt came in from Sue C, one from Florence P, and one from Therese S/Kay G. Gloria B donated a quilt top that Bonnie D graciously volunteered to quilt and finished it as well. Michele M and Susie V both stated they would donate quilts which would bring the total number of quilts to 6. All quilts need to be finished and brought to the November Business Meeting. Four quilts will be chosen from all the quilts to be given to the librarians in December.

Sew 'N Draw — Michele M

Sew 'N Draw will be on Saturday, November 15th. The members will be working on a free pattern by Donna Jordan named Beads. Michele wants to work in winter colors.

Charm Square Swap - Squares were due to Therese S by this October business meeting to be redistributed at the November meeting. It was discussed to create a challenge next year using the swapped charm squares and thus having a section for these at the 2027 quilt show. It was noted that members did not have to participate in the charm square swap to participate in the low volume challenge as they may have their own collection of low volume squares to use.

On a different note, there was a discussion about the Vice President splitting some of the duties of creating challenges so she would not be trying to come up with monthly ones while working on yearly ones.

New Business:

Hospitality Chair — Since some members do not respond to the electronic birthday wishes being sent it was decided that the Guild would buy cards and mail them to the membership. Marsha R volunteered to take this task over from Judy F as Marsha will be the new 2026 membership chairman and will have all the addresses.

The Guild expressed its appreciation to Judy F for the generous donation of approximately 150 fat quarters for the GSQA fat quarter rose favors for the meeting held in July with a gift card presented to her by Therese S.

2027 Quilt Show Florence P

Florence asked members again to think about volunteering to be the next Quilt Show Chairperson. No Volunteer yet.

Submissions for Charity Donations from 2025 Quilt Show Proceeds

Florence told members that the 2025 Quilt Show had a modest profit. Half of that profit is always donated to charitable organizations over the next two years. The last two organizations were the Friends of the Animal Shelter and the Ladies of Liberty. The organizations can be outside of Hancock County. Case in point — The Ladies of Liberty are in Louisiana. Members had questions on the 501c3 status of the organizations they had in mind. Florence and Sharon B told members that each suggestion would be evaluated on its own merits, i.e., past donations have gone to school bands which do not have 501c3 designations. All forms to be reviewed are due in by November so the guild can make the selections.

2026-2027 Board Election Process

We only need a volunteer be to the Guild's Secretary. Kay G volunteered to be on the nominating committee and seek a volunteer for the position.

Filled 2026 Positions to date:

President - Sue C
Vice President — Therese S
Treasurer — Liz F
Webmaster / Historian — Debra L
Charity Quilts — Louise H
Membership / Hospitality Chairman — Marsha R
Sew 'N Draw — Michele M
UFO's — Susie V
Retreats — Therese S

April Holifield and Jill Whipple are the Audit Committee for fiscal year 2025 to be done after the December statement is received by mid-January 2026.

Circuit Teacher

Michele M is the liaison for GSQA and stated she is checking as to what percentage of our guild membership belongs to the regional organization to be able to book a circuit teacher. More to follow at the next meeting.

Outside Educator — Florence P reported that Nina Clotfelter has classes of several types ranging from \$675.00 for a 6-hour class or \$475.00 for a 3-hour class. The guild will provide food and mileage. Sue R volunteered to check into it and see what is available and when.

Changing the Guild's By-Laws

Florence led a discussion on changing the By-Laws to allow staggered 2-year terms so that the Guild would not need a whole new Board every year. This was prompted by a letter sent to the Board by Marsha R. The letter was e-mailed out to Guild Members to read. There was a lively discussion among the members present.

By-Laws may be amended by complying with the following procedures:

- Presenting proposed change(s) in writing to the Executive Board
- The Board will then present the proposed change(s) to the members at the next business meeting and via the newsletter one month prior to a final vote.
- Proposed change(s) will be voted on at the next business meeting. To be approved the change(s) must be passed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.

Marsha's letter fulfills Step 1. The Board presented a discussion of Marsha's letter before the members at the September Business meeting. Debra L e-mailed Marsha's letter to Guild members right after the September Business Meeting. This fulfills part of Step 2. This discussion will continue. After much discussion it was determined that the Board should come up with a specifically worded proposal that is clear to all members and then put it to a vote.

Library Christmas Tree — We will once again participate in the decorated Christmas Tree contest.

Several sample ornaments made by a few members included: A folded Christmas Tree, similar to a folded napkin tree but on a smaller scale, multifabric strip cutouts, mini quilt blocks, mini rope coaster resembling a peppermint candy, and an ornament made with 6 yo-yo's with a jingle bell attached. These were passed around, and Martha S challenged each member to come up with an ornament (or 2, or 3) to decorate our tree. It would be nice to have a variety to show what we do. Bring the ornaments to the November business meeting as the tree gets decorated by the end of November. Please Note: For every ornament you make for the tree and bring to the November Business Meeting your name will be entered in a special drawing for a prize.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party luncheon was discussed with Martha S providing a cost of \$480.00 for it to be catered by a local company. Since there are some with food allergies Martha will check on a revised menu that is good for everyone. There were some objections to the caterer providing dessert, but it was also mentioned that members may still be able to bring desserts if they wish. Martha will check to see if there is any price difference. We will still need paper goods and beverages. The quotes from both Rouses and Claiborne Hill consisted of just their price sheets and none of it was set up or delivered so hence the decision was to go with the caterer.

Dirty Santa items should be handmade and at a minimum cost at least \$20.00. Items could be purchased from craft fairs and do not have to be quilted.

Arts Alive — Wednesday October 15th — 5-8 pm at the Depot in Bay St Louis

Members of Arts Alive will have booths offering their creations for sale. Our Guild will have a booth and we will have demonstrations. Per Martha S, there will be no electricity so bring some handwork and come sit a spell!

Door prize won by Michele M.

Door prize for the month of December will be a free 1 yr membership. A member must attend the December Business meeting to be eligible to win.

Lunch Before November Meeting: Meme's, Hwy 603, Kiln

October Show and Tell

Sharon B — Opportunity Quilt won by Sharon Barnes from the Melon Patch Guild

Sharon B — Parrots in the Mango Tree (blue) with Tote to store it in

Sharon B — Parrots in the Mango Tree (white)

Liz F — English Paper Pieced Needle Minder, Music Note Finished Quilt

Sue R — Stained glass wall hanging, Freedom Banner

Martha S — Pinecone Pillow

Judy F — Chinese Lanterns

Pam B motioned for the meeting to adjourn seconded by Sue C. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Liz F, Recording Secretary, October 12, 2025.