

Business Meeting Minutes, 11 October 2018

Sharon Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Tonight's meeting was facilitated by board members Sharon Barnes and Venessa Saucier.

First order of business was acceptance of previous meeting minutes. The group decided to accept the minutes as previously distributed to the membership. Approval to accept motion made by Marge Sandy. Fay Kellar seconded. All voted in favor.

Next was the treasurer's report. Sharon Barnes reported that the current balance was \$3454.51, a decrease of \$372.85 since last report. Expenditures include: \$85 for raffle tickets, \$80.84 for postcards, \$24.07 for labels, \$52.34 for sew-n-draw, and \$130.60 for web site/domain renewal.

Sharon Barnes gave the membership report on behalf of Jean Anderson as 43 members, with our new members being Pam Williams and Ann Curry. Ann was in attendance at the meeting and introduced herself. She is a new resident of Diamondhead from the Hattiesburg area. She is a new quilter, currently taking classes at Joanne's in Hattiesburg once per month. Warm welcomes were exchanged and the guild enjoyed home baked cookies that Ann's husband baked.

Next topic of discussion was distribution of the guild's tri-fold brochures. It was recommended that we bring some to the Waveland Walmart fabric cutting counter (Sharon had asked and they were receptive to it), and possibly distribute some at each of the branches of the Hancock Library systems. It was also discussed/recommended that we have some available on table when we do opportunity quilt ticket sales on 2nd Saturdays.

Venessa Saucier gave the **Quilt Show update**. For the benefit of the newer members present, she explained the quilt show entry criteria (encouraging all to enter their quilts, especially those from guild programs as well), and she also explained how the proceeds are used. Venessa Reported that most committee heads have been filled, with the exception of jobs coordinator. She reported that those who did not elect or get a chance to sign up to lead a committee could still be of help working shifts at stations during the show.

Venessa was asked about the Hoffman Challenge (and whether we were going to host it again), an item she had forgotten about and will check on the availability and report back to the guild, marking it as a follow-up item.

Marge Sandy reminded members that it is fall, a great time to separate plants for the plant sale. She noted that some sort of cheap pot (even the black nursery ones) seemed better suited (and sold better) than plants in baggies, etc. Sharon mentioned that dollar tree often had little suitable multi-packs ideal for this purpose. Marge also requested that plant donors provide the name of the plant and any information they may have about it along with their donation to help with questions. Key information could include: name of plant, does it bloom, info on water / sunlight required, how big does it get, etc. At minimum, a name to google will help!

Sharon asked about passing out gloves at the door at the show like they did at the Pine Belt show. We usually have gloved docents, but did not do this at our last show (from memory). Members agreed that we should consider distributing gloves to show patrons.

The idea of a “scavenger hunt” was brought up for the quilt show. Having a list of elements to find in the quilt displays may keep young ones busy and offer a fun way for all to really stop and appreciate the details in the quilts. Venessa noted this idea for implementation.

Another member recommended that those entering table runners in the show should put the sleeve on the short end, as this would allow more room to group/hang them on display.

Chris Jarrell announced that she has opportunity quilt tickets and post cards. We have fewer post-cards to pass out using discretion. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Tickets are stapled in bundles of 6 (\$5 increments). Members are encouraged to return money and stubs as you sell them, to avoid loss.

Lastly on the show: Venessa encouraged submitting entries as soon as possible, to give planners an idea of number and size distribution. She will send out quilt show entry form soon.

Second Saturday ticket sales was discussed and the availability of a tall enough tent for the quilt. Venessa has an easy up tent (probably not the ideal height desired), but offered it up if needed. We will follow-up with the President to find out if the guild has found a tall enough tent to procure for sales. Also, the location availability was brought up, due to some realtor/property signs in our usual area for 2nd Saturday. Chris Jarrell said she would speak with her hairdresser who operates downtown to see if the property owner would allow as an alternative (unknown). It was also mentioned that the porch of the office building (architect’s office) was used in the past, though not ideal...perhaps that could be an option. Will need to follow up with the President/rest of board, as this topic had been discussed, to see if any alternatives/resolutions have already been found.

Next on the agenda was to formally approve/vote on the nominations committee members: Nominees were Gloria Burlette, Kathy Newton & Rena Krol. Faye Kellar made the motion to accept these nominees as the nominating committee for 2019 officers, Marge Sandy seconded the motion. The membership voted unanimously to accept this committee.

Gloria Burlette gave a report on behalf of the newly elected nominating committee. The committee is actively calling and soliciting members for nominations to fill the offices of President and Vice President for 2019. A brief explanation of duties of each office was given. Gloria reported that so far they have one potential nominee for Vice President. They will continue their efforts to identify nominees to sit a board in time for our December elections. Members may self-nominate to the nominating committee.

Sharon announced that the upcoming program night is the Zippered Project Bag by Michele Martin. She also announced that programs were already lined up for January – March (which may be of interest to a VP nominee) and are as follows: January – jelly roll rug, February – POE project (TBD), and March – Ruler holder & Press tote bags.

Sharon announced that our Starry Trails Opportunity Quilt won 3rd Place in the Pine Belt Quilt Show, earning a ribbon and a \$50 award to our treasury.

Sharon asked for a Chairperson for the Christmas Party. The venue is reserved, we just need to follow up with payment of \$50 to the POA. This Chairperson will coordinate the food signups and set up of tables/challenge. Gloria Burlette volunteered to take this position.

Venessa explained the Christmas party festivities for the benefit of new members in attendance, to include the charity drives for the food pantry and quilts for Brenda's house as well as the ugly fabric challenge.

Faye Kellar made a motion to the guild to provide a reimbursement to Gloria Burlette for printer ink, as she prints the charity labels, as these are ink intensive and cartridges are costly. Gloria stated that the guild has been paying for the printable fabric, which is easy to keep separate and dedicated for "guild only" use. However, she had been reluctant to ask reimbursement of ink, as that is not something that is easily separated from personal use. Faye noted that Gloria has been printing these for quite some time now and motioned that we offer a one-time reimbursement on the next cartridge purchase. Marge Sandy seconded the motion. The membership agreed and voted in favor. Sharon instructed Gloria to present receipts when she purchases new cartridges for reimbursement.

Marge Sandy donated a \$20 Block Therapy gift card for tonight's door prize drawing. This was a door prize a friend won at the quilt show who would not otherwise use it. Sharon had our "captive teen", Ryan Saucier, come over and draw a number for us. Gloria Burlette was the lucky winner.

At 7:08, Marge Sandy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and proceed with show-n-tell. Faye Kellar seconded.