

November 13, 2025, Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Business Meeting Kiln Library Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:05 pm by President Florence P. There were 23 members in attendance with one guest.

Before the meeting got under way Gretchen F stepped forward to recognize Venessa S and Bonnie D for their service in the US Armed Forces.

Present 2025 Board:

Florence P, President

Therese S, Vice President

Sharon B, Treasurer

Liz F, Secretary

Debra L, Newsletter Editor and Website Administrator

Absent —

Louise H, Charity Quilts

Sherrie Q, Membership

Minutes - The minutes of the October meeting were accepted and approved. Motion made by Sue C and seconded by Michele M. Motion carried.

Sharon B stated that she added an addendum to the Treasurer audit to read that the audit should be done by the Business meeting in February following the receipt of the bank statement in mid-January, as the January 31st date does not allow enough time.

Vice President's Report Programs:

Beckwith Retreat - The members voted via an email poll (10 Beckwith, 9 Abbey). whether to return to Beckwith for the August 2026 retreat. After much discussion (noting that a non-member voted), it was decided to return to Beckwith. The Board had recommended that the guild not pay the required deposits but to gather it from those attending in case of forfeiture. Martha S made the motion to pay the deposit(s) as usual, and Therese S seconded the motion. A vote was put forth and there were 13 for and 5 against with some members not voting. If for any reason there is a possibility of not achieving the desired number of 20 for the retreat, the guild decided to deal with it at that time, if it ever arose.

Therese S returned 14 sets of **Low Volume Squares** to members participating in the swap. For our 2027 Quilt Show it was discussed to have a Low Volume challenge whereas any member can participate and present their quilt in the 2027 show and win a prize.

January 2026 – White Elephant booth. The guild was contacted by a family wishing to donate their relative's unfinished projects etc. Therese S suggested this might be good for the white elephant sale. Each member can also bring items they wish to sell and suggested that each member donate an item for the guild table, of which the proceeds from that table go to the guild.

Membership: Florence P for Sherrie Q

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

Newsletter & Website Administrator: Debra L

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

Charity Quilts: Louise H - absent

Fidget Quilts – **Please note** all materials must be washable. Waveland Elementary is also in need of fidget quilts.

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

Pillowcases for Dunbar Village. Jill W and Pam B secured a donation of 40 pillowcases from their employer, Original Sewing & Quilting, which should meet the goal of 60-70 with what the guild has already. Approximately a third of the pillowcases should be for men. It was decided the guild will provide candy canes to attach to the folded pillowcases with ribbon at the Guild Christmas Party where members can “wrap” them. Sharon B will donate candy canes and Liz F has the ribbon.

Casa Donations – 11 quilts were donated to Casa. Bonnie D donated 6, Sue C 1, and a fellow church member of Debbie L's donated 4 tops, that were finished by Liz F. Sharon B and Liz F brought all the quilts to Casa after the meeting.

Members can continue to sew the various items and turn them in at a meeting or sooner to another guild member if possible. Batting for the charity quilts was purchased by Florence P who was reimbursed by the guild \$95.01. Bonnie D requested the batting as she has been quilting a lot of the donated quilts. Marsha R ordered quilt labels.

Old Business

Librarian Quilts - There are 4 quilts to be donated to the librarians by the November Business Meeting. A total of 5 quilts were collected and most likely one of those will go to Casa, later. The librarians will be presented their quilts at the December party.

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.

2027 Quilt Show — Florence P

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

Florence P brought up the idea of checking out another venue for the guild’s quilt show to see if we could save some money, and Debbie L stated her church might be able to accommodate and she and Therese S will pay a visit and see.

Submissions for Charity Donations from 2025 Quilt Show Proceeds. A total of 4 requests were made for the charity donations, 2 received in October and 2 at the November meeting, which is the deadline. The four charities are: Slidell Ladies of Liberty, Friends of the Animal Shelter (Hancock County), The Bay Ratz (drum corps), and COTA (Children’s Organ Transplant Association). The Board presented the idea that instead of splitting the entire amount to be donated to each charity into two payments (one each year) that it could be made in one payment and thus the year-to-date balance of funds would be exact. Members instead decided to still distribute over two years as there may be different charities submitted next year that were not submitted this year. The paperwork would have to be filled out for a donation each year regardless if that charity received a prior donation or not. Since the amount was slightly uneven, the visitor Rachelle M, donated \$20.00 to round it out. The guild had half of the quilt show proceeds equaling \$1,980.00 and Rachelle M, stepped forward to contribute \$20.00 to equal a total of \$2,000.00, \$1,000.00 for each year, thus \$250.00 per charity this year. What charities will receive the other half of the funds will be determined next year and the proper application will have to be submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

2027 Opportunity Quilt – Kay G previewed the 2027 Opportunity Quilt Design and passed the design for all to view. It is a medallion design surrounded by blocks with coastal themes. Kay is hoping to buy fabric in December and have kits created to distribute to members hopefully by January as the quilt needs to be done before July. Many, many, thanks to Kay for her time and talent! We will have more updates as the quilting progresses.

2026-2027 Board Election Process – Martha S Volunteered to be the Guild Secretary for 2026. A Motion was made by Debbie L and seconded by Ida M to hold the elections in November rather than December so that the guild would be able to change signature cards in December prior

to the meeting in January with the New Board. As there were no contenders for any positions the motion carried. The new Board for 2026 was unanimously elected.

President – Sue C
Vice President – Therese S
Secretary – Martha 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, Michele M

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

Circuit Teacher

Outside Educator – Kay G collected info on some classes and passed the information around and asked members to indicate which ones they were most interested in and Nina Clotfelter seemed to be their preference.

Library Christmas Tree – 10 members turned in their homemade ornaments for the Guild Christmas Tree and Sharon B won the participation prize. The Tree will be decorated on November 20th (Thursday) 10:00 at the library. Therese S, Martha S, Liz F, and Sharon B volunteered to set it up.

Monthly Challenge for 2026 – Ida M presented an idea for doing a volunteer monthly challenge where each month those wishing to participate will make the small project for that month and bring it in a bag where no one can see it and you will draw a number and receive someone else's. She requested that different guild members present the project for their month, that they signed up for, at the month prior. Approximately 8 months were spoken for by members. August, October, November, and December remain to be taken. Ida took January where the project will be a mug rug and she showed members some examples.

Christmas Party - December 11, 2025 – 11:30 am

The Caterer for the party is including the plates and dinnerware, and we will need to provide cups, possibly napkins also. Susie V will donate tablecloths, Michele M will bring lemonade, Sharon B will bring Tea, Florence P will bring cups and decorations (Therese S also has decorations), while Chris J will bring Ice.

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.

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

Door prize won by Martha S.

PLEASE NOTE – The Library has reassigned us to Tuesday Meetings for the month of February, March, and half of April due to Tax Season.

November Show and Tell

Kathy K – David's T-shirt Quilt

Pam B and Jill W – Vests: Sewing for a Cause

Florence P – Flowers for my Niece

Therese S – UFO – 4 Patch / HST, Red Rain Boots, Puppy Love

Sharon B – Bee Comfy Bee Cozy (quilt and bag), Hugh B's Quilt

Martha S – Appliqued Trees (Block of the month)

Bonnie D – 6 Different Plaid Charity Quilts

Liz F – 4 Charity Quilts, Halloween Quilt, Diagonal Zip Bags

Ida M - Diagonal Zip Bag

Martha S motioned for the meeting to adjourn seconded by Chris J. Meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Liz F, Recording Secretary, November 16, 2025.