

**October 2024 Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Business Meeting**, October 10, 2024, Kiln Library Meeting Room  
The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by President Jean G. Seventeen members were in attendance.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the July 2024 meeting were distributed earlier to members via email. Motion to accept the minutes by Martha S, seconded by Pam B. Motion carried.

**Membership:** We have 45 members in good standing.

**Vice President: Ida M**

- October 24th- Quilt-O played with 2 1/2" strips. Sharon's husband will call the game. There will be a max of four cards per person per game, with a max of five games. So participants should bring (20) 2 1/2" WOF strips of good quality fabric, if they plan to play four cards per game.
- The guild Christmas party will be on December 12th, 11 am until 3 pm at the Kiln library. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert and a homemade gift for our Dirty Santa game.

**Newsletter and Website: Debra L**

The newsletter is a work in progress and will be distributed as soon as information from today's meeting is incorporated.

**Quilt Show Update: Jean G**

We will not show the quilt or sell tickets at October Second Saturday due to congestion and road closures from Cruisin' the Coast. A question arose about the guild arranging for a "Square" credit account to facilitate and encourage both ticket sales and show attendance/boutique sales. April H said that we could also post a link on our website and social media accounts for online ticket sales. She uses a Square account in her business and says it is relatively inexpensive and easy to use. Sharon said she would contact our bank for details. Jean said that we will consider getting a square account after the 2025 show.

**Charity Quilts and Other Donations: Jean Garrison**

Marsha R collected quilts from members and sent them to a church in North Carolina for distribution to hurricane Helene victims. Ida said she had shipping information if anyone else wants to send quilts. Jean showed a pet crate quilt made by cutting up a commercial bed quilt and hemming the edges. Quick and Easy. Barbara S reminded us that any crate quilts for the Hancock County Animal Shelter must be 24" x 24" or 24" x 48." Gulf States Quilting Association will collect pillowcases for storm victims at the October 19th meeting in Gulf Shores. If you're not attending the GSQA meeting, you can give your pillowcases to Therese S, April H, or Susan V by October 16th.

Jean then led a discussion about the guild making a monetary donation for Helene hurricane relief. As all 2023 quilt show charities and amounts are already established and earmarked, additional charitable donations will come from the treasury. Pam B moved that the guild make a donation of \$1000 for hurricane Helene relief. Debra L seconded. The motion passed. Possible named recipients were Samaritan's Purse, The Cajun Navy, and World Central Kitchen. Ida moved that we donate to Samaritan's Purse; Bonnie D seconded. The motion passed. Susan V commented that there may be controversy surrounding Samaritan's Purse. After a brief discussion, there was no further motion or vote.

### **Beckwith Retreat 2025: Therese S**

The 2025 Beckwith Retreat dates are August 14th through 17th. Campers can arrive on Wednesday if they choose and pay for an additional night's lodging. However, the first meal provided will be Thursday lunch. Our business meeting, originally scheduled for August 14th, will be rescheduled.

### **Circuit Teacher Class with April Holifield- Fabric Painting: Kay G**

The class tentatively will be held at either the Kiln library or the Diamondhead Community Church on February 15, 2025. There is a \$35 kit fee for each student. April H says she can take a maximum of 25 students. There will be a signup sheet at the October program and November business meetings. Class samples should soon be available on the GSQA websie.

### **Kiln Library Closed on Saturdays, starting November 1, 2024: Jean G**

Starting November 1, the Kiln library will be closed on Saturdays. This means we may have to find an alternate location for our Sew n' Draws and occasional all-day classes. Martha S spoke to the Kiln library staff and was reassured that we can check the key out from the library on Fridays before our Saturday activities. Jean said she was told we would have to find another time on the library's calendar. Debra L spoke with the Diamondhead Community Church and said we could use their Fellowship Hall, but maybe not on February 15th. To be continued...

Jean checked with the library after our meeting, and we will be able to obtain the key for the meeting room on Friday for Saturday Sew n' Draws and/or classes

### **Kiln Library Christmas Tree Celebration 2024: Martha S**

In the past our guild has decorated a Christmas tree for the library's annual tree gala. This year the theme is "A Claus for Celebration." April H moved that we participate; Martha S seconded. Martha has a 3 foot tree with lights. We will need to choose a pattern for the ornaments and work on them after the November business meeting.

### **Nominating Committee for 2025 Officers: Jean G**

Jean asked for volunteers for this committee. Three positions are open for 2025: President, VicePresident, and Secretary. Liz F volunteered to be Secretary. Therese S, Liz F, and Kay G volunteered to form the nominating committee.

**November Pre-Business Meeting Luncheon, November 14th - Dempsey's**

**Drawing for Calendar Quilt Block Participation: Winner, Jean G**

**Door Prize Drawing: Winner, Chris J**

**Motion to Adjourn at 2:20 pm, by Barbara S, second by Jill W.**

Respectfully submitted by Kay G, Recording Secretary, October 11, 2024.