

Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Business Meeting, March 14, 2019

President Joy Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. There were 29 members present. New member Corey Arndt introduced himself and told us about his journey to quilting. Joy thanked Ann Curry's husband for providing cookies this evening.

Secretary Kay Guillot read the minutes from the previous meeting. They were approved without revision with a motion by Gloria Burlette and a second by Michele Martin.

Treasurer Sharon Barnes reported a balance of \$4,554.12 in the guild's bank account. Deposits of \$135 for memberships, \$320 in opportunity ticket sales, and \$387 for Beckwith retreat accumulated in February and early March. Expenses included \$36 for show bookmarks, \$100 deposit to St. Rose for the quilt show, \$50.92 for GSQA raffle basket, and \$50 membership to The Arts, Hancock County.

Jean Anderson said we now have 41 members.

Vice President Sue Chamberlain laid out an addition to the program schedule for upcoming months.

- July Program- Kim McKeithen from Coastal Sew and Vac will show us how to clean and oil our machines to keep them running great. Members should bring their sewing machine.

Venessa Saucier, quilt show chair, said she has one more position to fill in advance of the show- that of jobs coordinator. This person keeps track of where everyone should be at a given time and ensures that important spots like admission, ticket sales, docents, and demonstrations are properly manned at all times. She also reminded us that ads and registration forms are due by April 11th.

Venessa has t-shirt samples for us to "try on" before ordering a Bay Oaks shirt. She would like to submit a single order, and a discussion followed about when the order deadline should be. We decided on April 11th.

All quilts in the show need a hanging sleeve and a label on the back of the quilt. Directions for the sleeve were in the March newsletter. Labels can be temporary or permanent but should at least contain the name of the quilt, the maker's name, and the date it was completed.

Sue Rountree suggested we charge more for entry into the show this year. Since the publicity has already gone out, we'll keep it at \$3. We can discuss increasing the admission cost after the show.

Kim Sawyer asked when we should bring our plants for the quilt show plant sale. The answer was the day of the show.

Chris Jarrell reported on opportunity quilt ticket sales and passed around a list to sign up for Arts Alive! on March 23rd and 24th. We will have a canopy and a table. There will also be power available. They would like us to be demonstrating something "quilty" while we're there. Chris also reminded us that there is one space left for the Friends of the Animal Shelter High Tea.

Marge Sandy reminded everyone that UFO lists were due at this meeting. She has picked the pattern for Sew & Draw on May 25th. Everyone attending should bring 3 fat quarters in "soft colors" for the top. She passed around a picture of the quilt.

Kay said that twenty people have already turned in their first deposits for the Beckwith retreat. The next deposit is due at the May business meeting. Michele announced an opportunity to retreat at Red Rooster in Cullman, AL June 18 - 22. The cost is \$375 and a \$50 deposit is to be paid directly to RRR.

Joy referenced a recent article in the Sea Coast Echo indicating that Brenda's House is moving away from housing foster children. Sue Rountree contacted BH and learned that they still want quilts, only now they also need quilts for younger kids, even infants. Reunification with the family will be done at BH, and this is a perfect occasion to give them a quilt. There are two other programs in the county that could benefit from charity quilts:

1. Prenatal High Risk Maternity Program assists with teen pregnancy and follows the mothers and babies to one year old.
2. First Step Program follows children at risk or with special needs from birth to three years old.

So we now have a broader range of quilts that we can make. Sue R. will look into ordering small soft labels for these quilts. Michele indicated that NICU blankets Magnolia Quilters make for Memorial Hospital are usually 36" x 36." Sue R. said Renee Hoeprich told her we're welcome to get fabric from her charity guild, Wasted Women, in Baton Rouge to use for our charity quilts.

Joy announced that a question had recently been raised about whether we need a method to notify guild members in the event a meeting is suddenly cancelled, as happened in January. Possible methods could be a group text or phone tree. The general consensus was that this has only happened once in the last thirteen years, so let it ride for now.

Sue Chamberlain drew the winning ticket for our complementary blocks. Ida MaCuick won the blocks. Sue then discussed value and tones of color using yellow fabric squares as an illustration. Next month's block will be a Monkey Wrench (Churn Dash, Hole in the Barn Door) in triadic colors.

Jean Anderson discussed the March 23rd project in Ava Craig's stead. She passed around examples of the finished product, the pattern, and some fabric core boards. She also took the names of anyone who wants to order the pattern before the class. A supplies list was distributed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm following a motion by Debbie ? and a second by Kathy Kleppner.