

Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Business Meeting, September 12, 2019

President Joy Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm. There were 23 members present and one guest. Tanya Parsons, a former member, dropped by to visit and consider re-joining. She enjoys repurposing fabrics and learning new and innovative methods.

Marge Sandy moved that the minutes of the August meeting be approved as published. Martha Slee seconded. All present approved.

Treasurer Sharon Barnes reported an August balance of \$7175.41 in the guild treasury. Income of \$493 came from Beckwith fees. Expenses were \$7170 to Beckwith Retreat Center for the balance of the 2019 retreat, \$800 to Beckwith as deposit for the 2020 retreat, and \$149.75 reimbursement to Venessa Saucier for webpage and domain renewal through 2020.

Membership chair Jean Anderson reported that membership is holding steady at 44 active members in the guild. Guild pins are now available.

Vice President Sue Chamberlain was absent, so Joy presented program information. September's program is a jelly roll rug or placemat with Marsha Robertson. October will be Charlotte Timmons and her animal collage technique. There will be no program meetings in November and December. Marge Murphy (Bailey) will teach a class at the September 21st Sit & Sew on trapunto technique. Students should bring a quilted fabric sandwich for the lesson. Class will likely be over by noon, but S & S continues through 4 pm.

Sue Chamberlain has reserved the Diamondhead community center for our Christmas party/business meeting on December 12th. Challenge quilts inspired by a song from the 1960's will be displayed and voted on at the party. Challenge quilts don't have to be quilted. Let Sue Chamberlain know the name of your song no later than the November business meeting. There will be a matching game as well as a viewer's choice ballot.

Revisions to the guild bylaws were discussed at the August business meeting and published in the August and September newsletters. Joy called for a vote on the bylaw changes. Martha Slee moved the changes be accepted; Faye Keller seconded. The members approved the bylaw changes in a voice vote. The new bylaws will be posted on the website.

The board will appoint two volunteers to audit the 2019 guild treasury. They will examine the treasurer's records and meeting minutes to ensure expenditures were approved and deposits are accurate. Anyone interested in volunteering should let Joy know.

Three local organizations were nominated for charitable donations from quilt show profits:

- Friends of the Animal Shelter- nominated by Ida Macuick
- Slidell Ladies of Liberty - nominated by Sue Rountree. This organization regularly sends boxes of toiletries and snacks to deployed military members.
- Pride of Hancock Band Boosters- nominated by Venessa Saucier. Former member Ryan Saucier is a member of the band. The booster club helps finance instruments, travel expenses, choreography, and are looking to purchase a trailer for away games and competitions.

Members approved donating to all three organizations for 2019. Secretary Kay Guillot gave a brief history of previous guild donations to prompt and inform a discussion on whether the 2019 show profits of approximately \$2400 would fund donations in both 2019 and 2020 or simply the current year. After a

brief discussion Therese Springer moved that we donate \$400 to each of the three organizations and that no quilt show profit-related donations be made in 2020. Gloria Burlette seconded. A voice vote of members approved the motion.

In August the guild decided to host the July 2020 Gulf States Quilting Association meeting in Long Beach. The presenter at the meeting will be Charlotte Angotti, and she will be teaching a mystery quilt class the Friday before the meeting, July 24, 2020. Therese indicated the class will cost \$45, and attendance is limited to 25. Students will use kits provided by Ms. Angotti, and Therese asked what members would be willing to pay for those kits. An example was \$100 for a wall hanging sized project. The majority of the group agreed to set the kit price at \$150 for a total cost of \$195 for the class.

Marge Sandy proposed that the theme for the July 2020 GSQA meeting be Halloween in July. We can hand out Halloween gift bags, decorate with Halloween themed quilts, and collect other Halloween paraphernalia when it goes on sale after 2019 Halloween. We could maybe even dress in costume. Everyone agreed this is a good idea.

Gyleen Fitzgerald is the GSQA travelling teacher for 2020 and will be in the area from October 5th through October 17th, 2020. At the August 2019 meeting, members agreed to host a class. Therese said that October 14th and 15th are available. Members chose October 14, 2020 for the class. Therese is circulating a list of classes to choose from. She asked for a volunteer to coordinate Gyleen's visit to our guild; Marsha Robertson volunteered.

Kay reported that 26 quilters attended the August Beckwith retreat, and that refunds were obtained for those who couldn't make it. The dates for the 2020 retreat are August 13 - 16.

Joy asked for a volunteer to coordinate the food and setup for the Christmas party. Martha Slee volunteered. We also need three volunteers for the nominating committee. Appointments will be made in October.

Chris Jarrell won the September blocks of the month. Sharon Barnes presented the October block of the month which utilizes a focus fabric and light, medium, and dark coordinating fabrics.

Marge reported that Sew and Draw was a success. Sue Rountree won the top and displayed it to members. The February 1, 2020 Sew & Draw will use Halloween fabrics. This way we may have one more Halloween quilt to display at the July 2020 GSQA meeting.

Nell Ducomb, Kiln library branch manager, indicated that starting in 2020 the library will be scheduling library-sponsored events the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month. So our Sit & Sews, Sew & Draws, and other events will need to be scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Joy reminded us that we could also schedule activities at other Hancock libraries, if necessary.

Tanya Parsons won the door prize.

Therese reminded everyone about the Magnolia Quilters Quilt Show on 9/13 and 9/14 in Biloxi.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm following a motion by Marge Sandy and a second by Martha Slee.