November 2024 Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Business Meeting, November 14, 2024, Kiln Library Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Vice-President Ida M. Twenty members and one guest were in attendance.

Minutes: Minutes of the October 2024 meeting were distributed earlier to members via email. Motion to accept the minutes by Martha S, seconded by Therese S. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Sharon B

Sharon met with Hancock Bank to discuss the possibility of Bay Oaks utilizing a point-of-sale credit app for opportunity quilt ticket sales and other quilt show-related income. The cost would be \$10 every month plus 13% of each transaction. Additionally, someone would also have to manage the account. A physical "Cube" would be even more expensive (17%) and limited to one phone at a time. The bank advised that any increased sales likely would not cover related costs. The members agreed this is currently too expensive.

Membership: Sherrie Q

We have 44 members in good standing. She will collect 2025 dues of \$15 at the Christmas party and the January business meeting. Members are expected to sell at least \$20 worth of opportunity quilt tickets.

Vice President: Ida M

- The guild Christmas party is scheduled for December 12th. Ida passed around a sign-up sheet to keep track of the number and types of food, paper products, and beverages members will bring to the party. Setup will be at 11:30, allowing time for the library story time program to wrap up. There is apparently some confusion about the Dirty Santa gift exchange. There is no limit on the dollar value of the handmade gifts.
- The January program on 1/23/25 will be a sit and sew making charity quilts for hurricane Helene victims. They will be distributed by 5 Little Monkeys Quilt and Sew in Weaverville, North Carolina.

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: Sue C

Sue asks that every guild member enter at least one quilt in the show. Chris J received permission from the Hancock County courthouse to sell opportunity quilt tickets on their front lawn every Second Saturday. There is electricity available, and Kathy K offered to provide a light setup on December 14th. Sharon said that people start showing up early, so starting our ticket sales at 2 pm would be a good idea. Members who want to work that day should contact Chris.

Circuit Teacher Class with April H - Fabric Painting: Kay G

The class will be held at the Kiln library meeting room on February 15, 2025. There is a \$35 kit fee for each student to be paid on the day of the class. April H says she can take a maximum of 25 students. Sixteen members have currently signed up for the class.

Nominating Committee for 2025 Officers: Jean G

The nominating committee (Therese S, Liz F, and Kay G) said that no one volunteered to be President or Vice-President for 2025. There was a general discussion about the duties of President and Vice-President and each member's responsibility to contribute. Officers for 2025 are:

Secretary, Liz F; Treasurer, Sharon B; Membership, Sherrie Q; and Newsletter/Website, Debra L.

Announcements:

Susan Rademacher, incoming president of Mississippi Quilt Association would like to see more participation in MQA from quilters in southern MS. To that end, the 2025 Spring Gathering will be February 7-8, 2025 at the Hattiesburg Convention Center.

Sherrie Q said that Charlotte T has been ill and would likely appreciate everyone's best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Marsha R announced that a friend of a friend is having a de-stashing sale on November 15th, 16th, and 17th at her home on Swan Lake Road in Gulfport. Most fabric will be \$4 to \$5 per yard; there will be some pre-cuts and fat quarters as well as quilting books. Please bring cash and text her before arriving. Debbie will send out the phone number.

Ida has been contacted by Picayune Piecemakers to see if Bay Oaks will help host the January GSQA meeting at the Harbor Center in Slidell, LA. After a brief discussion we decided to table it until the December meeting.

Kiln Library Christmas Tree Celebration 2024: Martha S

Several members stayed after the business meeting to stuff transparent ornament balls with scraps of fabric, ribbons, glitter, buttons, and other trims to decorate a tree for the Kiln library's annual tree gala.

Drawing for Calendar Quilt Block Participation: Winner, Kay G

Door Prize Drawing: Winner, Ida M

Motion to Adjourn at 1:56 pm, by Sherrie Q, second by Kay G.

Respectfully submitted by Kay G, Recording Secretary, November 18, 2024, 2024.