

Friendship Know Quilters' Guild January 20, 2014

The Friendship Knot Quilters Guild January meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Karen Clark at the Sarasota Mennonite Church. Karen welcomed members and guests. Karen encouraged everyone to check the tables at the entrance for shows and events and to support other guilds. Many guilds within driving distance are having their shows, and the Venice Guild will be having their Quilt Show March 8 and 9. The Manatee Guild Quilt Show will be held March 7 and 8. Please show them our support.

The new Board had their first meeting. Lots of preparation for upcoming activities are being planned. The Winter Retreat will have a good turn-out with about 30 registered to attend this point. Mary Nissen reported there is a lot planned for the "camp."

Past President, Cass Bowen, was thanked again for her continuing help to Karen and the guild and was recognized by members giving her a basket of fat quarters and selvage edges.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Linda Swanson was so busy welcoming new members and guests that she did not have a count for tonight's attendance. This will be reported next month.

Library: Anna Vaughn: There are some books for sale: Buy one, get one free.

Class Registrar: Faith Reynolds: Classes are booked up through April. New policy for those who find they can no longer take a class they have signed up for. Policy now is to go to the website, find the class you are registered for, go to the Roster and see if there is awaiting list. If so, contact the person at the top of the list. If you do not hear back from them in a reasonable amount of time, call the next person on the list. Make arrangements for them to pay you for the class, and then email Gayle Hages and Faith Reynolds and tell them the change that has taken place.

Also, starting in November, people attending the classes must provide their own lunch, snacks and drinks. A lunch for the teacher will be provided to them.

Newsletter: Karla: This month's deadline is January 24th.

Library: Anna: The library is having a BOGO sale tonight (Buy one, get one free).

Habitat for Humanity: Anne McCunney is happy to accept quilted table runners, placemats, etc. for this cause.

Historian: Donna Bowdoin, new member, is now our Historian. She will be taking pictures and has plans to organize the collection we already have.

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Cottage Groups: Long-time Volunteers Caroll Jenkins and Carol Brown are stepping down as co-chairs of this committee. Volunteers who are interested in taking over this position please let them know.

Kidz Quilts: The guidelines for Kidz Quilts are on the website. Carol will quilt the tops if you get them to her. Batting and backing are appreciated but not necessary. This is an ongoing charity.

Public Relations: Please tell Pam Morris if you have news of yourself or a friend winning an award so she can write it up for the Kuddos section of the newsletter.

New Members: 25 were at Der Dutchman for dinner tonight. Please call Lynn Purple by 3:00 if you plan to attend so the tables can be reserved for the correct number of people.

Quilt Show: Lynn Purple gave a quilt show update. A judge has been chosen and other progress is being made. Still need more volunteers are needed for the various committees. (Remember, Lynn “knows where you live!!”)

Boutique Baskets: Karla announced the big change to the boutique. Instead of the usual boutique items made by members, we are trying something new. There will be “themed baskets”—beautifully displayed baskets with a variety of themes will be prepared in order for raffle tickets to be sold for them. Karla and Mary have made a list of suggested ideas which can be made by individuals, friends or cottage groups. They have researched this at other guild shows and found it to be very successful.

Challenge Rules: Pam Morris described the rules for making a small quilt with the challenge fabric. By the end of the night, all the fabric had been purchased.

Small Quilts Auction: Cass gave the dimensions required for the small quilts, and asked everyone to participate. She would like a minimum of 50 quilts for each day of the show.

Education:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. Everyone was asked to use the restroom or if unable to stay for the program, to leave now. Karen asked that cell phones be silenced.

Program: Kim Sherrod introduced tonight’s speaker, Bonnie Hunter, who gave a very interesting and impressive program titled: Adventures with Leaders and Enders.

Show and Tell: Many lovely quilts both from Bonnie Hunter’s classes and other quilts members have been working on were shown and enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Slocum,
Secretary

