

Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild

May 16, 2016

President Karen Clark called the meeting to order at the Bahia Vista Mennonite Church at 7:00p.m. Karen welcomed members and guests, and thanked the "Material Girls" cottage group for acting as hostess tonight.

Comments: The Newtown Library exhibit was very well received and could become an annual event. Kudos went to Cass Bowen, Joy Abbott, Marcia Slocum, Jann Warfield and Karla Lynch for taking down the quilts on Friday, April 29th.

The 3rd annual Female Veterans' Retreat is seeking 25 quilts to be donated Sept 29 – Oct 2. Contact Karen Clark for information.

All members were encouraged to check the table in the entry hall for news.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April meeting were approved and accepted as published.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: The April Treasurer's report was approved and accepted as published.

1st Vice President: Jann Warfield has officially taken over this position from Elva Farrell. Jann spoke about her experience attending the Gulf Coast Educators' meeting of program chairs. A directory of regional teachers is being developed. Please contact Jann by email if you are a quilt teacher and would like to be included in the directory.

2nd Vice President: Ellen Simon/Librarian announced that an inventory of FKQG library books will soon be available on-line for access by guild members. Art Quilters Unlimited announced a quilt challenge: "Surprising Sarasota". Challenge rules will be presented at the June FKQG meeting, including how to turn a Sarasota photo into a quilt. The July meeting will be a team challenge to complete a quilt top in an evening. Registration forms and challenge information was distributed.

Past President: Cass Bowen is collecting small quilts for the quilt show silent auction booth. She also spoke about the quilts that have been donated for the oncology unit at SMH. Cass received a thank you note from the nurses on the oncology floor, saying how much the quilts have been appreciated. Thirteen quilts were received tonight. Iron-on labels are available from Cass at the meetings. Cheryl Szykanski is quilting the oncology quilts for free – she asked that your quilt batting and backing exceed the top by four inches all around to enable her to mount it on her long arm machine.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Carrie Burden announced attendance tonight at 115 including 9 guests, with total membership at 323. Carrie displayed a light blue sweater which was left at the April meeting. Please contact Carrie if it is yours.

Newsletter: Deadline for newsletter submissions to Jane is May 23.

Class Registrar: Elva Farrell reported that Joe Cunningham's November classes have been moved to a larger classroom, and therefore have some new openings. There is still space in Jerry Stube's Labyrinth class in October.

Photography: Darlene Schwartz, guild photographer, photographed Show-and-Tell. FKQG has a new projector - thanks to Jann Warfield for procuring it. Plans are to have photos from the Show-and-Tell from the previous meeting shown monthly in a "slide show" on the overhead screen.

Habitat for Humanity: Three table runners were received.

Kids' Quilts: Twelve quilts were received tonight.

Website: Photos are being updated.

Quilt Show: Elva Farrell announced that the raffle quilt, coordinated by Susan Ott, is finished and has been delivered to the quilter. Tickets will be distributed by Dawna Basl once the quilt has been completed. There are three ways to earn a free ticket to the quilt show: (1) exhibit a quilt; (2) sell \$20 worth of opportunity quilt tickets; (3) volunteer to work at the show. 50% of the vendor space at the show has been reserved.

Sue Balazs is asking for donation of new items to be used as door prizes. She will have a collection box available at Guild meetings.

Karla and Mary are looking for basket ideas – let them know your ideas, and get your items gathered together now for the basket auction. The basket auction was a big money-maker for the Guild last year.

Old Business: Elva Farrell reported the summer retreat: “Witch Way to Sew” is sold out.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Elva Farrell introduced quilt artist/teacher Mickey Lawler – “The Confessions of a Blanket Lady”.

Show and Tell followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Delores Simpson, Secretary