

Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild February 16, 2015 General Meeting

President Karen Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. At the Bahia Vista Mennonite Church. After welcoming the members and guests she thanked the Scarlett's Cottage Group for being hostesses tonight. Karen suggested everyone "reach out, and touch someone new" to welcome them to our guild. Members and guests were reminded to check the table in the entry hall for quilt related happenings.

The **Minutes** of the January meeting have been posted to the website, they were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: The budget is on the website and it was approved last month. Joy is also our quilt show treasurer. (Much appreciated!)

2nd Vice President, Mary Nissen announced there are, at this point, 7 overnight campers and 9 day campers signed up for the **Winter Quilt Retreat at Daysprings** in Ellenton. Tonight is the deadline for signing up and member may sign up after the meeting. This is a great time to finish up projects or start a new one!

Membership: Linda Swanson reported there were 13 guests tonight, 7 new members and 292 total members. Those who have not paid their 2015 dues by now will be deleted from future email announcements.

Quilts for Cruisers: Cass announced quilts are welcomed and much appreciated for this ongoing charity. As a reminder, please make the quilts about 36"X36".

Challenge Quilt Event: Updated information given.

Newsletter: Karla—the deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is February 24th.

The library: is open tonight: Our librarian, Anna Vaughn, announced she will be moving to Ohio. Everyone applauded the contributions she has made to the guild over the last several years! Ellen Simon has volunteered to be the new Librarian.

Habitat for Humanity: Ann Greene said there will be 10 – 12 new houses Habitat will be getting ready for families: Table runners are donated to this organization, if anyone is interested in contributing their handiwork to this charity.

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Public Relations: Pam Morris will be reporting lots of news after the quilt show!

Website: The website is working great and looks beautiful!

New Members: Lynn Purple announced there would be more road trips coming up in April. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a good time and get to know one another better!

Outreach: Lynn Purple gave a presentation about quilts to over 60 people at Robb and Stuckey's furniture store in Sarasota this past month. Many members loaned their quilts for this fabulous presentation.

Quilt Show: The quilt show is right around the corner and Lynn, Jamie and Ann gave an update. Everything is falling into places. Lots of volunteers are needed.

Quilt entries are to be dropped off at Kay Consigny's house on Saturday, February 21 between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm.

Sue Balazs is continuing to collect items for door prizes. Challenge quilt: Members voted tonight for their favorite quilt; results are as follows: 1st Place: Christine Holden, 2nd Place: Cass Bowen, and 3rd Place: Elaine Chapman. Congratulations to them and good luck at the quilt show!

Mini-Quilt Silent Auction: Cass will be accepting small quilts up to the set-up day and Robarts, so keep working if you have one to finish.

Block Auction: Pat Sefton reports there is an excellent selection of quilt blocks being turned in.

Quilters Haven has donated for raffle, a 12 pound Husqvarna- great for traveling.

The Girl Scouts will be given a discount at the door if accompanied by their guardian and wearing their uniform

Set-up day_ May bring quilt magazines, bound with a string in sets of 5.

OLD BUSINESS: The Three guild Challenge-- Karla Lynch and Rose Ryan explained how this will work and details are in the newsletter.

Bylaw Review Committee: Three volunteers are needed to work on this Please email Karen if you are able to help out with this project.

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Audit Committee: Two people are needed to review the treasurer's books.

NEW BUSINESS:

Valerie Goodman, our instructor coming in May: Since there isn't enough interest in one of the classes, the Education Committee has decided to substitute that class with her Black, White and Gray class. Please see the newsletter for more information.

Show and Tell will follow adjournment of the business meeting.

The program tonight is by Jane Davila. She has given some excellent classes the last couple of days and we thank her!

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Slocum
Secretary