

## **Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild September 15, 2014 General Meeting**

President Karen Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Bahia Vista Mennonite Church. After welcoming the members and guests she thanked the Fantasy Quilters who served as the Greeters tonight. Everyone was reminded to be sure and check the table in the entry hall for news and announcements of quilt related events. Sign up for the 2015 classes began before the meeting tonight. There is quite a good and varied selection of classes that the Education Committee has selected.

The Minutes of the August meeting have been placed on the website. There were no corrections, and therefore they stand approved as published. The June financial report is completed and will be on the website this week.

**Education:** Elva Farrell has been working on updating the Education Job Descriptions and they have now been finalized and will be available upon request. These will be extremely useful when new members take on these positions so they know exactly what their job entails and will help with a smooth transition. The positions that have been updated are: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Registrar, and Hostess Coordinator. In addition, Gayle Hages, the Hostess Coordinator, along with Elva Farrell will be offering a Hostess Workshop at 6:15 PM prior to the October meeting next month. It will be a requirement of the 2015 hostesses to attend this meeting to learn what is involved in being a hostess for a class. In addition, volunteer hostesses may not hostess for more than 2 classes per year, unless there are holes in the schedule.

**2nd Vice President,** Mary Nissen reported that the pillowcases for Kids with cancer (Konker) were very successful! 213 pillowcases have been completed and 50 more are in the process of being completed.

**Quilts for Cruisers:** Cass Bowen has collected many quilts for the police cruisers to keep in their trunk to give to a child in the case of having to remove them from a home. Hopefully this will be a small gesture of kindness and help to comfort the child. There are 129 cruisers, so please keep them coming—36" X 36" is the size and they are to be put in a 2 ½ gallon ziplock bag.

### **Committee Reports:**

Membership: Linda reported that we have 321 total members, 125 present tonight and 6 guests.

Class Registrar: Class registration is going well and she will stay for a short time after the meeting if people would like to sign up.

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Habitat for Humanity: More table runners for the new houses they will be building this year will be most appreciated if you want to make one for this wonderful organization.

Historian: Donna will be taking photos of the Show and Tell quilts tonight.

Friendship: Please let Bev know if there is anyone in need of a Get Well card, etc.

Kidz Quilts: There is a report in the newsletter that is very impressive. Check it out.

Public Relations: Let Pam Morris know if you or anyone else deserves "kudos" for any quilt related awards or special accomplishment and she will put it in her newsletter column.

Website: The new pictures are up and rotating and look great!

New members: Lynn Purple is having a Sew-In at her house on Friday morning at 10:00. Please let her know if you will be there! Last time 32 people came, only 8 had signed up.

Quilt Show: Hand dyed bags are being made to be sold with the used magazines and books at the quilt show. Directions are available for making the bags out of white fabric if you would like to contribute to this. Used magazines should be tied together in sets of 5. Consignments will be taken in for the show. They must have a starting value of at least \$25.00. The guild will be keeping 20% of the sale price. Please turn the forms for these items in by February 6. Mini quilts are still being collected for the Mini Quilt Auction. Goal is to have 50 small quilts for each of the two days of the show. Items for the raffle baskets need to be turned in by the November meeting. Goal is to have 25-30 beautiful baskets to raffle off. Tickets for the Raffle/Opportunity Quilt and Sewing machine are available for pick up at the meetings. All members are asked to buy at least \$25.00 worth of tickets and then sell them to your friends and family. Registration forms for Quilt entries are also now available at each meeting.

**Old Business:** Pet Beds: Jane Sanks has an article in the newsletter. Please refer to that for information about the first meeting, which is scheduled for September 26 from 1:00 to 3:00.

**New Business:** The same group who went to an assisted living several months ago where they were received so well, have agreed to go to another facility. They will bring several of their quilts to show to some of the residents who have an interest in sewing and quilting. Bette Behana, Sue Balazs, Delores Simpson, Cathy Lane and Jann Warfield are all "on-board" to do this community service project.

Elaine Chapman and Sandy Snow will be selling tickets for the opportunity quilt at Feather Princesses.

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Elva introduced the 2015 classes and thanked Faith Reynolds and her team for making the displays for the classes. Information about the teachers and classes is on the website along with class supplies that will be needed. Something new that is being tried with the Manatee guild is that each of our guilds will allow the other guild members to sign up for a class when there are 3 months left before the class and there are still openings. They will do the same for the FKQG members. The fee for the classes will be the member price. Information about all the classes is available on the website.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

The Hoffman Trunk show featuring a challenge fabric was the program for the night. There were lots of unique quilts.

Show and Tell followed the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Slocum