

## **Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild Executive Board Meeting January 21, 2016**

President Karen Clark, who hosted a delicious dinner at her home, called the meeting to order at 6:55 P.M. Present were: Karen Clark (President), Elva Farrell (Co-1st Vice-President and Quilt Show co-Chair), Jann Warfield (Co-First Vice-President-Education), Ellen Simon (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Programs and Librarian), Cass Bowen (Past President), Joy Abbott (Treasurer), Marcia Slocum (Co-Secretary), Linda Swanson, (Out-going Membership Chair), Barbara Jeffries (Registrar), Delores Simpson (Co-Secretary), Sue Baker and Janice Dentler (Winter Retreat Organizers), Linda Kirby and Kathy Dotson (Summer Retreat Organizers), Katie Metheny (New Member Chair).

Karen said, in review, that our Bylaws and Budget were passed by the membership.

**Treasurer:** Joy said that a condensed version of the budget is on the website.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Jann and Elva discussed the hostess role for educators, and the options regarding dinner on Mondays between the class and the meeting. Restaurants are quite crowded at this time of year, and there is a short period of time between the class ending and the meeting starting, and also having time for the teacher to take a break and have dinner. Suggestions were made.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Ellen discussed some summer program ideas that she is considering.

**Past President:** Cass will be handling the 2016 Charity Project of the guild members making and donating quilts to the oncology patients at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. These are small quilts to brighten the room and the patients will take them home with them. A small label with Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild or a signature will be put on them.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Linda discussed whether or not we should be charging guests to attend the monthly membership meeting when there is not a professional speaker/paid trunk show. It was decided that there will not be a charge for those meetings.

**Class Registrar:** Barbara reviewed the class line up, ie.: attendance so far. Some classes are full, others have openings. A suggestion was made to move the Jerri Stubbe class in October to a Saturday so that more working people would be able to attend.

**Workshop Coordinator:** Gayle Hages has reported that the church has said that they no longer have a "lost and found". No solution to this problem of items left behind after classes and the meetings.

**Photographer:** One of the members has offered to take pictures of the quilts during Show and Tell. Karen also would like to try something new. She will ask people who have a Show

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and Tell to write down the information about it and she will read the card and the person will hold their quilt up.

**New Members:** Katie had several wonderful suggestions for welcoming new members to the guild. Some of these include: The Cottage Group hostesses on the night of the meeting will play a role in this. She also suggested that board members and committee chairs have a ribbon attached to their nametags to further identify them to the new members and guests as a kind of Who's Who. Signs at the tables on the perimeter of the room will have signs identifying what is going on at each table. Katie would also like there to be at least 3 events per year for new members and guests, such as: potluck dinner, shop hop, etc. Great ideas!

**Chat n Chew:** Lynn Purple will be handling the reservations for those wishing to eat together at Der Dutchman before the monthly meetings. Please email her before noon the day of the meeting.

**Quilt Show:** Elva reported everything is going smoothly at this time.

**Retreats:** Janice and Sue have a "Busy Bees" theme for the winter Retreat at Daysprings in Ellenton in March. Linda and Kathy will be taking reservations for summer retreat starting next month. Meal policies were discussed.

The next board meeting will be held at Karen's house on March 3, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Slocum,  
Co-Secretary