

Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild

January 17, 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 "Crazy Quilters" cottage group for acting as hostess tonight. She thanked Dawn Moore for representing our Guild as well as other Guilds at the Sarasota County Commission meeting proclaiming March as Quilting Month. Karen reviewed dates and locations for upcoming quilt shows – details are listed in our newsletter. Karen asked members to please make their Guild membership known when patronizing local quilt shops. The shop owners need to know that we are supporting them, as they also support our Guild's various activities. Three "opportunity" quilts were on display and available for ticket purchase: two from the Venice Quilt Guild raffle, and one from the St. Petersburg Suncoast Quilting Circle.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the December meeting were approved and accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved and accepted as printed.

2nd Vice President: Ellen Simon, Librarian, introduced three new books to our collection: Free Range Triangle Quilts, Big Book of Baby Quilts, and The Spoonflower Handbook.

Past President: Cass Bowen introduced a new charity project: 45 x 54 quilts for oncology in-patients at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Labels will be available from Cass; she and Mary Nissan will deliver the quilts to SMH. Pat Sexton is the nurse representative from Sarasota Memorial requesting the quilts.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Linda introduced 6 new members. 249 members have renewed and paid their membership dues, and the remaining 100 members were encouraged to send in their renewals.

Class registrar: Barbara Jefferies reviewed upcoming classes and which classes still had openings. Information is on our website.

Newsletter: Deadline for newsletter submissions to Jane was moved up to January 21.

Habitat for Humanity: Ellen Simon showed two beautiful table runners she created for this project.

Photography: Karen Clark asked for a volunteer to take photos during show-and-tell for posting on our website.

Kids Quilts: Report on their impressive activities is in the newsletter.

New Members: Lynn Purple told members about the pre-Guild dinners held at Dutch Heritage restaurant. Please be sure to let Lynn know by email if you plan to attend so she can make an appropriate reservation. Current members as well as new members are invited.

Old Business: Sue Baker distributed retreat information to those planning to attend the retreat on March 10-13, 2016.

Meeting was adjourned.

1st Vice President: Elva Farrell introduced quilt artist/teacher Pat Pauly.

Show and Tell followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Delores Simpson
Secretary