

Friendship Knot Quilters Guild Meeting February 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Pearce at 7:10 PM. The Squat Team was thanked for being hostess for the evening.

Announcements: *Linda Blasen* has access to housing in Paducah for the up coming show in two homes. Call or e-mail her for details.

Bev Wiberg will take over the mailing of cards for Joan Hatt for a few months until Joan is feeling better. *Linda Pearce* has sent cards to Pat Harris and Pattie Clendenin this month.

Secretary Report: The FKQG regular meeting minutes for January 19, 2009 were approved as written on a motion by *Linda Blasen*, second by *Marcia Slocum*.

Treasurers Report: The January 19, 2009 Treasurers' Report was approved as prepared on a motion by *Bette Behanna*, second by *Roberta Miller*. The 2008 Year End Financial Report appeared in the Newsletter. There were no questions. The 2009 Budget was distributed to the membership with the opportunity to ask questions. After a brief discussion the 2009 Budget was approved by unanimous vote on a motion by *Susan Walter*, second by *Donna Guess*.

By-Laws Changes: *Nancy Adams* presented the few changes to the By-laws to the membership. The changes include: Article VI. Duties of the Officers, Section 5. The Treasurer **or those appointed by her/him** shall collect all monies owing to this organization and supervise the disbursement of funds of the organization. Treasurer, Section D. **The Treasurer shall be head of any Finance committee.** The next change appears in Article IX Committees, Section 1. Committees may consist of **Finance**, Hospitality/Hostess, Quilt Show, Library, Historian, Community Services, Education, Membership, Cottage Group, By-Laws, Audit, and Nominating. Committees are not limited to the above nor are all the above committees required. Committees may be discharged when activities of such committees shall cease or be deemed be unnecessary.

Special Announcement: *Dawn Moore* of the Venice Quilt Guild announced that she has been instrumental in advising the Board of County Commissioners of the good works of the quilters of Sarasota. Therefore, on February 18, 2009 the BOCC will declare the month of March 2009 "Quilters Month". *Linda Pearce* and *Dawn Moore* will receive the proclumation on behalf of the FKQG and the Venice Guild.

Library: *Sue Hootman* presented several new magazines and one hard bound book that are available in the library. She requested that all books and magazines be checked out before they are taken from the library to be read during the meeting.

Web Site: *Ann Greene* announced that there are still some members not able to access the FKQG website. She is willing to help if you contact her. Also, the Membership Roster will be removed from the web site. A printed copy is available to all members.

Challenge Quilt: *Ann Greene* called attention to the Challenge Quilts displayed. All members were asked to vote for their favorite quilt and for the best interpretation of the theme "My Favorite Things". There were nine entries. The winner was announced at the end of the meeting. The winner was "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" by Catherine Wannamaker in both categories.

Quilt Show: *Donna Guess* announced that all quilt entries must be delivered to the home of Charlotte Hase, 4733 Sweetmeadow Circle, Sarasota 34238 on Saturday, Feb. 28th

between 10:00AM & 2:00PM. All quilts will receive a receipt when dropped off and the receipt must be returned in order to pick up the quilt after the show. The Boutique items look great and all donors are thanked. Volunteers are needed to set up and take down the Quilt Show. Also, there are several opportunities to volunteer during the show days. *Bette Behanna* will be the Hostess Chairman on March 13th and *Mary Lee Charlet* will be Hostess Chairman on March 14th. Member bracelets will be sold at the door on the 13th & 14th for \$5.00. *Mary Jo Dranttel* announced that quilt raffle tickets sales are going well. Also, Quilters Haven has donated a wonderful sewing machine to be raffled off at the show. Tickets for each raffle are \$1.00 each.

Membership: *Cass Bowen* reported that there are now 257 guild members, 150 attending this meeting with 5 new members and 31 guests. The printed Membership Rosters are available to every member.

Education: *Marlene Kurtz* announced that the two day class with J. Kruger has been dropped. She is offering a one day machine quilting class on March 18th if ten participants sign up. *Sally Collins* will present a classes in April.

Show and Tell: Many, many wonderful quilts were shared. The KidzQuilts were plentiful. *Pam Labbe* was thanked for her work with the Block Auction. *Nancy Adams* thanked all who sent get well cards to her during her illness.

Program: *Marlene Kurtz* introduced *Gwen Marston* who presented a very interesting lecture on the history of the Mennonite and Amish quilts. She shared several examples of her work. As usual, the presentation was very entertaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05. The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Grindal