

**QUILTERS IN THE VALLEY**  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

Meeting opened by President Ruth Miller at 6:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Ellensburg, Washington.

**GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:** Gail Chouinard, Judy Kjosness and Micki Swords joined with us for our meeting.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Many quilts were shared including a number of challenge quilts from the upper county group.

**LUCKY BLOCKS:** Eight arrow blocks were turned in and Allison Street went home with them. Joanne Ferry is creating our Lucky Blocks and her goal is to use blocks that create a secondary pattern when joined.

**MINUTES:** Approved as published.

**TREASURER:** \$450 was received in dues. Treasury balance is \$6,386.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Refreshments:** All were in favor of discontinuing snacks at our meetings. J.B. McCrary brought snacks for this meeting.

**Quilt Show:** Raffle quilt top was completed by ten quilters. Quilt Show Committee has met twice and all is going well.

**Member –at –Large:** Joanne Ferry advised that their upper county group had quilts in the Carpenter House for two months. They were recently taken down and are smoky. They have been asked to decorate the Carpenter House for December with Christmas quilts. Anyone who would like to assemble pillowcases for the Pillowcase Challenge may do so tomorrow, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a sewing machine. Kits for the cases are provided. Cases will be given to upper county care facilities and to Sandy's in Yakima for distribution.

**Sunshine:** Sarah Voss sent a card to Linda Libby who lost her son and will send one to Dorothy Scheffelmaier who got home Tuesday from 12 days in the hospital.

**Charity:** Lori Kutch gave Quilts of Valor to two 99 year old veterans. Please remember to document your donations and give completed forms to Roberta Haire. Kathy Cruse will email us the forms again. Cheryl Campbell reminded us of the back pack program for kids. Cheryl will bring us a list of food items next meeting and a donation jar will be present. Back packs are sent home with needy children in our schools once a month with food for weekends in them.

**PROGRAM:** Tips shared by quilters included blue tape, hanger and garment bag for storing quilts ready for the quilter; laser light from Harbor Freight for sewing straight lines; safety pin attached to machine with duck tape to help direct thread from large spools; using Velcro to attach your pin cushion to your machine; Gypsy Cutting Gizmo; Add a Quarter ruler; Clover white marking pen; binding tool; and comic book protectors used to store fabric.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Quilt Retreat:** 12 twelve people are signed up for the quilt retreat.

**Name Tags:** Shirts and More, 509-896-5437, sales name tags for \$7 (pin) and \$8.50 (magnetic).

**Lodging Tax Training:** Julie Sumner and Sarah Voss went to the lodging tax training and determined that we should pass on this for now as we do not have the information needed to complete the application for potential advertising reimbursement. We will try to collect data at the upcoming quilt show that would help with the application for the next show. J.B. McCrary said grants are available from national quilting organizations that might be easier to obtain.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**October Program:** Fix It Clinic-bring a sample problem or sample solution to share.

**November Program:** Raeanna Randall will teach us how to make baskets.

**Future Programs:** July is arranged but we need programs for other months. Ideas discussed were to join with several friends and show your quilts and to do learning stations again.

**Quilt Class:** Sufficient interest was shown in a Stack and Whack class. J.B. McCrary will be our teacher and will research a location for sometime in January or February.

**Fair Assistance:** Quilters were asked to consider helping with the quilts at the fair next year as Bernie and Dorothy could really use some help.

**Miscellaneous:** J.B. is looking for an old nursery rhyme appliqué pattern that may be in a Fons and Porter magazine. Becky Bosch knows of an APQS long arm for sale for \$3,000. Contact Becky if interested.

**Next Meeting:** October 12, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church in Ellensburg.

Meeting adjourned by President Ruth Miller.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Cindy Arp-Teasley.