

**QUILTERS IN THE VALLEY**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 13, 2018**

The meeting was opened by President Raeanna Randall at about 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENTATION:** Lori Kutch read a poem and presented a surprise Quilt of Valor to Phillip Hayter.

**GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:** Guests were LuRee Sampson, mother of Laura Bissonnette, and Willowjeane Lyman's sister Arlene McDonald. Becky Langlois, newly arrived in town, was offered a free membership.

**PROGRAM:** Cindy Arp-Teasley presented her research on using polyester thread. The conclusion was that, while polyester thread is stronger, more durable, and produces less lint, cotton (especially long-staple Egyptian cotton) thread is preferred by many quilters because it won't stretch or cut the fabric. I think we concluded that mercerized (cotton-coated) polyester thread was OK too, but not other coatings. Polyester thread is good for clothes because it has some stretch.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Many beautiful quilts were shown, starting with a wonderful playhouse to go over a card table. Lori told us that her friend Marianne Foss greatly enjoyed our meeting last month.

**BLOCKS:** Sarah Voss won the block drawing. The Lucky Block and Quilt of Valor Block for October were handed out.

**MINUTES:** Elain Joyner moved and Sarah Voss seconded to accept the August, 2018 minutes as published. Motion was passed unanimously.

**TREASURER:** Expenses were \$403 (rent donation to the church); \$500 in income (dues, including QOV); balance of \$9141.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Photos submitted with quilt show entries are available from Raeanna.

**DONATIONS:** Roberta Haire donated 12 quilts to WIC. Ruth Miller donated 30 Quilts of Valor. We need to track donations in connection with our 501c(3) status. Roberta provided a form for inventorying quilts available for donation. There is a donations jar for the church's backpack fund for free weekend food for eligible school children.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Scholarships:** We hope to create a committee to develop criteria for scholarships for classes and retreats. In the absence of criteria, Julie Sumner has two names drawn by lot for retreat scholarships. They were won by JB McCrary and Linda Bissonnette; the scholarships will pay actual costs, not the full \$177 available.

**Retreat:** Kathy Cruse went over the details for the upcoming retreat on Sept. 27-30. Twenty people are signed up, and room assignments have been made. Other people can still come for shorter periods, but must tell Kathy the number of meals so she can tell the retreat facility manager.

**Quilts of Valor:** Kathy reported that she has received blocks and fabric from the chair of the WA QOV foundation; quilters can take them and also contribute fabric. Kathy also has quilt labels, which are more oriented toward the recipient than ours usually are. She needs two quilts bound, of which Cindy took one. She also has a form to provide contact information on potential recipients; we must be careful not to duplicate since we are serving only Kittitas County. Kathy and Lori closed by presenting a Quilt of Valor to our own Roberta Haire, a Navy veteran.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Open Sew:** The next Open Sew on September 27 will not be cancelled even though many members will be at the retreat. Ruth will get the key to open the church.

**Report from Ruth Miller:** Ruth reported that her ear surgery had gone successfully. She also announced that she will have another yard and fabric sale this weekend, Saturday 10 -4 and Sunday 10 – 2, behind 314 W 12<sup>th</sup> on Columbia. A private pre-sale will be on Friday at 4:30.

**October Meeting:** The next meeting will be on October 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church.

The meeting was adjourned about 6:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Meg Ludlum