

QUILTERS IN THE VALLEY

MINUTES

October 11, 2018

Meeting opened by President Raeanna Randall at 6:30 p.m. at the Ellensburg Presbyterian Church.

GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS: Past members returning to us were Leona Pippgras and Pam Odell. Becky Langlois is joining us as a new member. Wendy Fischer was visiting.

PROGRAM: Raeanna Randall shared how you can use high quality paper towels to test drive a new block.

SHOW AND TELL: Many lovely quilts were shared. A lot of them were projects worked on at our retreat.

LUCKY BLOCKS: Celia Johnson won the haunted house blocks. Susan Yearout handed out a pattern for a wonky churn dash for next month.

MINUTES: The following are corrections to the September minutes:

Guests/New Members: Becky Langlois was given a membership form.

Show and Tell: Lori's friend was Marianne Fons.

Treasurer: Expenses were rent donations for both Red Barn and Presbyterian Church.

Scholarships: JB McCrary won the scholarship for the retreat. Linda Bissonette was drawn as an alternate.

Quilts of Valor: Quilts that needed bound were for retreat kitchen help and were not QOV quilts.

Minutes approved as corrected.

TREASURER: \$272 in expenses (QOV expenses and retreat scholarship); \$360 income (dues and Quilts of Valor memberships); balance of \$9,299. Membership cards are available for paid members.

UFO: Susan Yearout finished her UFO #3 from last month and gave it away. UFO for this month is #7. Ruth Miller is keeping record of who finishes the UFO of the month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Missing Book: Does anyone have the book *Fantastic Stash Quilts* by Joyce Dean Gieszler? Someone may have picked it up at a guild meeting thinking it was a giveaway. It was a gift to the guild from Joyce and is to be shared by members.

Name Tags: Raeanna Randall encouraged members to either make a nametag or to purchase one from Shirts and More, 562 Fairview RD, Ellensburg, 509-856-5437.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Retreat: Kathy Cruse advised that 20 people spent nights at Camp Koinonia from September 27-30 and an additional three joined us Saturday for the day. Kathy has scheduled a Spring retreat the week of Easter (Thursday-Saturday) with hopes of availability the week prior and a Fall retreat September 26-29. Surveys were given to gather members' thoughts about future retreats.

Scholarships: Criteria to be established for future scholarships. We drew from a hat for the retreat, but wish to base future scholarships on need. JB McCrary expressed her thanks for the scholarship.

Charity: Raeanna Randall reminded us of the backpacks for kids program at the Presbyterian Church that fills backpacks with food for students for the weekend. Ruth Miller advised that there is an organization in town

that fills bags with women's sanitary needs. They meet at the Mormon Church on Tuesdays. JB McCrary will report back to us with more information next meeting on ways that we could meet this need. Providing sanitary needs can help keep girls in school.

Quilts of Valor: Kathy Cruse advised that Quilts of Valor is changing from renewing individual members in a group membership from time of sign up to a one time a year renewal for all in the group membership. She is opting to not renew our group membership until this change takes place. Ruth Miller finished a quilt top for a family member who served. JB finished a top with left over triangles.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Sew: Our next open sew will be at the Ellensburg Presbyterian Church on October 25, Thursday, from 3 to 8 p.m. Bring a sack dinner. Also, bring ironing boards, cutting boards, and irons as the Presbyterian ladies will have their supplies at a retreat. Kathy Cruse will pick up the key.

September Meeting: The next meeting will be on November 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church in Ellensburg.

Programs: Cindy Arp-Teasley circulated a survey to members to help determine what classes members are interested in and what days work for them. November program will be mini seminars on gift ideas. Those participating are JB McCrary (journal covers), Susan Yearout (hot bowl covers), Ruth Miller (shopping bags), Raeanna Randall (to be determined), and Cindy Arp-Teasley (quilt and you go mug rugs). Cindy passed out zippers for the December program. Members are to create something with a zipper to exchange at the December meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by President-elect Cindy Arp-Teasley.