

QUILTERS IN THE VALLEY

MINUTES

April 11, 2019

Meeting opened by President Raeanna Randall at 6:30 p.m. at the Red Barn in Cle Elum.

GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS: None

SUNSHINE: Nothing

PROGRAM: JB McClary presented a program primarily about quilting with scraps. She also mentioned ways to get images from the internet for applique and watermark them to protect your work. Regarding scraps (“every color goes with every other color”), she said she cuts and sorts her scraps by color and plays with them on a design wall using a theme fabric. She is currently following these artists: Pat Sloan (for scrap quilts), Bonnie Hunter (known for mystery quilts), and Karen Griska (ultra-scrappy), and recently found Victoria Findlay-Wolfe (who makes small pieces of fabric from scraps).

SHOW AND TELL: Many creative projects were displayed by members.

LUCKY BLOCKS: Sandra Peck won the Box Kite blocks. Susan Yearout handed out May’s Scrappy X and + pattern. Photo and instructions will be sent with minutes as usual. The exchange of I Spy squares continues monthly, with the number of squares to bring now being 27 due to new signups.

MINUTES: The March minutes were approved as written (the location for tonight’s meeting having been previously corrected).

TREASURER: Expenses for March were \$17.60 to for Sunshine postage; income was \$30 in regular and QOV dues; balance of \$8444.

UFO: UFO for next month will be #9.

OLD BUSINESS:

Name tags – \$1.25 in fines was collected for those not wearing name tags. Visitors and new members are excepted. It was requested that meeting notices remind members to wear their name tags.

Lunch backpack program - Raeanna noted that the jar was not for these fines, but for lunch backpacks for students in Kittitas as well as Ellensburg. Last month we donated \$53.65 to the church for this program.

Missing book - We are still looking for the book Fantastic Quilt Stash.

Committee signups – Signups were again requested during the break. The committee lists are now on our website under Members. There was no report from the Scholarship Committee.

Quilts of Valor – Kathy reported that 32 of our 55 members are also in QOV; they may pick up member cards tonight and will get pins eventually. We have almost 30 quilts awarded so far and a list of 10 potential recipients. A recipient nomination form is available on our website under Members. We have fabric and blocks available. Thanks to all who’ve volunteered to do quilting and binding.

Retreat: Our next retreat will be September 26 – 30. Signups will be taken closer to the time.

Quilt Show – JB reported that the committee (so far, she, Josie, and Raeanna; all members will be expected to help) recently had its first meeting, a year before the show on April 17 & 18, 2020, 10 – 4 at the Kittitas County Event Center. They are seeking a theme for the show. Raeanna is donating a cowboy boot quilt to raffle that she made for a relative. To replace it, she is seeking donations from members of print fabrics in red with white or black, as well as batting and backing fabric. This quilt suggests “Kicking up Fun” as a possible theme. The committee is also seeking suggestions of a local featured artist for the show. Possibilities are Willow Jeane Lyman, Celia Thompson, and twins Bernie Woodiwiss and Dorothy Scheffemaier. The twins, who seem a good

choice, have resigned as fair superintendents and need replacing (not by JB because she's moving away). The featured artist needs to have 10 or 12 pieces of their work to hang and be available for 2 hours each day during the show. Items such as potholders, pincushions, orphan blocks, or a basket of notions are needed to sell at the boutique, which made \$800 at the last show with only three months' notice. Jim Joyner is again making a quilt rack to donate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coordination of Quilt Donations: The recent tragedy concerning two police officers in Kittitas raised the issue of the need for coordination of quilt donations from various quilt groups in the county. JB suggested that the guild serve to coordinate among the groups and the two local quilt shops and create guidelines to ensure that donations are not duplicated or given to future recipients too soon after the event. The first step will be to create a master list by collecting information from members next month about the groups they know about.

Quilt Challenge from Elaine Joyner: Elaine proposed a challenge to warm up and then make items for the quilt show/boutique. She handed out envelopes with secret paint chip colors for members to match to a main fabric for a quilted item, supplemented by coordinating fabrics. The item can be anywhere from the size of a mug rug to a 40" square quilt. The items will be revealed at the September barbeque at Elaine's, where the chips will also be turned in. A second challenge will run from September to April, with all items put into the quilt show.

Open Sew: There will be an open sew at the church on April 25 from 3 to 8 pm (during which the QOV committee will meet, as will Meg and Julie concerning updates to the bylaws).

May Meeting: The next meeting will be on May 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Ellensburg. This time of year, the meeting location alternates between Ellensburg and Cle Elum, with the April, June, and August meetings being in Cle Elum and the others in Ellensburg.

Yakima Quilt Show – will be held Friday and Saturday, May 17 & 18, 10 - 6 at the Yakima Convention Center.

Prize: Member Patty Artz moved away and donated a sewing retreat suitcase with room for a machine and supplies. The suitcase was won by new member Marion James.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:07 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Meg Ludlum