

GALA Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2023

President's Welcome: Bettyanne McGlinchey called the meeting to order and asked that we go around and introduce ourselves.

There were 31 members and 2 visitors present.

Morning Program: Linda Walker presented the anatomy of scissors and a little history that included some tips for the care of scissors. Of note was the tip to ask for the scissors used during doctor's appointments if they are "one use" and will otherwise be thrown away.

Linda provided 3 door prizes after her program.

Vice President's Report: Juanita Christian

- The workshop today is the last Skill Builder. Linda Hayes will lead Curved Piecing with Drunkards Path and Flowering Snowball
- Our Christmas Dinner is Saturday, December 16, 2023. Doors will open at 11:00 eastern. Meal will start at 11:30. The Guild is providing smoked turkey breast. Members bring sides and desserts - pot luck.
- Decorating committee has already been working and will meet at the church the afternoon before to set up.
- At the Christmas Dinner, Pastor Don will come bless the food and we will present him with the Pew Quilts. There are 14.
- We took up a collection to give to the church custodian, Mr. Alvin Bass. \$130 was collected.
- BROWN BAG gift exchange will take place after we eat. Wrap your completed gift in Christmas wrapping with the name of the person it goes to on the outside and include your name in a card or inside the gift.
- Red Rooster Retreat April 11-14, 2024 Pat Mistretta
 - Due to some cancellations, we dropped below the required minimum of 16 and the 2 non-guild members on the waiting list have registered. We are now at 16 and have 4 spots still available. After the January meeting (when payment in full is due) any remaining spots will be opened to non-guild members.
 - Total Cost: \$330
 - \$100 non-refundable by November Meeting
 - Final \$200 due by January Meeting

- It has been suggested that we hold an In-Town Retreat so that those who cannot go out of town for 2-3 days could participate. Multiple hands were raised to show interest. We could possibly use the Methodist Church in Phenix City. Dixie Whitt suggested this could be a money maker if we charged a fee to participate. Part could go to the church as a donation for using the facility and part to the Guild.

Treasurer's Report: Audrey Bergeron

- We currently have 52 paid members
 - Current Balance - \$5946.22
- Dues for next year (2024) are \$25 and are now being collected.

Secretary's Report: Beth Hickman

- The minutes are going out to everyone via email or regular mail each month.
- No one had any corrections or questions about the October Minutes
- No one present had not received the email with the minutes

Old Business:

- Mother Mary's Mission that the Guild has supported has received donations from three different County Commissioners totaling \$9,000. It is nice to know that other organizations are supporting Mother Mary's Mission. They had 2 residents but have had sewer issues that may have affected the livability of the Mission.
- Sales of donated items at Ft. Mitchell's Fall Festival on October 28, 2024 raised \$444.64. The quilt raffle raised \$257.00
- Pillowcase Project: completed pillowcases go to Bettyanne McGlinchey and are due at the February 17, 2024 meeting. They will go to a Veterans home in town, Columbus Hospice and possibly one other location. Additional kits will be available at the December Dinner.
- Round Robin Panel Quilts will begin in January. Juanita had 9 signed up and was able to get 3 more signed up. There will be four groups of three who rotate working on the quilts.

Slate of Officers with one change - JoAnn Pearson has declined a position on the Hospitality Committee and Linda Walker has agreed to take that position.

A unanimous vote elected the officers and committee members.

Note: beginning with the vote in November 2024, the officers will serve 2-year terms.

President	Bettyanne McGlinchey
1st Vice President	Glenna Shephard

2nd Vice President	Trina Walker
Secretary	Beth Hickman
Treasurer	Audrey Bergeron
Members at Large	Lisa Romans and Becky Hooper
Hospitality Committee	Peggy Little, Agnes Grimes and Linda Walker
Sunshine Committee	Juanita Christian
BOM Committee	Rebecca Chester, Cathay Vancouver and Dixie Whitt
Social Media	Cathy Poyner
Roster	Carol Bradshaw

New Business:

- Updating Bylaws: Audrey Bergeron passed out copies of proposed New Bylaws and went over the changes. This is a first presentation of proposed Nw Bylaws. No discussion. Take them home and read over them. Make any suggested changes. Discussion will take place at the December Dinner meeting. Voting will take place in January.
- UFO project ended. Winner will be announced at the December Dinner meeting.
- Block of the Month Accounting report - Cash on hand \$104.13. Purchases over the calendar year have included: February \$66.65 for Kona Snow; March \$55.35 for Fat Quarters; September \$6.54 for color copies; and October \$12.52 cute print fabric for the Gaggle of Geese BOM.
 - Next year all copies will need to be in color. More fabric will need to be purchased. BOM committee will discuss raising the price to participate.
- Spring Quilt Show - Juanita Christian is chairperson
 - April 27, 2024
 - Committee meetings on 4th Wednesday each month starting November 29th at 10:00 am eastern time.
 - Bettyanne McGlinchey is heading up the Sales Table. Things that might be good to make and donate for the sales table: zipper pouches, scissor cases, table runners, casserole carriers, bowl cozies, catch-all bowls/baskets, items made with patriotic prints.

DRAWINGS:

Blocks of Valor: Linda Hayes and Dorothy Berlinicke

Sign In: Beth Hickman and Mary Randall

Name Tag: Cathy Vancour and Audrey Bergeron

BOM: Mary Bray won the Gaggle of Geese blocks

Six other names were drawn and received 40+ 5" blocks left over from the October block swap.

New Block of the Month is: Chandelier in Christmas fabrics

Show and Tell:

Will be limited to 2 items per person beginning in January.

Meeting was adjourned.

9 members and 1 visitor stayed for the Skill Builder workshop.