



Country Star Quilt Guild

Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2020

Sue Deyo called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Welcome/Devotion/Prayer: Sue introduced new visitors and said there would be additional introductions later in the agenda. She gave the devotion and offered the prayer.

Sue announced that the agenda would be changed to allow tonight's speaker to present first.

Tonight's Program: Lori Frederick. Lori introduced Patsy Barr, a representative of Quilts of Valor, to speak to us about the program and how we can participate. Patsy explained that she was the Quilts of Valor (QOV) coordinator for the All Stars Quilt Guild. Briefly, QOV was started in 2003 by the mother of an American soldier stationed in Iraq. To date, almost 250,000 quilts have been awarded.

Every year, QOV comes out with a block which can be used; however, is not required. There are size and material requirements posted on the website. QOV prefers that we make quilts with red-white-blue fabrics and with patriotic themes. The quilt must have the approved QOV label on the back. Anyone who is a veteran – anyone who served in the military – is eligible to receive a quilt. Any veteran can apply to QOV to be placed on their recipient list.

Patsy said that the first year, only a handful of quilts were awarded by the All Stars; last year, there were 22 awards. They give the recipient a quilt, a certificate, and a little narrative printed on stationary. She said it was a very moving experience to award a veteran a quilt.

Ratification of February Minutes: Motion by Dell Dunman, seconded by Theresa Elliot, and passed unanimously to approve the February 2020 minutes. Motion by Elaine Wilkerson, seconded by Chris Sandstrom, and passed unanimously to approve the December 2019 minutes.

Old Business:

- **Bylaw Revisions:** Sue Deyo asked if there were any questions about the bylaw revisions proposed at the last meeting and posted on the website. Seeing none, she asked if there was a motion to approve. Bea Mehl made a motion, seconded by Chris Sandstrom, and passed unanimously, to adopt the bylaw revisions as proposed. Sue thanked all for their patience in this matter.
- **Retreat – Chris Sandstrom:** Chris advised there were 20 members who attended and all had a great time. She said that the fat quarter toss-off involving Joanne Griffis and Sandy Arcari would be postponed until next month because Sandy was not there.

Chris introduced the idea of having a retreat next year. She said she spoke to Erica, her contact at Epworth by the Sea, and the only dates available to us would be January 27-31 (Wed to Sun). While that didn't mean the retreat would be five days, she asked how many would be interested in a 3-day or 4-day retreat during that period. She also recommended we consider different occupancies besides one or two to a room. All of this information is in a folder ready for next year's retreat planning. Sandy discussed the costs associated with the meeting room used for this year's retreat versus the larger meeting room. There was a motion made to allocate in the 2020-21 budget \$500 towards the cost of the retreat meeting room for the 2021 retreat; unanimously passed.

Chris also announced that the Amelia Island Guild is having a thread-painting expert speak at their April 14th meeting at 7pm; she urged everyone to attend. Dell Dunman thanked all those who attended the Amelia Guild show last weekend and said over 1,000 attended.

New Business:

- **Beginning Quilt Class:** (Dates 2/15 & 2/22; 3/7 & 3/14 at the Masonic Lodge in Callahan). Lori Frederick introduced the members of the Class and said how much fun she and Marsa Detscher are having with the class. Marsa Detscher stated that there was interest in another Learn to Quilt class as well as classes for skills-building in different areas.
- **Ryan's Case for Smiles:** Sue Deyo announced that Bea Mehl brought around 60 pillowcase packets that she and Helen Henderson cut and packaged. She asked members to take some to sew and return next meeting.
- **Election of New Officers:** Sue Deyo explained that next month, she will announce the 3 members of the nomination committee. She also stated that she will distribute slips of paper with the positions listed, and she will ask everyone to suggest people to nominate for each position. The Committee is responsible for contacting those people to see if they want the position and create a slate for voting the next meeting.

Tips & Pieces - Barbara Wagner: Barb explained how quilt borders sometimes ripple around the edges. She demonstrated how to avoid this problem by pinning the border onto the quilt, and then ironing the border before sewing it on. The act of ironing the border strip seems to stabilize it against the quilt top until it is sewn, and afterwards, there is no ripple. Barbara also explained that when sewing the border to the top, you should have the border piece down (underneath the quilt top/against the machine bed).

Calendar

- March 13, 2020 Sit & Sew
- March 14, 2020 4th and final session of Learn To Quilt Class Masonic Lodge AND Sit & Sew, 9-3pm
- March 27, 2020 Sit & Sew – FBC

- April 13, 2020 Guild Meeting
- April 24, 2020 Sit & Sew FBC

- May 8, 2020 Sit & Sew: Masonic Lodge
- May 11, 2020 Guild Meeting Harper Rose Cottage (Pinky Promise Building) Callahan

- June 8 Guild Meeting
- June 12 Sit & Sew FBC
- June 26 Sit & Sew FBC

Happy Birthday March Quilters: The Guild members sang "Happy Birthday" to Gail Bennett, Chris Sandstrom, Glenda Stonecipher, and Holly Yurchison.

Door Prizes

Show & Tell: Members showed their beautiful works.

BOM - Lori Frederick & Linda Greene: Lori Frederick asked all who completed last month's program project (zipper bag) to come up front for recognition. She then asked all those who completed last month's Block of the Month to come up and show off their blocks. She then discussed this month's block and announced the colors: Kilkenney Green (Color Pizzazz SW6740) and Afternoon yellow (Color Pizzazz SW6675). She emphasized that both colors are to be used, and NO OTHER COLORS. Lori stated that the exact shades of green and yellow weren't required.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marsa Detscher, Secretary

Corrected 5/18/2020