

Sterling Stitchers Business Meeting
February 27, 2018

Meeting called to order by Maureen McPherson at 8:33 a.m.

Birthdays: Barbara Orris, Patricia San George

Introduced two guests of Judy Janssen, her daughter Debbie Herolt and her granddaughter. Debbie has a long-arm quilting business in Citrus Springs and will pick up and deliver quilts for anyone who would like to use her services. Email or call her: dherolt@gmail.com or 414-322-0023.

Secretary's Report - Cathie absent but minutes approved

Treasurer's Report - Michelle - accepted

Vice President/Program Chair - Donna

- Guild Meeting, 7PM March 6, Laurel Manor, Suzanne Marshall: Evolution of a Quilt Maker" - hosted by Sunset Pointe
- Wacky Bird Class: Take Away Applique taught by Suzanne Marshall, March 7, 9-3:30PM, can take 5 more students
- Guild Meeting, 7PM April 3, Laurel Manor - Karen Combs: You Bought that Where? hosted by Sterling Stitchers. Donna passed out sign up sheet for duties during our hosting month of April
- Patchwork Illusions class taught by Karen Combs and Bee-tiful Class by Karen Kay Buckley are both full
- Guild Meeting in May is at 2PPM, Savannah Center - Ellen Lindner: Lessons learned by a fabric whisperer - hosted by Big Cypress
- Currently taking registration for Floral Improv, May 2, 9-3:30pm, Rohan
- Guild Meeting 7PM June 5, Laurel Manor - Brenda Grampsas: Lecture/Trunk Show "Quilt Restoration Basics" hosted by Lake Miona
- Currently taking registration for Beginning Quilt Restoration, June 6, 9-3:30 pm, Rohan
- Guild needs a volunteer(s) to act a guild photographer(s), taking photos at guild events and forwarding them to the web committee. Guild is willing to purchase a camera.
- Visit www.qgotv.org for additional info on all the above activities and more member to member classes

Guild Representative - Sandy N

- 60 Honor flight quilts needed for September (only 3 received to date). Size needed is 54"x75", more information available on the guild web site
- On-going guild charities are: Honor flights, Shriners (placemats and pillowcases), Cornerstone Hospice - quilts using the hospice patch
- All eboard minutes will now be posted on the web site not sent out by email
- It was agreed by our chapter that the guild should continue to support the \$1000 scholarship commitment for young people interested in the art
- It was agreed by our chapter that free attendance should continue to be given to limited groups of young people at Showcase or Marketplace (it was given this year at Marketplace to a group of about 10 4-H'ers)
- No new rooms will be given to any quilting chapter for additional meetings. Should we want additional meeting time, we can request to extend our day on a particular Tuesday with our rec center. It can be granted IF no other group has the afternoon scheduled
- It was agreed by our chapter that the guild should not be responsible for providing food for volunteers at guild events
- Challenge Quilt packets for Showcase will be on sale at the guild meeting for \$5

Committee Reports

Hearts and Hands - Pixie

- 5x5" square packs are available to pick up at meetings for sewing together charity quilts.
- Batting and labels are available if you notify committee, you provide backing.
- Sheriff's Ranch will take any size, though twin size will fit the children's beds

- Boys road map lap quilts are needed 20x20" - information on the guild web site

Showcase - Nancy

- Nancy showed prototypes of ribbons that have been accepted - there will be 30 categories of prizes. 2 viewer's choice, no best of show due to the two locations (Rohan and Seabreeze) of the 2019 Showcase
- Joanne motioned and it was agreed that if ribbons come in over the allowed budget number set by the guild, Sterling Stitchers will pick up the difference

Retreat - Joanne

- Thanks you to the fantastic retreat committee
- Future retreat dates are 9-24 to 9-27, 2018, Luther Springs and 2-4 to 2-7, 2019, Luther Springs
- It was suggested that the Heart Quilt made during the retreat be donated to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida (site of the recent school shooting).

Web Mistress - Joanne

- Joy to be Joanne's back up this year

Publicity/Sunshine - Arlene

- Will now be responsible for the sign in sheet and monitor when a member hasn't been attending for some time to see if they are OK.
- Will also share updates on members who are ill or in need on our closed group Facebook page

Education - Janet absent, Maureen reported

- Janet will do a demo at an upcoming meeting on how to quilt you own charity quilts on a home sewing machine

Mystery Quilt - Gretchen

- Fabric requirement for our monthly mystery quilt were handed out to those wanting to participate
Any still interested should contact Gretchen and she will email you the first sheet. Each month we will receive further instructions. The quilt top will be complete by August. Our "reveal" will be after Jan. 1, 2019.

Old Business

- We still need several people on the Marketplace 2020 committee. Someone from the guild will be visiting the chapter this month to explain Marketplace needs further.

New Business

- It was agreed that fat quarters will be given out again to our members on their birthday month. Arlene's Sunshine committee will handle this
- Kate and Maureen will be gone for the March meeting, but we will be asking Cathie to run the meeting

Member Highlight: Sandy M presented our member of the month, Nancy

Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 am
Show and Tell followed.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Santoro, filling in for Cathie Champion.