

Sterling Stitchers Business Meeting
June 27, 2017

Meeting called to order by Donna Milligan in the absence of Bette McConkey at 8:38 a.m.

Donna announced that The Sewing Studio quilt shop will be open on the 4th of July and all fabrics and notions will be on sale

Birthdays for June – Marilyn Dalton, Jean, Marlene, Sandy Norris, Nancy and Janet

Secretary's Report – Cindy

- Accepted with noted corrections

Treasurer's Report – Donna

- Accepted

Vice President/Program Chair – Donna Milligan (*note: see updates at the end of these minutes*)

- Marie Nappi is trying to organize a day trip to Stitche Paradise, which is being held at the Grand Hyatt in Tampa August 17 – 19. If anyone is interested in taking the bus trip, contact Marie at marieanap@gmail.com and let her know which date you might be interested in.
- Ellen Lindnor has signed a contract with the Guild for May 2018.
- Shannon Brinkley has signed a contract with the for September 2018.
- There is no Guild meeting in July. The August 1st meeting/ice cream party will be at Savannah Center at 2:00 p.m.

Guild Representative – Sandy

- Guild is concerned that only 2% of the membership are utilizing the website. There are currently 1,124 Guild members.
- The Guild Nominating Committee has candidates for both the President and Treasurer positions; however, if there is anyone interested, there is still time to submit your name for consideration.
- Scholarship information is on the website for those interested in being considered for next year.
- Camp Villages is moving along very well.
- Reminder - Pillowcases for Ryan needed to be provided to Guild November. Our chapter has set aside October 17 for member participation of those interested in making pillowcases.
- The Guild is considering whether to pay the \$159.00 fee to place an ad in the upcoming Newcomers Guide.
- The Guild is requesting that chapter members who have not already completed the Lifestyles survey currently underway make it known in the

comments section that it is desired that a 40,000 square foot convention center be provided for the Quilt Guild's use.

- The Hoe Down was a success and the Guild has committed to do it again next year with better assistance from The Villages staff.

Reports from Standing Committees

Hearts and Hands – Sandy in Pixie's absence

- Cases for Ryan project - Chapter workdays to make pillowcases are October 17 and November 7 (both voluntary). Sandy is collecting any pillowcases made prior to our chapter sewing dates to take to the Guild (last date to submit pillow cases is November 7).

Marketplace – Joanne – no report

Education – no report

Retreat – Joanne – no report; however, the chapter was reminded that the September retreat will fall on the last Tuesday of the month (September 26) which is our normal business meeting day.

Web Mistress – Joanne – no report

Publicity – Arlene

- Updated September 12 bus trip info. Bus will leave at the Lake Sumter Landing bus depot, where parking is available. After discussion, at this point, members concurred they would like to visit Inspire Quilt Shop in the morning, where a demonstration on Deb Tucker rulers will be given by staff and then travel to Dade City where Quilts on Plum Lane is located. Since this quilt shop is smaller and likely would not accommodate the full busload, members will have the opportunity to visit various shops in the area on their own, as well as select a location for lunch on their own as well.

If you were not at today's meeting and are interested in being included on the list of those desiring to go on the bus trip please contact Arlene King by email to let her know. **Please put Sterling Bus Trip in the Subject line.**

OLD Business

- Reminder: Jill is accepting any holiday placemats made for donating
- Giving Dolls would welcome doll quilts made for boys.
- Still looking for quilts for special exhibit at AQS in Daytona/firm commitments needed
- Reminder of Open Sew at Rohan – July 5 – 9 - 3:30

NEW Business

- Reminder of the January 2018 – Guild 25th Anniversary celebration and chapter showcase. Each chapter will have a display table.
- Joanne informed members that three bags of fabric were taken to the Giving Dolls Club for their use.
- July First Sunday at Sterling to have a demo from the hosting chapter.

50/50 drawings

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Show and Tell/New To You followed

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bonner (in absence of Cathie)

Miscellaneous info provided after meeting was adjourned:

*Updates from Donna Milligan from Guild Program Committee meeting today:

A new member-to-member class is being offered on August 16, 2017 at Sea Breeze R.C. – Moda Bake Shop Jelly Roll Floor pillow - \$5.00. The pattern can be found on the Moda Bake Shop website:

<http://www.modabakeshop.com/2011/07/jelly-roll-floor-pillows.html>

A pdf copy will also accompany these minutes when sent to Chapter members via email.