

## **Sterling Stitchers Business Meeting**

**November 28, 2017**

**Meeting Called To Order:** by Bette McConkey @ 8:39 AM

**Birthdays for November** – Kathryn, Kate (didn't hear all the birthdays announced for November)

### **Secretary's Report –**

- **Accepted**

### **Treasurer's Report – Donna**

- Deposits - \$90 from 50/50 and other sources
- Expenses - \$363.05 – reimburse retreat expenses, replace irons and ironing boards.
- Total funds - \$2,359.75, encumbered funds \$ 972.71, available funds \$1,386.84.
- Currently the chapter is at max capacity with 60 members.

### **Vice President/Program Chair – Donna Milligan**

- **Bus Trip to Daytona for quilt week is on 3/1/18**, the cost is \$35 and must be paid by 1/20/18. Payment is by check made out to QGOTV and submitted to Donna Milligan.
- **Sundays at Sterling**, many of the hosting chapters fail to tell the members what the demo for the month is ahead of time and there are months that no one does anything. Asked members of our chapter if anyone has idea for demo when it is our chapter's turn to host in April, 2018.
- **Next Guild Meeting on Dec 5 is at Laurel Manner** and the presentation will be UFO by Heather Kojan.
  - The guild is asking for each chapter to bring at least 2 dozen cookies. Does anyone want to buy/make cookies for the event? Cookies are to be brought to Captiva Rec Center between 9-10 AM on Dec 5 or to the Laurel Manor porch between 11-11:15 AM
- **Guild Anniversary will be at the Jan 2, 2018 meeting from 2-4 PM @ Savannah Center** – for the anniversary party our chapter has an 8 foot table to use for our display. Liz and Valerie will have an hour to set up the display before the event starts at 2 PM.
  - We are considering displaying awards/ribbons from which our chapter members have received. Also, display samples of Hearts and Hands project i.e. placemats, pillowcases, doll quilts, charity quilts, honor flight etc.
  - Anyone who wants to bring their ribbons for display, please put your name on the back so it can be returned and give to either Liz or Valerie at any chapter meeting in December.

- **Guild Meeting 7-9 PM Feb 6, 2018 @ Laurel Manor** – and the presentation will be from Pat Sloan “My Life As A Quilter” hosted by Rohan.
  - The Little Blue Bird Class taught by Pat Sloan on Feb 7, 2018 is sold out
- **Guild Meeting 7-9 PM Mar 6, 2018 @ Laurel Manor** – and the presentation will be from Suzanne Marshall “Evolution of a Quiltmaker” hosted by Sunset Point.
  - Currently taking registrations for Wacky Bird: Take Away Applique class taught by Suzanne Marshall on March 7, 2018 @Rohan.
- **Dec 20, 2017 OPEN SEW** – from 10AM-3PM @ Sea Breeze
- **Jan 13, 2018 – Rescheduled Art Quilt Trunk Show @ Eisenhower**, door open at 12:30, show begins at 1 PM. The event will be free, just let your chapter rep Donna Milligan that you want to attend by Dec 19'th.
- **Classes Posted on Website Soon –**
  - **Feb 3 & 10- Professional Tote Bag – Eisenhower 9AM-4PM.**
  - **Feb 21 – Steering Wheel Cover – Sea Breeze 9AM – 2-3 PM**

## **Guild Report - Sandy Norris**

- **Charitable Donations Reporting**
  - All requests for reimbursements from any Guild or Chapter activity in 2017 must be submitted to Treasurer Robbins by Dec 5'th in order to be paid with 2017 funds.
  - Chapters need to fill out and submit the charity trackers in a timely fashion, there are still missing trackers. Lynn Culver has already submitted the one for Sterling Stitchers.
  - Charity reporting for 2017 needs to be done by Dec 5'th.
  - Reported membership in the guilds 1170
- **Guild has a Facebook Page – to get to that go to the following website :**  
[www.facebook.com/qgotv.org](http://www.facebook.com/qgotv.org)
- **Charities Supported**
  - There is an initiative called “**Cornerstone Salutes Hospice**”, these are lap size quilts (36"x36") made in red/white/blue and are made for the families of vets with an emblem attached to either the front or back
    - they need 7-10 quilts per month and our chapter might want to participate
  - **The Shriner's organization** for children are still looking for mats (16" x 18")
  - **Honor flight** quilt sizes can be found on the Guild website [www.qgotv.org](http://www.qgotv.org)
- **County western Hoedown**, Jan 27, 2018 at polo grounds supports Helping Hands of the VHA who provides important medical support to Villagers in need. The Guild is not participating
- **AQS Quilt week** if you provided a quilt for that event, Information will be sent to you in January, 2018 with details – 53 quilts were sent from Guild members.
- Moyer Chapter – Opening November 14, 2017, new chapter now has 13 members

## Reports From Standing Committees

### Hearts & Hands – Lynn Culver

- Lynn thanked everyone for all the pillowcases and placemats that the chapter made on the sewing days at the chapter.
- Next Hearts and Hands project will be on Dec 12'th, we will be making stockings for Operation Shoebox
- Received many thank you notes exp: from for the items we made for the SOZO kids and Sheriffs Ranch.
- Every quilt donated needs a label, honor flight has its own label and other items have Sterling Stitchers labels, Sandy Mallon has the labels.
- Total amount of all guild donations up to Sep, 2017 was \$88K. For the year our chapter has donated \$10,655.
- Followup on placemats, donated 75 mats and have a few more today. Saturday, Dec 2'nd will be last day to donate them.

### Marketplace – Jill/Joanne Orr

- Jill - coming along very well, one of the things is there will be a passport to get stamped. Unlike the previous Marketplace, instead of going to each vendor, there will be a table in each room to visit and get the passport stamped, there are 5 rooms to visit to get a stamp.
- Jill – anyone have burning desire to volunteer other than parking? Need some security door monitors or vendor angels let Jill know.
- Joanne - Everyone needs to come to training for the parking training
- Joanne – confirm your parking lot assignment, please initial the sheet today also sign up for training noon-2 or 2-4 sign up for one of those sessions.

### Showcase – Nancy

- Last meeting 11/3 not a lot of new information for Sterling quilters waiting to hear on ribbons.
- Big issue is ribbons, Sue Woodbury came by to share what she knows regarding the creation of the ribbons. She didn't have much direction and said that we would be the ones to come up with the design. A committee was formed to work on the design of the ribbons, there is 1 more opening if anyone is interested in joining the committee, and there will be 5 members. By the end of today's meeting the 5'th individual volunteered.
- Charity has been decided for donation of the proceeds from the charity quilt raffle. The money will go to **E-Nini-Hassee** charity foundation for girls.
- Nancy needs to pick up tickets on 12/5 for market place (wristband) and showcase (raffle tickets).

### Retreat – Joanne

- **Signup sheet for retreat Feb 5-8, 2018 at Luther Springs (4 days/3 nights).** Cost will be \$205 private and \$185 semi-private.

- There will be 20 openings for the retreat and 5 openings on the waiting list, please don't sign up unless you are pretty sure you are going.
- No payment required ahead of time.
- **Regarding in house retreat**, put in application to start a new lifestyle group on Nov 6'th , called **Block Party Social Club**.
  - Submitted as closed group so by invitation only for Sterling Stitchers only. Have not heard back from the Rec Center regarding acceptance of group.
  - Requesting a room once per quarter for a full day, put in Tuesdays or Wednesdays, and no specific locations.

### **Web Mistress – Joanne**

- In February for next year Joanne does everything for web, if anyone is interested in posting things to the web let Joanne know. Have been having more formalized meetings, direction going a little differently. The website in general is not getting a whole lot of hits.
- Make sure your login works, anything you would like to see on the website let Joanne know.
- Could we put website name on each monthly meeting minutes i.e. [www.qgotv.org](http://www.qgotv.org)
- There will be a presentation by the web committee in Feb, 2018 to feature what is actually on the website. Beginning in March there will be a table to help people with website questions at each monthly guild meeting.

### **Publicity – Arlene King**

- **Cancelled Bus trip** - if anyone wants their check back talk to Arlene otherwise she will tear it up
- **Christmas Brunch Dec 5'th** - So far there are 30 people going, less people than last year – 12/5 9-11 AM @ Evans Prairie Country Club, no cost to chapter members increasing the Christmas gift exchange to \$20
- **Menu** is brunch with coffee or tea, if you want alcoholic drinks or juice you will need to pay yourself.

### **NEW Business –**

- **Upcoming Quilt Shows**
  - **January** - Mancusso Quilt show coming up, the Central Florida Modern Quilt guild will be at the show.
  - **Feb 28-Mar 3** - Daytona Quilt show, Bette has quilt displayed
  - **March** – Sewing and Quilting Expo in Lakeland
- In January there will be a co-presidents – Kate and Maureen, Michelle will be treasurer, term is for two years.
- Still need to make baby quilts, they will be going to the unwed mothers.
- At E-board meeting Sterling Stitchers chapter was commended for having their charity information and report done on time, kudos to Lynn Culver.

### **New Challenge –**

- **Blooms and Gems quilt challenge** - Reveal is in January business meeting. Create an item using your birth month flower colors and gem colors.

**50/50 Drawings – 4 prizes**

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 9:30 am

**Show & Tell/New To You followed**

Respectfully Submitted by Michelle Guarrasi in absence of Cathie Champion

**After adjournment**

**Better shared a letter she received** - there will be a fabric sale at Diane Penci's house of 175 bolts of new fabric for \$6 yard, one yard minimum.

- **The sale is Dec 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> from 10Am – 3 PM. She is selling a Handy Quilter 16 for \$500.**
- **Address: 1813 Kaufman Circle, Country Club Hills Village, The Villages, FL 32159**