

SAINT ANDREW BAY QUILTERS' GUILD
MEMBERS MEETING
JUNE 21, 2023

President, Betty Marler: called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM. She welcomed members and guests, and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Betty announced that Member Orientation will be held Saturday, July 15 at 9:30 AM in Bell Hall. The orientation is for new and old members. It will be presented by board members.

2nd Vice President, Cindy Smith (Carolyn Finlayson reported): The night meeting on June 15 had 28 members attending, with no visitors or new members. Cindy Smith announced various assignments for members to fill in for committee members who are unable to attend night meetings. Carolyn Finlayson will take care of night hospitality. Doreen Norbut will be Starshine, in place of the day meeting Sunshine and Shadows. Other positions will be filled in the upcoming weeks.

Hospitality, Alana Yuratich: June refreshments are hosted by Happy Scrappers. July refreshments will be hosted by Community Buzz paired with Peace and Love. These are small bees, so additional support is appreciated.

Quilt Show, Marsha Michel: The 2024 Quilt Show will be March 15-16 at the Central Panhandle Fairground, located at the corner of 15th Street and Sherman Avenue. The theme for 2024 is log cabin blocks (traditional or non-traditional). The Quilt Show Committee will be meeting within the next few weeks. Additional details will be provided as plans are solidified.

Joan Oldham has headed a committee to revise quilt show categories, guidelines, and registration forms. Some categories have been renamed and sizes have changed.

The updated registration form asks that quilt sizes be annotated as estimated for a quilt still in work or actual measurements for a finished quilt.

Bobbi's ribbon has been clarified.

NOTE: The change which will have the most impact is that the theme category will be limited to 25-50 inches on each side.

Art/innovative quilts will not have a size limitation, but must be original work of art, no published pattern.

The new categories, guidelines, and registration forms will be sent out in the newsletter and posted on the website.

Treasurer, Dianne Daigle: Dianne has been reviewing the accounting system as she migrates the records to QuickBooks, which will be used moving forward.

Some quilt show items were difficult to track, such as pre-sale tickets. A final number will be reported once Dianne has migrated all the records to the new system.

The Guild May cash balance in checking:

Beginning: \$28,730.47

Ending: \$25,430.14

Expenses were a bit high for the year, mostly due to inflation. However, annual expenses, such as the Quilt Show deposit, retreat deposit, annual website fee, plus miscellaneous items from the annual meeting, have been paid.

The annual budget took inflation into account. The bottom line is \$50,259. That includes an increase of approximately \$7,000 from last year. Opportunities to make money are mostly limited to member dues and the quilt show. Classes bring in a little.

Dianne reviewed the budget line-by-line for the upcoming year.

Dianne discussed the Hundred Plus Women Who Care, Bay County as a source of support.

She reiterated that money requests must be accompanied by the SABQG Reimbursement Form and receipts. Also, cash will be counted when it is turned over.

Secretary, Rebecca Valle: The minutes will be posted on the website rather than in the newsletters. This change was made by the board after several guild members requested that the newsletter be streamlined.

Rebecca also announced that members who would like to take a class but are hesitant to invest in fabric for a new technique, can contact Aly Tuttle to use donated fabric. The class project will be returned to Aly or her team after the class is completed and incorporated into the Community Service projects.

Community Service, Aly Tuttle: Thank you to Janet Bell and Trudy Heath for their work. They will continue to support Community Service efforts. Gerry Hollis and Deborah Guerin are additional team members.

Donations this past year totaled \$16,585. Organizations that benefited included Sims State Veterans Nursing Home, Salvation Army Domestic Violence Shelter, Catholic Charities of NW Florida, St. Barnabas House Shelter, Bay County Council on Aging, Meals on Wheels, Anchorage Childrens Home, Lynn Haven United Methodist Foster Closet, Family Services Agency, the Pregnancy Resource Center, and Warrior Retreat.

Guild members will begin sewing holiday stockings with an initial goal of 250 although over 400 were donated last year. Diane Wishart has brought the first 25 packs of holiday stockings for the group to sew, with an initial goal of 250.

Education, Marie Granger:

Diane Holman, who taught Improvisational Quilts on June 10 to 18 students.

Gwen Weedon will be coming from California, October 20 and 21. Both days will be a full, one-day class, limited to 20 people per class. The cost is \$50.00. She is a professional teacher who teaches art quilts, specifically a beach scene for this class. Her website is sonshinequilting.com.

E-Words, Karen McQueen: If you aren't getting the emails let Karen know.

Membership, Cindy Straebel: Today's meeting included 79 members, 6 guests, and 1 new member.

The guild membership has its own website, which is SABQGMembership@outlook.com.

Newsletter/Historian, Shelia Jimenez: Inputs for the newsletter are due June 23. The newsletter will be sent out on June 25.

Publicity, Sandy Austill: Please check with places that have bulletin boards so the Guild can expand its public visibility.

Fall Retreat, Carolyn Pic: The theme for this year's retreat is Turning Over a New Leaf. Carolyn Pic and Bev Spark will be organizing the retreat. The cost is \$125 for the room and \$45.50 for meals. The facility has rooms for 32 people. The number of walk-ins will be announced later. More information to come.

Gadgets, Sarah Hutton: Sarah reviewed several types of markers. She reminded quilters to test markers. Water removable will come back with heat. Friction markers will come back and are not recommended for fabric by the manufacturer.

UFO Challenge, Bill Valle: Bill is the night meeting UFO Challenge Keeper. He reviewed the rules for the challenge, how to sign up, and that the drawing is held at the annual meeting. Sign up forms and rules will be sent in the newsletter and posted on the website.

1st Vice President, Diane Wishart: presented the Bingo Program.

The July program will be veterans' quilts. Sheila Jimenez will discuss the Sims and the Wounded Warriors quilts.

School supplies will be collected for students who are at Hidel House or in foster homes.

August will be the table sale. Those who have a table in the August sale are encouraged donate a portion of their proceeds to the guild.

Show and Tell followed the program.

Betty Marler adjourned the meeting adjourned at 11:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Valle, SABQG Secretary 2023-2024