

FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
10 Jan 09

Meeting called to order by President Carole DeGrenier at 10:15. Invocation by Terry Ware.

Change - Each month instead of fat qtrs now bring 25 charm squares (5"), doesn't have to be of same color, can be mixed. Discussion followed. Either fat qtrs or qty of 10-25 charm squares can be brought.

Guest: Guest will be introduced and presented a temp "guest" badge so guild can introduce themselves and say hello. Welcome Pauline Corbin from Florida.

Secret Pal: Donna Crow in charge of Secret Pal. Need sheets to be turned in and have final tally (22 participants). Participants picked their secret pal for the year. Again, if cannot afford large item for a particular month, at least send a card, or purchase fat qtr, spool or thread, etc. Small items are appreciate too.

Birthdays: Jackie White (membership): For January - Jean Dean, Jordan Huey, Sarah Childress, and Sandy Richardson.

Drawings: BOM - 13 blocks won by Terry Ware. A sample setting has be included from Jackie White. Charm squares/fat qtrs won by Terry Russell. 50/50 - Participants put in \$1.00 with final amount half to winner and half to general fund. \$32.00 in 50/50, thus \$16.00 won by Vicky Morrison.

Silent Auction: Rachel Bates. Change in Silent Auction beginning next month. People can cruise auction items before meeting, then bidding & paying will be done during break, there is a timer and when bell goes off, auction has ended.=2 0

Break: 15 minutes; and people are encouraged by Carole to stay for business meeting. Also April 24, 25, 26 in Tennessee is filled up, will take "waiting list" names, cost \$115.00 Spring Retreat see Peggy Williams.

Business

Have minutes for November/December- any changes? (None). Motion made to accept minutes by Shirley Sargent, 2nd by Jackie White. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report - any changes? (None). Motion made to accept treasurer report by Vicky Morrison, 2nd by Celisia(?). Motion carried.

Donna Nicholson, Treasurer, reports \$32.00 in kitty (50/50). Also \$18 - Silent Auction, \$20 - Photo CD's. \$16 - 50/50; and \$8 - Fat Qtrs/Charm Blocks

Badge Challenge Contest - of participants, Judy Boozer won contest, and was awarded a prize.

Committees President encourages if an individual want to volunteer see Committee Chairman

Prayer Quilts: Ann Von Allmen - Kits brought. 1) Also read a letter from Loving Hands at Moody Baptist Church. Have approx 49 Linus and 11 Local Children's Hospital items and more being worked on. Quilt blocks donated by Donna Hargrove. Knitting/crocheting is being done by church also, but would like additional donations. Also remember more businesses would offer funding/items for use, i.e. Target.com, etc. 2) Branch out - make "crumb catchers" for Hospice and nursing home patients, protects clothes. Ann has pattern, can use cheap towels from Dollar General (standard size). Pattern will be brought next month. Discussion follo wed. Point was made that these institutions have monthly audits, if deficiency is found, crumb catchers thought of as negative idea. Side note: on Quilts, has hearts but no 6 1/2" squares, and when ironing squares, use dry iron.

A reminder was made to make sure Ann has a request for prayer quilt from guild member. Form helps keep tract to who and to where they are going to. Form will be on web site also. Guild members has to request quilt and if an individual doesn't work on prayer quilts in some capacity, quilt will not be available to you. Another suggestion/recommendation. As of this date have 2 baby, 9 adult quilts. Guild needs to vote on who they go to. Product of workmanship is going into community. Material needs to be of high quality, blocks match, be neat and continue with each quilt. Terry Russell asked Ann if know of personal organization, guild still needs to know about it/them.

Challenge by Margaret Rose - VA volunteers within next month will have Senior VA Games - so she is challenging guild to make 2 blocks - 1 for challenge and 1 for BOM, cut 12 1/2", finish 12". Patriot Block. Person will get prize.

Newsletter - Rachel Bates - Discussion about members having classified ads for items not wanting to put in Silent auction, need to send ad to Sandy Richardson, [scrapquiltsnuffy@aol.com](mailto:scrapquiltsnuffy@aol.com). 2 weeks from now Sat 24th deadline to get into newsletter. If after 24th, then ad goes into next newsletter. Comment from Donna C. was made that the check list given in newsletter is helpful and please keep it up. Rachel, [dixdizzy@charter.net](mailto:dixdizzy@charter.net). If you have changed email/servers, make sure Jackie W. has correct info for address book at end of year. Also if person has item that sells from classified ad, make a donation to guild.

Membership - Jackie White - reports that had 45 members, 1 guest, and that guild has January/February to pay dues. If dues are not paid, then newsletter will not be sent. Reminder that a current membership card needs to be made for new year for use at Joann's, Hancock's, etc. Directories from Jackie W. are available and are \$1.00 each.

Care team - Jo Buttner - there is a change in the way this is handled. The Treasurer will give a check to Jo for \$100.00 to get 4 \$25.00 gift cards for use if member, a members close family illness/death. They will not be used for food or flowers, recipient will use card in manner seen fit. Motion made by Donna C, 2nd by Donna N. Motion carried. Guild membership asked to go through their extra "get well/sympathy/happy birthday" cards to give to Jo to send out and to let

her know if someone is sick or of death. Jo is to let Rachel know of situation for newsletter. Discussion followed on suggestion of Telephone Tree, people get/read emails, not phone messages.=2 0Tabled discussion till a later date. Call for vote - motion carried.

At this time Carole said that the By-laws are another thing that needs to be worked on. Not even sure the last amendments to by-laws had been incorporated into by-laws, etc.

Silent Auction. Joye Price will return next month. Rachel will take care of this for this month.

BOM - Terry Ware - Block from internet "Quilters Cache". February's block will be "Glory In Scraps". Also this year all BOM's are to be scrappy. Everything is on website. Backgrounds are all cream/beige, no whites. When going to Christmas party if you don't want BOM to be scrappy quilt, use any scrappy block.

Charm Squares - Judith Miller - Up to individual if want squares to be one color or scrappy. Judith suggests scrappy. There will not be "ugly fabric" or brown bag, etc., challenges for this year. Florence has Accu-cut machine can cut fabric also. There will be a scrappy exchange possibly in May or July.

Retreat - Peggy Williams - Spring Retreat/Cannot go to Paducah but for those still wanting to go, then going to "The Cottage" - between Nashville/Knoxville, booked 23 with limit but also has waiting list. Depositors have been given receipts, Peggy encouraged to get deposit in by next meeting and pay in full by March. Retreat will still be April 24, 25, 26. People are to meet at a given location in Pell City and will carpool to retreat. Friday at noon will be lunch, dinner and 3 meals on 20 Saturday, Sunday morning meal and then will start home. Theme: UFO's - but no projects.

Fall Retreat - rates have gone up. Magnolia 2008 last week in Sept, will try to keep 4th weekend, but as of now 3rd weekend. If people want to give money now, Peggy will take it. If cannot go let Peggy know so that slot can be filed. Magnolia has been made aware of the disappointment meal at Christmas party. Peggy asked for suggestions concerning retreat. None given.

Meeting in March - Meeting will be at Donna Crow's church. Donna has provided directions and they will be posted on internet. Lesson will be given by Judith Miller on Pillowcases. Bring fabric requirement for pillowcases, and sewing supplies. Approximately 30 minutes for business meeting, then sew for rest of day. Starts at 9:30- till. Bring your own lunch and soft drink. Will have coffee but a chest of ice will need to be brought. There are several fast food places nearby. Give family members church number because cell phones don't work in church's location. Will give donation to church. Any questions call Carole or Donna C. As a reminder guild is planning to have a sew day once a qtr.

Cookbook - Jackie Crumley - Cookbook given to Sally Day & Terry Russell who missed attendance at Anniversary Party. Extra cookbooks bought for friends/family 3 total at \$5.00 each, \$15.00 for general fund.

Suggestion for future - Think Green (Terry Ware). Use no more styrofoam, bring your own

coffee mugs. Motion made by Carole, 2nd by Brownie, Motion carried.

Library - Celisia Burke - Have lots of books, will clean out drawer in file cabinet for storage.

Historian - no volunteer at this time.

Show & Tell - In future wish to show group - tables will be provided on side of room. Make sure info on quilt, i.e. name, etc. This is to cut down on the amount of time used at meeting. Motion made by Brownie, 2nd by Celisia. Motion carried.

Major Fund Raiser - Pell City Civic Center - Oct/Nov Quilt Show Craft Fair. Individuals are encouraged to get booth to show items, get to keep all except for rent money. Event to be published. Have vendors to come. Prayer Quilts on display. Need to have everyone involved. Carole has downloaded \$35.00 worth of "How To Run Quilt Show/Craft Show". Ann Von Allmen asked to have event close to Christmas to be able to make wreaths. She has plenty of wood available to make these wreaths. Be thinking about show & tell for crafts; one thing is the Pillowcase and to make crafts to be donated to guild or to be sold by individual. If anyone has had experience from past guilds or organizations on conducting either show, please share info. Side note: Individuals willing to help, but not chair Quilt Show/Craft Show - Beth Staples, Jackie Crumley, and Terry Ware.

There being no further discussion/question, motion made by Donna C to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Donna N. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.