

1-16-2020

Cotton Boll Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Esther Flitcroft

Esther opened by saying how fond she was of seeing so many bright, shining faces and is ready for a fun year of quilting.

Call for Visitors:

Marilyn Durham - returning member from Tallassee, AL

Joanna Martin

Linda Walker - Gala Quilt Guild in Columbus

Debbie

Announcement:

Thank you, Flavin - Esther extended a warm applause to Flavin Glover for being such a gracious hostess for our annual Christmas party. Gift cards were collected at the Christmas party for the Girl's ranch. Total collected \$400 in assorted gift cards.

Business:

Esther reported that she was in possession of the End of Year Financial Report prepared by Brenda Gerbec and would post report on website with January's Minutes.

Esther expressed thanks to last year's guild officers. There were some "bumpy road" moments, yet with hard work everything ran smoothly.

Esther mentioned that the new board members and committee heads have worked endless hours to prepare for the new year. Booklets have been made for each committee chairperson and officer outlining duties and timelines. Esther received an email from Linda Thomas, retreat committee chair, stating that (due to her absence) she would like to resign from her position as retreat chair. As per bylaws, Esther approached Joyce Powell about taking the position of Retreat Committee Chair. Joyce accepted the position.

- Joyce Powell - Retreat Committee Chairperson
- Ceretha - Nighttime Birthday Group Chairperson
- Judy Wood - Social Media Chairperson
- Irene Nelson - Secretary
- Becky Berry - Programs Chairperson
- Ann Bentley - Treasurer
- Michelle Kloeti - Vice President
- Esther Flitcroft - President

All listed received the blue booklet with job description and timelines.

Kathy McVay - Comfort quilts. Kathy has been the leader of this group for quite a while. Due to an upcoming relocation, she is ready to "pass the torch" to another member. This committee gathers 6.5" quilt blocks and fabric squares to be incorporated into a quilt to comfort a guild member who has suffered a loss. The committee's goal is to make the quilt tops and have them ready to be quilted when needed. When presented, we wrap the sister with the quilt and comfort and grieve with them. Guild is seeking someone to take over this committee. If interested, please speak with Esther as the President of the Guild appoints the chair.

Retreat collections to start next month. Michelle spoke with Retreat Center. We have 41 spaces available. Get yourself a roommate and be ready to sign up next month. Yay!

Upcoming Programs/Agenda

Becky Berry - Program Committee Chair- distributed an interest survey. She introduced her committee members:

- Connie Steel
- Kim Scarborough
- Laura Olds
- Beth Anderson

January

Saturday, January 18 - mini retreat at Chamber of Commerce. Doors open at 7 am. Limited to 20 sewing machine tables. There will be an iron station, cutting station, and hand work area.

February

Feb. 20th - Speaker - Carol Liebzeit - phenomenal speaker & international teacher (US, Europe, and the Middle East). She has a PBS series. She makes traditional blocks with new color combinations. She will lecture on combining color and designing using fabric from your stash. Bring a difficult piece of fabric and watch her work her magic. *There will be no show and tell this month due to the length of the lecture.

March

Workshop - Diane Knott - Scrap Quilt Secrets

19th - Guild meeting - Diane Knott will speak to guild

20th Friday (9-1) - \$45 Workshop - Chamber of Commerce - Paper piecing - Curves

21st Saturday (8-3) - \$60 Workshop - Chamber of Commerce - Big Stitch and Applique

\$90 if you sign up for both workshops - book included. She will sign our books.

Supply list will be provided upon sign up.

April

Speaker - Penny Willingham from Hometown quilt Shop in Hogansville, GA

We (as a guild) are asked to make the 2020 Quilt of Valor Block to be turned in at the February or March Meeting. These quilt blocks will be presented to Penny at our April Meeting.

April 18th - Saturday - Mini Retreat at Chamber. \$10 fee to defray cost of Chamber.

May

May 16 - Saturday - Workshop - Tool Caddy - There will be a fabric requirement and a supply list will be provided. Fee is \$5 half day or \$10 Whole day.

May 21 - Guild meeting - Applique demonstration

June

June 4, 5, & 6 - Retreat at Charlie Elliot

June 18th - Guild meeting - Tracy from University (costume designer) will lecture.

June 27th - Saturday - Workshop with Linda Waller - Making Bags out of bags. Start collecting your pet food bags. Open them up and clean them very well.

July

July 16th - Guild meeting - Ice Cream Social - Bring a repurposed gadget, something you bought and use for an entirely different reason.

July 18th - Mini Retreat at Chamber

August

August 20th - Guild meeting - Kim Scarborough and Sharon Bass - presentation

August 22nd - Mini retreat at Chamber

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Door prize Raffle - \$57 was taken in. Last 4 digits of ticket 9348. Cindy Reinke winner.

Flavin Glover mentioned a **Quilt Symposium at Pebble Hill** on May 14-15.

Email frenzy this afternoon. Esther addressed the email frenzy that took place this afternoon. She reiterated that this type of behavior will not be tolerated. She would like to encourage any members, which asked to be removed from Email, to come back. Too many good things/ladies are in this group to let a couple of rogue emails cause unrest.

Esther repeated that she is grateful for all the work done in the guild.

Michelle Kloeti addressed the guild. She announced a new sign in sheet to document attendance. She addressed the group about the bylaws. The committee has been reviewing and revising the bylaws for over a year. We have bylaws for a reason. They are to establish rules and guidelines for the guild to run in an orderly manner and to provide accountability. The committee took into account the history of the guild and various activities that had happened in the past. In addition, the committee sent out an email to the guild members to ask for suggestions for the bylaws. Once the bylaws were revised, they were sent to the board for approval - to make sure they were appropriate for the optimum performance of the guild. Michelle then discussed the importance that all members should receive the PROPOSED bylaws at the same time, so they would be sent to all members via email. Guild members would have 30 days to review the bylaws. Michelle requested that any questions/concerns about the revised/proposed bylaws be directed to her. She will explain the rationale in the change. She asked that guild members

NOT email their concerns to the entire guild via the guild email system, but directly to her. If, for some reason, her explanation doesn't answer or agree with the member, the question/concern will be taken to the board for further attention/discussion. The intention of the bylaw committee and the Executive board is NOT to hide anything from anyone. The bylaws are to assist in the transparency of the organization. After the members have had a chance to peruse the bylaws, a vote will be done electronically. It will be an anonymous vote. Tallies will be recorded and majority will pass the bylaws.

We will be following a modified Robert's Rules of Order.

In reference to new membership form, we (as a guild) have never voted on a membership form nor have we voted on a retreat form.

Charity Quilt Committee. After much discussion, it is recommended, in the proposed bylaws, to dissolve the charity quilt committee. Historically it has been difficult to get a member to head this committee. In addition, there is the issue of housing the "donated" fabric and keeping an accurate inventory. This fabric is frequently not the caliber of fabric that the guild would want to use as a gift to someone. Should the need arise (ex: tornado, fire, etc...), an impromptu committee would be formed with the chair being appointed by the Guild President. The guild would have a "set block pattern" to use, so that accurate yardage could be determined. Fresh, up-to-date fabric would be purchased to make these quilts. Once an accurate amount of fabric is determined based on the number of quilts needed using the chosen set pattern or patterns, it would be submitted to the board for approval to buy the new yardage. Once the quilts have been made, any leftovers, which should be minimal, could be given to the comfort committee to be used in quilts made for our members in a time of loss.

New Email address - Judy Wood announced that the guild will be switching to a different email address. When this is established, the members' email addresses will be added in. These individuals will receive the bylaws via this new email address.

Concern about communication with old member was brought up by Ceretha. Ceretha was worried that the old members would not receive the bylaws before being able to renew their membership, since the email address would change right away. Esther said she would address Judy Wood about this issue.

Show and Tell - many talented quilters in the guild presented some of their projects. (Linda Hayes, Ginger Woltosz, Faye Parkman, Pat Randle, Myra Utter, etc.....)

Esther closed the meeting at 8:23 by recapping that she hopes everyone is at peace and that all guild members need to work together.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Irene Nelson
January 17, 2020