

7-15-2021

Cotton Boll Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
Auburn Chamber of Commerce

6:35 Michelle Kloeti called the meeting to order

Michelle Kloeti (standing in for Esther Flitcroft) opened the meeting by informing the guild members that we would have our presentation first. After the presentation, we would have a 10 minute break to shop, and then the regular meeting would start.

Becky Berry reminded guild members that there would be a mini-retreat (sew day) at the chamber of commerce on Saturday, July 24, at 9:00 am. There will be a \$10 fee to cover the chamber fee.

Becky Berry also reminded the guild that Diane Knott would be visiting in the month of August. There are still spots left for her two classes. All members attending the classes need to be in possession of her book.

Program

Becky Berry introduced Penny Willingham from Hometown Quilt Shop in Hogansville, GA. Penny is an army brat, which is why she has such a vested interest in Quilts of Valor (QOV). She explained in depth all about quilts of valor.

QOV was founded by a lady who had a dream. Her son came back from war "broken." While visiting him at Walter Reed Medical Center, she had a dream about a "broken" man sitting on the side of the bed. Someone had put a quilt around him. "Every veteran deserves a quilt."

Penny explained that she usually presents the QOV on Veteran's Day at the park. This past year she presented 18 quilts and has presented 32 quilts to date this year in her store. She stressed that we should make it a goal to comfort all veterans. She keeps a quilt in the back of her car, because she never knows when she'll come across a veteran.

Penny expressed how proud she is of all the ladies in her shop who participate for QOV. She simply cannot make them fast enough.

There are certain guidelines when making and presenting a QOV. Each quilt has to have a label telling who pieced it, bound it, quilted it, and who it is presented to. It needs to be folded over about 12 inches and placed around the shoulders of the veteran. When presenting, the veteran is thanked for his/her service. Then he/she is asked, "May I present you with a QOV?" Some veterans are very receptive, while others are not.

There are many other guidelines that need to be followed. One important rule is that the quilt cannot simply be a gigantic flag. Flags are draped over the casket of a veteran.

There is a website to refer to for all other specifications. For example, size, colors, patterns, eligibility and bookkeeping (veterans are not supposed to receive more than one) are all topics covered on the website.

As a guild, we constructed many blocks for the QOV. Due to Covid, we were unable to present them last year. Becky Berry presented them to Penny. Penny was deeply touched by the gesture.

Old Business:

Minutes for June 2021 were sent out via email. Kamie Loomis moved to accept the minutes and Cathy Browne seconded the motion. Minutes accepted unanimously.

The **financial report** from Ann Bentley had also been presented to the guild via email. Pat Hobaugh moved to accept the financial report Mary Ann Hampton seconded the motion.

New Business:

Michelle Kloeti announced that Jude Feyen and Sherry Watkins were in need of prayer. Both ladies are battling cancer.

Sew Day – July 24. Sew day at the chamber. Anyone interested in bringing whatever project she is working on is invited to a sew day. There is no sign up, but Becky Berry will email a reminder. \$10 entry fee.

Cathy Browne asked for someone to set up the AV equipment for September. She will not be at the guild meeting.

Raffle winner: Irene Nelson – Woooo Hoooo
Raffle money collected \$32

Show and Tell

Nola Chambers showed her Round Robin Quilt.
Michelle Kloeti showed her paisley quilt.

Meeting concluded at 7:50.

Minutes respectfully taken and submitted by Irene Nelson
June 27, 2021