

December 2016

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Meetings:

Dec 6-1:30 pm Board Meeting
Dec 7— Evening
Party 6:45-8:30p
Dec 15 10 am—
Business/Party
United Methodist
Church of Missouri
City
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER: Helen Wilems

From Me to You

.Nov. 27, 2016

I would like to pass on a message from Marie Abbott, our contact person at First Methodist Church of Missouri City--"Thanks for all the donations for the MDS Food Train and scarves for the Seafarers



boxes. They are preparing 162 boxes so the scarves will come in handy and were most welcome to receive! Your members are most generous!" In addition to the scarves and food, you have helped with the collection of ditty bags, food and socks for the VA Hospital, Quilts of Valor, Community Services and Project Linus blankets and quilts. Keep up the good work ladies and gentleman.

Since resolutions to do some things differently at the first of year, let me share with you some of mine.

If I make one scarf and one hat each month for the VA hospital, I should have 11 by November of 2017. So if each of us would do one every other month, what could we have in a year?

If I finish one Project Linus fleece blanket and one community service quilt a month that would be 12 of each at the end of the year. If each of us would do even one every other month, and do that on the off months from the scarf and hats months, we would meet our goal over the year and help our CS chairperson use of the fabric that is collecting in our storage unit.

And the usual, lose some weight and exercise more.

I am sure more will come up before January 1, so the list will grow.

May you and your families have Happy and Blessed Holiday Season.

See you at the meetings,

Helen

Programs By Lisa Patterson

Program:

We will not have a speaker/program for the December meetings. Our very special Activity ladies are coordinating our parties, and I'm looking forward to celebrating with everyone!

Our January evening meeting will be VERY educational and informative. Lois Hallock from Clearview Designs will be giving us a presentation on making our Quilting rooms Ergonomic, Efficient and Organized. I don't know about you, but for myself, I DEFINITELY need this! Hope to see y'all in January for this one (and bring a friend!)



Community Service by Sakeenah Mubashsh

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Greetings Guild Members, the November 17th meeting was such a blast after learning that Pauline and I wee featured in the Novmber Issue of Fort Bend Lifestyle & Home Magazine, and leaving the meeting with EMPTY TUBS. You all are truly an awesome group and I am happy to be included.

Thanks to the following members for helping with sewing, quilting and finishing fleece blanks:

Barbara Baxter Cathy Price Doris Mahaffey Helen Wilems

Diane Hickey Grace Clarke Linda Davi Debbie Penalber

Katherine Onstott Jane Kress Barbara Hill Gwen Goldsberry

Diane Carpenter Beth Duffy Julie Dayton Linda Towle

Jen Pazicni Sherri Stringfield

Announcement: You are invited to the "Backing Making Party" Saturday, January 7, 2017 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Church. Purpose of the party is to make backings for the numerous quilt tops you all made over the past year.



Financials by Pauline Manes

As of November 28, 2016

Income: \$1,612.00 Expense: \$1,329.70 Balance: \$21,297.89 Savings: \$25,050.97

Quilts of Valor by Barbara Young

QOV article for December newsletter by Barbara Young

On December 15th before our luncheon, we will have a Quilts of Valor awards ceremony for several veterans by our Regional QOV Representative, Cynthia Chaffee. All of the quilts being awarded to the veterans have been made by our guild volunteers. I do hope you can join us for this celebration honoring our service men from several different wars.

Our next sew-in will be moved to December 17th due to the holiday celebrations at the church. We will be sewing in the Music Room at the First United Methodist Church of Missouri City from 10 AM until 3 PM.

Four tops were completed and turned in at our last sew-in.

Many thanks to the following for their donations to QOV:

Jo's Quilting Studio	Sandy Kneeland	Elizabeth Barrow	Barbara Penning	Carol Bell
Barbara Young	Shirley Grover	Liz Narcisse	Garri Butler	Sandi Winston
Deborah Bryson	Joan Bell	Kay Paul		
Linda Pavonk	Doris Mahaffey			



BEES

If interested in attending one of the bees listed below, please reach out to the contact person to confirm the date and time and that there is space available.

Bayland Quilt Toppers	Beginners Bee	Electric Quilt
Every Friday 9 AM—1 PM	Every Tuesday	1st & 3rd Wednesday
Nancie Roach	11:00 AM—3 PM	9:30 AM—Noon
713-771-6762	RSVP	Nancie Roach

Girls Night Out Bee 1st Friday of Month	Material Girls Cloth Doll Club	New Territory Quilt Group Bee
6 PM—Midnight	3rd Saturday	Sept—May—1st Wednesday
Cyn Wilde	Quilt Works	10 AM—11:30 AM
281-455-8267	Nancy Roach	JoAnn's

Pecan Grove Quilters	Round Robin League	Sew Busy Bee
Every Wednesday	3rd Saturday—9 AM—2 PM	Every Frifay 10 AM—2 PM
10 AM—2 PM	Faye Stromatt	Bring a Lunch
Bring a Lunch	281-850-3165	Barbara Baxter
Judy Wolter	stromatt@flash.net	281-242-5403

Social Bee	Sugar Land Bee	UFO Bee
RSVP Bee	Every Tuesday 10 AM—2 PM	RSVP Bee
3rd Friday	Bring a Lunch	2nd & 4th Thursday
Foxy Quilters	Barbara Baxter—281-242-5403	1 PM-4 PM

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President: Helen Wilems President Elect: Mark Towle

Vice President Programs: Lisa Patterson Program Chairman Elect: Gwen Goldsberry Vice President Membership: Judy Wolter

Secretary: Cathy Price Treasurer: Pauline Manes

Workshop Chairman: Debbie Garner Workshop Chairman Elect: Kay Paul Representative at Large: Carolyn Shelton Editor/Advertising: Diane Aleman

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Advertising/Sponsors: Bee Coordinator: Open

Community Service: Sakeenah Mubashshir

Bo's Place: Katherine Onstott Project Linus: Jennifer Pazicni Quilts for Kids: Barbara Young Quilts of Valor: Barbara Baxter VA Hospital: Gwen Goldsberry

Donation Quilt: Kay Paul Hospitality: Carol Ann Barley

Librarian: Linda Towle Online Auction: Dana Comer Parliamentarian: Carolyn Shelton

Quilt Show: Barb Wall Retreat: Sally Stanner

Show & Share: Carol Kettlewell Web Admin: Pauline Manes

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Articles *must* be received by the Monday following the Thursday morning meeting for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. Send articles to editor@cpqgtx.org.

If you do not have e-mail capability, legibly written information will be accepted by the deadline.

According to the CPQG By-laws, if you need a printed copy of the newsletter, please notify the editor.

A fee applies to all printed copies of The Monarch.

Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

Minutes of the October 4th, 2016 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Helen Wilems, President at 1:32 pm at the Keegan's Woods Community Building.

Board Members in attendance: Helen Wilems, Lisa Patterson, Judy Wolter, Cathy Price, Carolyn Shelton, Mark Towle, Gwen Goldsberry, Pauline Manes, Kay Paul, Diane Aleman. A quorum was present. Committee Members in attendance: Sakeenah Mubashshir, Carol Ann Barley. Visitor in attendance: Sherri Stringfield.

The Minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report for September 2016 was approved as presented.

Announcements

- Helen Wilems reminded everyone that there will be no evening meeting in November since that is preview night for the International Quilt Festival. This will be announced at tomorrow's evening meeting and in the newsletter.
- The donation cutoff for the Seafarer's Church scarf project sponsored by FMUC will be the November 17th business meeting. The Guild members can continue to make scarves throughout the year for next year. There are instructions available for knitted and crochets scarves with the dimensions on the Seafarer's Church website http://seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea.
- Pauline Manes presented the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 year. She explained to the new board members how the budget is formulated and that the biennial quilt show has its own budgeting process. The budget committee tried to be generous in their estimates for the coming year to prevent shortfalls. Pauline will update the presented budget to include estimated revenue from the September quilt show and any quilt show related expenditures that will occur in this budget cycle, such as deposit for the Stafford Centre. She will make the suggested changes and submit this to the board for review. Gwen Goldsberry made the motion to approve the budget with the discussed amendments. Mark Towle seconded. The motion was approved.
- A discussion on the suitability of the current storage facility was held. It was decided that no changes are needed at this time. It was noted that there is a lot of fabric available. If Guild members need this for any of the supported charity projects, they should coordinate their needs thru Sakeenah Mubashshir and Gwen Goldsberry. Also, Sakeenah is collecting UPC codes from Hobbs batting for rebates that go back into the Guild funds.

Board and Committee Reports

President-Elect – Mark Towle

Nothing to report.

VP Membership - Judy Wolter

The Kroger company has a Community Rewards Program that is linked to their membership card that allows shoppers to collect "rebates" for the Guild. Kroger gave the Guild a rebate total of \$67.00 this past quarter. Judy has found that only "local" cards can collect the rebates. If members have non-local cards, these need to be updated to help the Guild collect these rebates

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Judy also noted that the current quilting Bee list needs to be updated. After much discussion, the group proposed that the local quilting Bee listing will be updated on the website and in the newsletter. Information will include date, time, location, and the focus of the Bee. If a Bee is not accepting new members, this will be noted as "Full- please contact the Beekeeper for further information" on the listing. For each Bee, the Beekeeper contact information will be provided. It will be up to each Beekeeper to keep Rebecca Trevino (head Beekeeper) updated on the status of their Bee. A motion to accept this proposal was made by Pauline Manes and seconded by Mark Towle and Kay Paul. The motion was passed by the Board.

Judy noted there are currently 154 members.

VP Programs – Lisa Patterson

Lisa reported that the speaker for tomorrow's meeting is Kimberly Hervey and she will be speaking on Antique Sewing Machine. The speaker for the October 20th meeting will be Kim Norton. Her topic is quilting: The Possibilities are Endless. The afternoon workshop on October 20th will be Machine Quilting: Deciding What to Quilt, also presented by Kim Norton. Those enrolled for this workshop will bring a top to review possible quilting options.

Workshops – Debbie Garner

Absent - See addendum

Programs-elect - Gwen Goldsberry

Gwen presented a flyer for review about the upcoming first-ever 2018 Greater Houston Shop Hop Cruise that several local shops are sponsoring. The participating shops are Pinwheels and Posies (Dickinson), Quilter's Emporium (Stafford), Quilt 'n Sew (Katy), Calico Cats Sewing Center (Lake Jackson), Quilter's Quarters (Conroe), Quilters Crossing (Tomball), Fabrics Etcetera (Webster), Cactus Quilts (Texas City) and Quilter's Cottage (Richmond).

Gwen presented an updated version of the Guild Speaker/Teacher contract for the board to review. Updates were needed primarily for the speaker set-up portion of the contract. Additional revisions were suggested by various meeting attendees based on issues noted with previous speakers. Gwen will make the suggested revisions and sent this out to the board via email for review and approval.

Gwen has a speaker, Janie Alonzo from http://zoraycreations.com/ lined up for the April 2018 meeting. A motion to accept this proposed speaker was made by Lisa Patterson and seconded by Mark Towle. The motion was passed by the Board.

Donation Quilt 2016 - Kay Paul

Kay noted that she has a volunteer to help with displaying the 2016 donation quilt. Diane Hickey will be transitioning to the position. Lisa Patterson noted she has some locations that will allow additional showings of the quilt. These are in Hempstead and the Tri-county area. Lisa will coordinate getting the information to Kay for the showings.

Gwen Goldsberry will be helping Kay with the evening workshop survey discussed last month so it can be presented at the October 5th evening meeting.

Treasurer - Pauline Manes

Pauline noted that Chase bank representative indicated that two signatures are not needed on the checks. The reasoning for why two are needed was discussed. Two signatures were set-up to protect both the Guild accounts and the Treasurer.

One proposal is that Pauline review the amounts needed for the bulk of the checks to determine a typical small check amount. This would be presented to the board for review and a modification to the by-laws to indicate that unless the check exceeds the defined amount, the Treasurer's signature will suffice. This will be discussed for feasibility by the board later.

Pauline also noted that the checking account has a large amount in it currently and she would like to transfer a portion of this to savings. A motion to transfer \$25K to the saving account was made by Kay Paul and seconded by Cathy Price. The motion was passed by the Board. If a larger transfer is determined to be needed later, it will be passed before the board for approval at a later meeting.

Secretary – Cathy Price

Cathy indicated that the banking changes were completed and some pertinent information was provided by the Chase Bank representative. The signature updates can now be done at any Chase Bank branch that has the staff present to handle the signature updates since this is done on the computer. Calling to confirm availability is recommended. Also, anyone who holds a Debit Card must be on the signature "card". Cathy will include these Banking notes in the folder that is maintained by the Guild secretary.

Editor/Advertising - Diane Aleman

Diane has not gotten this month's newsletter out due to a series of unexpected delays and a glitch with the calendar submitted. She plans to have it on-line by the end of this week.

Activities – Barbara Young/Katherine Onstott Absent

Bee Keeper – Rebecca Trevino Absent

Community Service - Sakeenah Mubashshir

Sakeenah presented Pauline Manes the receipts for multiple quilts and pillowcases donated to the Ft. Bend Women's Shelter. She also presented the receipt for nine Quilts of Valor from the Quilt show presentations.

Donation Quilt 2017 - Debbie Garner/Lisa Patterson

Lisa Patterson noted that this being worked on now.

Hospitality – Carol Ann Barley

Everything is okay at this time.

Quilts of Valor – Barbara Baxter

Helen indicated the next sew-in will be Saturday October 22nd, from 10 am to 3 pm in Music rooms A & B at FUMC.

Absent

Retreat – Sally Staner Absent

Webmaster - Pauline Manes / Jen Pazicni

Pauline reported that she has sent the board members a link to the product called MY GROVE so they can test and review this. She noted that this site has many automated features which would allow notices, reminders, and more open communication.

Helen Wilems noted that the CPQG website information needs to display the current board officers and their contact information.

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Price, Secretary Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

Addendum:

Workshop Chair – Debbie Garner(via notes received October 5th)

So far, the current workshops have been very well received.

The September workshop with Felice Regina cost the Guild \$200. With eighteen members attending at \$20 each, we made \$360. Therefore a \$160 profit was netted.

We have eleven members signed up to date for the October workshop. The class cost is \$300 and we are projecting a shortfall of \$75 unless more sign up.

The November workshop is costing the Guild \$200 plus \$10 for each student over the first twenty. Additionally, each student must purchase a pattern for \$10. We currently have eleven members signed up and many have not paid yet. Breakeven for this workshop is 10 paid students, so the Guild will have a surplus with this class.

Helen Wilems announced at the October 5th meeting that Sherri Stringfield has taken the open 2017 Shop Hop Coordinator position.

Barbara Wall has taken the 2018 Tenth Anniversary Quilt Show Team Coordinator position.

This fills all open positions for the next year.

Minutes of the November 17th, 2016 General Meeting of the Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

The meeting was called to order by Helen Wilems, President at 10.02 a.m.

The minutes of the October 20th general business meeting were approved as posted in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report for October 2016 was approved as posted in the newsletter.

Announcements - Helen Wilems:

Rebecca Trevino has resigned as Bee Keeper. A replacement is needed for this position. Anyone interested should contact Helen Wilems.

Carolyn Shelton is moving and has resigned as Representative-at-large. A replacement is needed for this position. Anyone interested should contact Helen Wilems.

Grace Clark, one of our Guild members, won a ribbon at the International Quilt Show.

Jen Pazicni reported on the findings of the annual Audit Committee. The committee of Jen Pazicni, Nancie Roach, and Kay Tanner found that overall, the bookkeeping was in order. However, they had some notations and recommendations for the Treasurer. These were to improve documentation of checks with notations and/or receipts. The Treasurer, Pauline Manes, has been informed of the findings and will address the incomplete documentation both from the previous year and for future reporting.

Judy Wolter reported on the MyGrove website being used for email and updates by CPGQ. The site is an information center that allows connections to CPGQTX and other sites based on each user's preferences. It is a secure site and does not sell names or advertise. Judy also did a brief question and answer session concerning the site. Judy concluded by indicating that if anyone has more questions or issues about the site to please contact her.

Helen Wilems reported that there are the bazaar items from Linda Payonk at the back of the sanctuary. Donations to the Guild are being accepted for these.

Barbara Wall announced that the 2018 Quilt show team will be formalized around the end of January 2017. She has had some Guild members interested in the committee and is looking for additional participants.

Judy Wolter announced that we have five guests present at the meeting today.

Judy Wolter awarded this month's Birthday prize. Eleven members had a November birthdate.

Judy Wolter awarded this month's Door Prizes to those members whose numbers were drawn.

Judy Wolter reported that Kroger Card renewal forms are available at the registration desk. DVDs of the quilts from the 2016 CPGQ show are still available at the registration desk. Raffle tickets for the 2016 Donation Quilt "Texas Treasures" are still available. The quilt will be raffled on December 15th. The Membership Directory for CPGQ is at the printers. There will also be an ecopy available to members.

Julie Dayton gave an update on the December meetings/parties. Details are posted on MyGrove. Barbara Young asked that everyone make a list of up to six items on their UFO list and bring it to the parties. Details on what will be done to the list will be at the parties.

Today's program will be presented by Anita Bradshaw from AnotherbyAnita.com on No-Bias Stained Glass techniques.

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Programs Chair, Lisa Patterson

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The January 19th program is Bordering: On the Edge of Madness with Minay Sirois.

Workshop Chair, Debbie Garner

There are 15 members signed up for the No Bias Binding Stained Glass Applique workshop this afternoon. Signup for this can still be done and Debbie has available fabric.

Signup for the January 19th and February 16th workshops can be done today in the lobby. January's workshop is Bordering with Minay Sirois. February's workshop is Winging it in Three Dimensions with Nova Montgomery.

Debbie brought a small quilt made from the Shield Maiden pattern blocks made at the Felice Regina workshop in September. This will be turned into a charity or auction quilt with the addition of addition blocks if anyone can help make blocks.

Secretary, Cathy Price

No Report

Editor, Diane Aleman

Diane reported that due to the holidays, any inclusions for the December newsletter need to be in to her by the 22nd of this month.

Community Service, Sakeenah Mubashshir

Today Sakeenah brought only "quilt sandwiches" that need quilting. We have many completed tops, but need to get these quilted. She noted that these are great for small projects that allow you to practice your quilting. There are also fleece kits in the lobby. The signup sheets can be used for both of these projects. The Our Community Together quilt made for the DeWalt Heritage Center will be installed for permanent display at the Holiday Wassail on Sunday, December 4, 1-4 p.m. The DeWalt Heritage Center is located at the back of Kitty Hollow Park in Missouri City.

On January 7^{th} , from 10 am -3 pm, a backing and batting assembly party to assemble charity quilt sandwich kits will be held at the FUMC in music rooms A & B. There will be more information later in the newsletter.

Gwen Goldsberry reported that it's not 150, but 500 ditty bags that are needed for December 16th delivery. She has more kits available. These will have white socks, candies, small toiletries in them and will be tied with a ribbon for distribution. Next year, one of the guild projects will be hats for homeless veterans. More information about both projects can be found on MyGrove.

Barbara Young indicated that the Port-a-Cath pillow kits were available in the lobby and this would be an ongoing project for the Guild.

Donation Quilt 2016, Kay Paul

This was displayed in Hempstead on the 12th of November. The quilt show there was very good and very supportive.

Donation Quilt 2017, Lisa Patterson/Debbie Garner

Lisa and Debbie displayed the finished quilt Starry, Starry Night. This quilt is made from star blocks made by the Guild members.

Barbara Baxter reported that the Quilts of Valor sew-in is this weekend from 10 – 3pm in Music Rooms A & B of FUMC.

Retreat, Sally Staner

No Report

Webmaster, Jen Pazicni

No Report

Show and Share was held.

The program by Anita Bradshaw "Stained Glass: was presented. Anita told how she came to design her no-bias technique and had many of her beautiful projects available to view.

Meeting was adjourned by Helen Wilems at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Price, Secretary, Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

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