

Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild February 17, 2014

The February meeting of the FKQG was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Karen Clark at the Bahia Vista Mennonite Church. Karen welcomed everyone—new members, guests and members. She reminded everyone to silence their cell phones, not to wear perfumes to the meetings and also to please say your name when making or seconding a motion in order for it to be recorded in the minutes. The tables in the entry hall have quilt related news regarding shows and events specifically coming up in Venice, Bradenton and Punta Gorda as well as other locations.

The January Minutes have been posted to the website. There were no corrections or additions. The 2013 year end Treasurer's report has been posted to the website.

Winter Retreat: Mary Nissen, 2nd V.P., reminded "campers" to pack their bags and UFO's or new projects for the retreat which starts Thursday at 9:00 A.M. and reminded everyone to bring their camera.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Linda Swanson reported we had 4 new members, 13 guests and 153 members present at tonight's meeting. We have a total of 278 members in the guild. January figures were announced as well: 30 guests, 13 new members, total of 121 attending.

Class Registrar: Faith Reynolds reminded everyone of the method for finding a replacement for a class you have signed up for but can no longer attend. See the newsletter for instructions regarding this new, streamlined procedure.

Library: Anna Vaughn reported on the new books that are available and also her plans for new books.

Cottage Groups: We are still looking for a couple of volunteers for this committee.

Website: There was a small problem with the website which has been resolved and the Domain Name has been reserved and paid for through 2019.

Quilt Show: Karla Lynch reported that so far 18 baskets for the Boutique are being planned and she would like there to be a total of at least 30. She has a list of ideas but other ideas are welcome.

Old Business:

Road Trip: A bus trip to several quilt shops is planned for Saturday, March 29th. This will be a fun trip with snacks and surprises planned. Sign up with Lynn Purple to reserve your seat.

New Business:

Service Project: Emeritus at Sarasota has invited us to bring some quilts during National Quilt Week to a Show and Tell for the residents. This will be the week of March 10th. It should take about 2 hours. Volunteers:, Bette Behanna, Sue Balazs, and Jann Warfield.

National Quilt Week: Dawn Moore has again gone before the County Commissioners and has an official declaration that this is National Quilt Month in Sarasota County.

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In Memoriam Committee: Karen Emerton volunteered to head a committee to explore ideas for making it easier for families of quilters who have passed away (and don't have other family members to carry on the tradition) to follow through with the wishes of the quilter as to what to do with their supplies and stashes. Those who wish to help with this, please contact Karen.

Education: Elva Farrell is scheduling a committee meeting in the next week to begin work on future educators.

Speaker: Robbi Joy Eklow was introduced by Elva. Her amazing and colorful quilts were on display and she gave a very interesting lecture.

Show and Tell: Beautiful quilts were shown and then photographed by Donna Bowdoin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Slocum,
Secretary