

Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild
March 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President, Karla Lynch. She welcomed all members and guests. The first announcement was that the Food Bank collection for February was \$26.00. Perhaps more members will remember this worthy cause again in the near future.

The natural disaster in Japan has come to the attention of Karla. She explained that the Japanese disaster displaced victims are in need of blankets (quilts). Members are requested to make quilts and send them either privately or through Quilts Newsletter.com. If you send your quilts privately Karen Brennan has the address. Value the quilt under \$100.00 for the customs. If you use the Quilter Newsletter.com they will send them for you at no cost. All sizes are needed. The deadline is April 30, 2011. Japan is cold at this time of year.

Karla announced that the 2011 Budget will be posted on the website and all members are requested to review it and be ready to vote at the April meeting. It is located in the password protected section of the website.

The next order of business was the approval of the January and February Meeting Minutes and the Treasurers' report. Susan Ott moved that the January Minutes be approved, second by Sue Balazs. Motion passed. The January Treasurers' report was approved by a motion by Marlene Kurtz, second by Donna Koenig. The February Meeting report was approved by a motion given by Sue Balazs and a second by Jane Cawford. The February Treasurers' report was approved by a motion by Marsha Gaines, second by Sue Balazs. All motions were approved unanimously.

The deadline for the April Newsletter is March 25, 2011.

There will be a meeting of the Board on April 6, 2011 at the home of Karla Lynch.

The Board has discontinued the First Monday Quilt-In due to lack of attendees. If members are interested, the First Monday Quilt-in may be reinstated.

Catherine McNally has a new brochure available of all of the Cottage Groups. It can be found at the membership table.

Membership report: Ann Greene reported that 128 members attend, about 10 guests, 2 renewals and 6 new members. The total Guild membership stands at 254.

UFO Camp: Lynne Minguez reported that 13 women have registered. Information and registration forms can be found on the Website and in the Newsletter. A deposit of \$100.00 is due at sign up and the balance due in June.

:The 2011 FKQG Quilt Show Wrap up: All those who participated in any way with the Quilt Show were generously thanked by Cass Bowen and Susan Ott, Co-Chairwomen. All sub-committee chairwomen were called to the front of the meeting and thanked for their diligent attention to the details of their jobs. The vendors were very pleased with the show and want to come back in 2013. The total attendees of 2044 is greater than the 2009 show of 1700. If a Boutique item that did not sell is not pick up by its creator it will be given to Habitat for Humanity. Karen Brennan was commended for her terrific job with publicity for the show. Betty Seaman, Karen Brennan, Carol Jenkins and Elaine Ellison went to Robarts Arena at 5:30 AM to tape an interview for SNN. It was viewed by many and was good publicity for the show. Betty Seaman made a beautiful memorial display of Nancy Adams' dedication to the FKQG and a few of her beautiful quilts. Several quilts were appraised during the show by Teddy . Members are urged to tell advertisers that they attended the show and saw their ad in the book. Elva Farrell raised \$2,500. for the program. Mary Jo Drattell and Shirley Leitzen worked very hard to move the Raffle Quilts to various Quilt shops for months. They sold a great many tickets. Once again, Quilters Haven generously donated a beautiful sewing machine that was raffled off. The winner was extremely excited and grateful for the win. The sister in law of a member won the traditional quilt. The art quilt was won by an attendee of the show. The show was a huge success and everyone had a wonderful time! Cass Bowen and Susan Ott are to be commended for their untiring and two year long devotion to the success of the 2011 FKQG Quilt Show. Good job Cass & Susan!!

The show was dedicated to Charter member, Nancy Adams who passed away unexpectedly in February. Nancy was a talented quilter and a very valuable member of her Cottage Group and the Guild in general. She is missed.

Tricia Bobeck shared 17 new additions to the Library. She announced that most of the magazines were sold at the Quilt Show.

Show & Tell: 10 beautiful quilts were displayed, 5 Chemo quilts turned in for patients at Sarasota Memorial Hospital (10-12 will be delivered this month.). Elva Farrell shared a very special quilt that she made for her niece in memory of Elva's brother. It was made from his blue jeans and flannel shirts. Memory quilts are a treasure.

Nancy Mahoney from Palm Coast gave a very interesting program about grids, design fabrics and information about her many quilts that have appeared in magazines and the several books that she has written. She provided printouts for all in attendance of different designs that she created with the Electric Quilt program.

The April 16 and 17th Barbara Vlack classes will be held at Bahia Vista Church but the April 18th class will be held at Custom Air. (Contact Marlene Kurtz for directions).

The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Bahia Vista Mennonite Church on Bahia Vista Street. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Grindal

