

Redwood Empire Quilters Guild  
General Meeting Minutes  
June 2, 2011

General membership meeting called to order by President Susie Freese at 7:19pm.

Minutes from June 2010 general meeting were read by Anne Carlisle, Secretary. Corrections made and motion to accept corrected minutes were first and seconded by Cheryl Pekar and Kathy Branum, respectively and passed by show of hands.

Gladys Hartman, Parliamentarian, presented the slate of officers for 2011-2012: Gayleen Smith - Secretary; Kathy Branum - Parliamentarian; Anne Carlisle and Gladys Hartman - First Vice President. No additional names were presented.

Motion made to accept this slate by Helen Saunders and Mimi Mace, respectively, and motion passed.

Special guests were introduced by Sherrill Adams and Mimi Mace.

Barbara Caldwell from the American Red Cross who notes, with gratitude, the quilts donated by REQG for fire victims. Barbara shared a story of the impact these quilts make in these unfortunate situations.

Laurie Dutra from Eureka City Schools Infant/Toddler Cal State program. This year four high school seniors were presented with a quilt. There have been 300 students who have graduated since the start of this program by Pam Cahill and all are appreciative of receiving a quilt.

Tia and Kyle from Humboldt County Transitional Youth Collaboration. They shared an overview of their program and the five key areas in the program. The quilts received are given to youth who are in Semper Virens to provide them comfort.

Leisha Roberts from Hospice. A recently started Community Nurse Outreach program: "We Honor Veterans" . Quilts are given to veterans who are currently in the care of hospice.

Susie Freese shared there was a recent donation of \$2000 from Eureka Elks to support Community Quilts for this program.

Mimi Mace notes there are kits available at the Community Quilt table.

Edith Harmer presented the HAF recipients:

Kim Harris, Healthy Mom's program called "creativity and recovery" and even though her position has been unfunded the group continues to meet once a week and they can always use additional fabric donations.

Kim Spaeth of Fortuna Fabrics and making quilts, about 25/yr, for military families who has a member/s serving in the military service, National Guard included. Each quilt is labeled "in appreciation of the sacrifice your family member has made for our country". The HAF grant is used for batting and backing.

Susie Sews uses her grant to defray costs for quilting quilts for non-profit groups. So far has done 68 quilts this year so far, 21 in just the month of May.

The Block-of-the-month quilt will be donated to Redwood Acres Fair for fundraiser being held on June 23.

Susie will be teaching a Strip Piecing class on Saturday, June 4 9 - 3:30 at Redwood Acres.

Edith Harmer reports has the 20 quilts for the Blood Bank to be hung this month, and Redwood Acres Fair Quilt Room has three spots left to fill.

**Quilt Show announcements:**

QS President Betty Hendrickson reminds that those who volunteer get in to shop with vendors first and this is one of the biggest shows we have had. The next QS meeting will be at HAF, Monday June 13 at 6pm and is a mandatory meeting for all chairs.

Cheryl Pekar notes there are 340 entries: 133 large, 142 medium, 24 challenge, 11 group, 10 small and 11 wearables and have over 20 for sale ranging in price from \$150-2000.

Gladys Hartman announces there are yard signs available for pick-up and distribution at the QS table.

Nancy Frost, Marketplace chair, showed some of the wonderful items members have made to sell.

Judy DeGraff, Vendors assistant chair announces and thanks Gayleen Smith for her wonderful job as chair of the vendors and we have more than ever before.

Patti Fisher presented the posters for the QS and recommends putting them up the end of June or first week in July.

Lynn Todoroff shared tickets and wristband info.

Dottie notes there is currently over \$5000 worth of raffle tickets sold for the Opportunity Quilt. She also had a drawing for those who sold the most tickets. Jean O'Neale sold the most with \$300, Susie Pawlus second and Sarah Gulrich third. She also pulled the ten whose names were in the raffle who sold all their packets of tickets.

Helen Saunders reminds all those who signed up to bring their cookies for the opening gala on Friday.

Kathy Branum announces there are still volunteer spots to be filled especially door monitors and white gloves.

**Announcements:**

Amy Gomes, 2nd VP: announces two of the upcoming National Speakers slated next year. Maggie Ball in October and has donated two books to the guild and Pat Sloane in February. Both are teaching two classes and cost is \$35 each. There is a limited number of students allowed per class. Amy also showed her completed quilt from the Jody Barrows class in March.

Maggie Stimson - Membership: 92 members and 13 guests tonight.

Anne Carlisle made a presentation to the QS Featured Quilters to Edith Harmer and Marilyn Zizza.

Moonstone Quilters will be having their annual Relay-4-Life Quilt Auction and Fabric Sale Wed June 22 at 7pm at Azalea Hall in McKinleyville.

Mimi Mace announces the names of the six Community Quilt committee members: Charity McAllister, Jean Young, Sarah Gulrich, Vickie Bransom, Julie Lawson, Debbie Janson.

Cheryl Pekar will be the 2013 Quilt Show chair.

Susie announces the 2011-2012 positions open and thanks her current board members and chairs for all their hard work and dedication this last year.

Gladys shared that the cover of the "The Quilt Shop Navigator" is our Opportunity Quilt.

Show and Tell followed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm

Respectfully submitted

*Anne Carlisle*

Secretary