

REQG General Meeting – September 12, 2011
Meeting held at the home of President Susie Freese

The meeting was called to order by President Susie Freese at 6:30PM. Those members present were: Jean Avant, Anne Carlisle, Judy DeGraff, Susie Freese, Amy Gomes, Janae Gosselin, Mary Hall, Gladys Hartmann, Mimi Mace, Cheryl Pekar, Lorna Richardson, Maggie Stimson, Charlotte Viredez, Wanda Wahlund, and Gayleen Smith

President—Susie welcomed us to her home.

1st Vice Presidents—October's meeting will have nationally known Maggie Ball presenting at the meeting. Gladys discussed the November meeting which will feature a small gift workshop and also marketplace items for sale as gift solutions for the Christmas season. Gladys will submit an article to the newsletter seeking items for sale from the members. Anne asked about a budget for this office—Wanda will find the amount budgeted for this office and supply to Anne and Gladys. The December meeting will be the annual potluck and cookie sale. The January meeting will be devoted to the results of the mini challenge and the unveiling of the biennial Challenge.

2nd Vice President—Amy reported that Maggie Ball's class on Saturday is full at 20 people. The Friday class still has five spaces available. Jeannie Buerer has volunteered to pick-up at the airport, host, and shuttle Maggie Ball to the Guild meeting and classes. This is a great help to Amy and she was very thankful for Jeannie's generous offer.

The February classes with Pat Sloan are also limited to 20 seats and currently there are 15 students registered in the Friday class and 12 students currently registered in the Saturday class.

Secretary—I will have printed copies of the minutes from the last meeting and current meeting at the next board meeting. I will also correct and update the Board Member listing that was in the last newsletter.

Sunshine—Susie reported that Kathi Branum is still serving as Sunshine and Kathi is doing well.

Treasurer—Wanda reported that REQG received a bill for \$52.00 as a service charge for the credit card machine. We are on a "holiday/seasonal" plan so there will be no further charges for the service until it is re-activated. REQG received a \$700.00 reimbursement back from Redwood Acres Fair Grounds.

Challenge—Judy was informed that the amount budgeted for this office is \$100.00. This will be spent on miscellaneous expenses and prizes for the winners of the Challenge. Instructions will be available at the January meeting when the Challenge is unveiled and guidelines will be printed in the February newsletter.

Community Liaison—Mimi reported that Hospice has received a total of 22 quilts and the veteran's center has so far received 26 quilts for the 34 bed facility. Redwood Sewing Center/Scottie Dog has extended an open offer for the guild to use their classroom for Community Quilts at unbooked times. Mimi will book three dates at that facility. Mimi would like also to schedule time during the summer for HOSPICE quilt work time.

Library—Charlotte bought new books and most of them were checked out at the last guild meeting. The Library has also purchased a CD which is a new documentary of quilting. This CD came highly recommended by Susie and Cheryl. It was suggested that the Library also buy a book from AQS on quilt care.

Membership—Maggie reported that there were 89 members and 10 guests at the last meeting. The current paid membership for 2011-2012 is: 144 members, 10 business memberships, 4 business associates, 1 associate, and no junior members. Susie expressed concern that we had no junior members especially since the guild no longer charges a membership fee for junior members and the guild would like to encourage junior membership. Several members from last year have not renewed for this year and that could raise the total by 50 members. Lorna Richardson will now help Maggie with Membership.

Newsletter—Jean expects to receive more business memberships and requested that a business-size card be submitted to her by the business so that the business card can be placed in the newsletter. She asked members writing articles to be as concise as possible to try to keep the newsletter at 16 or less pages to save on charges and time.

Publicity—Mary reported that there has been a staffing change at The Times-Standard so it may be more difficult to get articles published. She is still selling DVDs of the 2011 Quilt Show, however, next meeting is the last date to order the DVDs for \$8.00.

Quilt Show 2013—Cheryl has scheduled a meeting in two weeks to discuss the quilt show. The goal is to see how the quilt show and the quilt show process can be improved, streamlined, and be more efficient. Cheryl led the discussion of several topics she has been thinking about to improve the quilt show.

Cheryl also noted that the storage unit has many, many years of accumulated records. Those present discussed how to purge the old records and what records should be retained. She will keep 2009 and 2011 quilt show records in the Chairmen's binders but remove previous year's records being conscious of guild historical documents. Coast Central offers their members free shredding and several members that have accounts at Coast Central and could volunteer to take materials in to be shredded.

Block of the Month—Janea reported that she will list the color suggestions for the next block—fall colors. She had several people interested in the Block of the Month.

Doll Quilts—Mary has 40 doll quilts for a total of approximately 150 doll quilts. The goal is to have 300 doll quilts by the December meeting. REQG has been donating doll quilts to St. Vincent DePaul and various other organizations to ensure a Merry Christmas for many local children. We could meet our goal if the members make at least one doll quilt each and turn in at the December meeting.

Fat Quarter—Joyce Turner will be taking this over and a list for the year will be submitted to the newsletter.

Historian—Susie may have a person for this position and will report at a later date.

Hospitality—Bridgett Fleck will take over Hospitality and Judy DeGraff will serve as back-up.

Premie Quilts and Show & Tell—No Report

HAF—Grant Applications are due Nov. 2.

OLD BUSINESS

Quilt Weekend—Susie started the discussion on the REQG Quilt Weekend. A bigger space has been secured and we will have to order a specific number of tables from Redwood Acres.

Audit Committee--Susie thanked Mary, Cheryl, and Jean for serving on the Audit Committee and started the discussion on the recent audit of the guild books. The books were in very good shape and absolutely no problems were discovered, however, several discussion items were revealed during the audit. The Audit Committee suggested that the last three guild treasurers meet in a committee forum to draw up a treasurer's policy book. The committee felt it was unfair to ask the treasurer to take over such a large and important job without any written guidelines. The Audit Committee would like to have the audit performed at the end of the fiscal year instead of June—this is a matter to be addressed in the Standing Rules. Members must not submit requests for reimbursement without the proper form and receipts. Any requests without proper documentation will be returned to the requester for re-submission in proper form. Forms for reimbursement should be in each board member's job binder and are available from the treasurer.

The Audit Committee requested that 4 flash drives be used to back-up guild records. One flash drive would remain with the treasurer and one flash drive would remain with the membership chair. The President would have two flash drives—one dedicated to the treasurer and one to membership. Each month the treasurer and membership chair would exchange their flash drives with the flash drives held by the President. This way a back-up would be available and be refreshed monthly.

Humboldt Co. Fair--Susie reported that the Humboldt County Fair went well this year. Judy suggested that we offer premiums at the Humboldt County Fair similar to the ones we offer at the Redwood Acres Fair.

New Guild Quilt—No report

New classes—We are looking for local teachers for our guild classes for next year. It was suggested that a beginner's class be offered. Susie reminded that with the large Home Ec room Cheryl's idea of splitting the room and offering two different classes in the same space meant twice as many members could be served, two

completely different classes could be taught, and it would not cost any more. The search for teachers will begin in January.

Positions Open--Several positions are still open—including Raffle Table and Opportunity Quilt for 2013.

Garage Sale--Mimi stated that the garage sale will be on Saturday, October 22, (one day only), 9AM-2PMish. She has been collecting many lovely items and expects to have a profitable sale. She has already sold items totaling \$270.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Redwood Acres Fair--Redwood Acres no longer mails out the premiums paid to the ribbon winners. A statement concerning this policy is printed in an obscure area of the premium book. The new Redwood Acres policy is that if the premiums are not picked up within 60 days, the fairgrounds keeps the money. The members felt that if the premiums were not picked up by the winners then the money donated by the guild for premiums at Redwood Acres should be returned to the guild. The Humboldt County Fair hands out cash premiums when the items are picked-up which seemed like a more equitable system.

Business Associate Request--A question was raised to Susie about business associates not having voting rights. After a thorough discussion by those present it was unanimously decided by the board members that the business associate will remain without voting rights. If the business associate would like to vote, they will have to purchase a full membership or another business membership.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayleen Smith, Secretary

REMINDER—December meeting will be on December 8 NOT December 1.