

REQG General Meeting – November 7, 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: Kathi Branum, Anne Carlisle, Judy DeGraff, Joyce Dollar, Susie Freese, Nancy Frost, Amy Gomes, Janae Gosselin, Mary Hall, Gladys Hartmann, Mimi Mace, Cheryl Pekar, Lorna Richardson, Charlotte Viredez, Wanda Wahlund, and Gayleen Smith

President—Susie welcomed us to her home and informed us that there will be no board meeting in December.

Secretary—Judy moved that the minutes from October 10 be approved as presented. Cheryl seconded the motion. Approved

Treasurer—Wanda presented a spreadsheet with the budget from August to current. She reported that Redwood Acres has been paid to the end of June, and this includes the Quilt Weekend. The figures also included some late quilt show items, raffle table income, and income from the national speaker's workshops.

Wanda asked if the guild was going to keep their bulk mail permit. This permit is renewable in January with a cost of approximately \$185. Discussion centered on whether a bulk mail permit is necessary now that the guild is sending out approximately half the newsletters electronically. To qualify for the bulk mail rate you must have a minimum number of pieces and pay for the permit. Jean Avant has done an analysis of the mailings and this information will be available for a later discussion. Wanda will check on information on bulk mail from the post office. Anne suggested that the guild purchase forever stamps before the postage rises in January to help the guild save money.

1st Vice Presidents— Gladys and Anne reported that the December meeting will be the Annual Holiday Potluck and bake sale. Last year the guild made approximately \$500 from the bake sale for the designated charity. There will be no raffle table and members may bring food donations or cash for Food for People. The small quilt donated by Maggie Ball will be raffled off that evening. We will start taking sign-ups for the Quilt Weekend at the December meeting. At the January meeting the mini challenge will be first on the agenda with voting taking place during the break. The Quilt Challenge will be introduced after the break.

2nd Vice President—Amy reported that all the classes with Pat Sloan are full with a waiting list. It was suggested that an extra table be set-up to take fees from visitors for the lecture on Thursday evening. This will ensure that the line through the door moves along more quickly and that visitors will pay the extra fee for the Pat Sloan lecture.

Amy will start looking into local teachers to book for next year.

Parliamentarian/Sunshine—Susie welcomed Kathi back. Kathi reported that she is looking for the guild's copy of Robert's Rules of Order. Kathi will form a committee and start looking for nominees for the offices of: President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer for the election in June.

Community Liaison— Mimi reported that she has 25 items out to members. This includes--13 kits, 10 quilts to bind, and 2 quilts out to the long arm quilters. She has received 20 items since last report. This includes—1 donated vet quilt from Eel River Valley Quilt Guild, 11 Hospice tops, 4 veterans' quilts, and 4 others. One quilt has been delivered to the North Coast Veterans Center and 6 quilts have been delivered to the Hospice Veteran's program.

Mimi reported that 7 bags of fabric scraps were received from "Left in Stitches" located in the Arcata Industrial Park. Mimi was informed about Grassroots Grants, and she may write a grant for supplies for the veteran's quilts.

Library—Charlotte stated that she is now e-mailing people to remind them to return their books.

Membership—Lorna reported that 126 members and 3 guests attended our last meeting. Membership gave out 96 directories at the last meeting.

Publicity---Mary reported that it is very difficult to get notices in the local media. Sometimes she must send 4 e-mails to get articles into the newspaper. She has submitted a picture of Veteran's getting quilts, and she will try to get information to the Senior News.

Quilt Show 2013---Cheryl noted that we have made a profit on the quilt show DVD sales. There are 3 still remaining to sell.

Block of the Month—Janea reported that she received 4 blocks this month.

Quilt Challenge 2013—Judy gave a brief outline of the challenge that will be revealed at the January 2012 meeting.

Doll Quilts—Several doll quilts were turned in at the last meeting and tonight. Currently our total is only 232 doll quilts, well short of the 300 doll quilt goal. A plea will be made in the newsletter to try to make the 300 doll quilt goal.

Fat Quarter—Historian—Hospitality--No Reports

Opportunity Quilt 2013—Joyce previewed the pattern for the Opportunity Quilt. She is just waiting for some supplies to arrive to present to the guild members.

Preemie Quilts---Ruth has delivered 30 preemie quilts to each of the following hospitals: Mad River, Redwood Memorial, and St. Joseph

Sunshine—Cards have been sent to several members that have been ill.

Raffle Table—\$166 was made at the Raffle Table last meeting.

HAF—Susie is trying to get in touch with Nancy Ingram.

OLD BUSINESS

National Quilt Weekend— Discussion began on the quilting weekend. The number of spaces for the weekend will be limited to 50. Of the 50 people attending the Quilt Weekend, a small number of people will be able to purchase a 6 ft. single table for an added fee on a first-come, first-served basis.

Facebook Page—Mary and Cheryl will take the current Facebook page and keep it up-to-date. Mary feels it will be a good tool for the guild. There are two ways that the page can be handled. We could limit the postings to only Mary and Cheryl or we could let anyone to post on the site. The discussion centered on this choice, and it was decided to allow anyone to post to the site with oversight by Cheryl and Mary. It was felt that the guild representative should post updates at least one time a week.

As a part of this discussion regarding the Facebook Page, Cheryl provided a handout with several samples of logos used by the guild. These logos are used on stationery and other uses for the guild. The heart-shaped logo was the most popular by those present.

NEW BUSINESS

St. Joseph Hospital Request—Susie has received a request from St. Joseph Hospital for the guild to make comfort pillows for patients. There would be no out-of-pocket expenses as St. Joseph would provide supplies. After discussion it was decided that the guild has numerous outreach programs and could not take on any more projects. Susie said that the guild is about at capacity with the many Community Quilt requests. Susie will place an article in the REQG Newsletter offering this worthy project to someone who could fulfill the request.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gayleen Smith, Secretary

REMINDER—December Christmas potluck meeting will be on December 8 NOT December 1, at 6:30.