

Omaha Quilter's Guild General Membership Meeting
November 10, 2015
Westside Community Center
Meeting Minutes

After calling the meeting to order, President Amy Robertson welcomed all returning members as well as all new members and guests.

President's report: Amy reported that since District 66 passed their bond issue, our current meeting facility will become an elementary school in the next school year. The long-range planning committee, chaired by Cindy Erickson, called and visited a number of locations seeking a new meeting site. They presented their findings to the board. The decision was made to move our meetings to The German American Center beginning with the January, 2016 meeting. They will have storage for our library.

Committee reports:

Programs: Gerry Cordes reported that our October speaker, Joe Cunningham, was very impressed with how "service oriented" our guild is. Gerry informed the guild that our next available class will be in February. Peg Pennell will teach a 2 day class on free motion appliqué with embellishments. The cost is \$75 for both days. The first day will be for layout of the project. The second day's focus will be on machine quilting and hand beading. Gerry also informed members that our April speaker, Doris Deutmeyer will be teaching a paint stick class. Members will be making four separate items in that class.

Opportunity quilt: Members are asked to buy tickets for this year's quilt.

Rising Stars – Lynn thanked Jackie Heyne for tonight's program which focused on AccuQuilt's "Go" machines. Lynn reminded members that Rising Stars will not meet in December or January. At February's meeting, Tammy will tell members about the quilt show challenge project. In March, the focus will be on batting. At the April meeting, Cindy will help members get ready for the quilt show. May's meeting will be hosted by Lynn and have a "garden" theme.

Block Exchange – Carla announced that 23 blocks were turned in. The block winners were Jeanette Podwinski and Janine Randall. The next block exchange will be in February. The pattern for this block is a tree and was available from Carla.

Holiday Party – Carol McCann announced that she has a few tickets remaining.

Quilt Show – Tammy Magill reminded members that the theme is "Welcome to My Secret Garden." She also announced the following committee chairs: decorating – Merna Bowman, ribbons – Linda Holman, vendors – Jan Koch,

advertising – Gerry Cordes. Tammy encouraged members to take part in the challenge. Members may purchase a “seed packet” that contains fabric, a surprise, and the instructions for the challenge. The money raised will go to awards.

Caring Friends Auction – Elizabeth Kannady reminded members that this year’s theme is for the quilt to include green, a tree and some wool. She asked that each quilt / project be accompanied by a form. Quilts may be turned in to Country Sampler. The deadline is November 30.

Quilts of Valor – Kerby Selmer reminded members of the sew-ins that are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at “A Quilting Place” from 9 to 4. Kerby also informed members that her group is waiting to hear from the VA regarding the dates and times for this year’s quilt distribution.

Helping Hands – Angie Reed reported that Liberty School contacted her regarding 2 families in need. One family suffered a house fire and the other was evicted from their home. They are in need of clothing, pillows, towels, mattresses, etc.

Santa’s Workshop – Liz Fleming announced that tickets are available tonight and may also be purchased the night of the holiday party. Any donations may be delivered to the homes of one of the following: Bev Adams, Liz Fleming, Dorothy Lange, Deb Hanslip or Carol Nish.

Children’s Emergency Fund – Pat Sears announced that she will need help setting up the day of the holiday party and also on Wednesday and Thursday after the party to unload the truck and to help distribute the items collected to the case workers. Please contact her if you can help. Pat talked briefly about the “Angel Bags” and indicated that new items are preferred as gifts. Information about what to include in the bags is on the OQG website. She asked that if you bring gift cards the night of the party that you give them to the adult in charge.

Historian – Darcy Jorgensen announced that she will have calendars available next month. The front cover will feature this year’s “Opportunity Quilt.” The calendars will go from January – December of 2016.

Home of the Brave – Windy Benigno asked members to stop by to sign the quilts she brought to the meeting. She also has quilt blocks that need to be sewn into a quilt.

Small Groups – Carece Harstadt announced that she is hosting a meeting for anyone interested in joining a small group at Swanson Library (90th and Dodge Streets) on Saturday, December 5.

Membership – Janet Hall reported that 117 members were in attendance. Five new members joined this month and one guest was present.

Program – Shelly Burge displayed and talked about her collection of toy sewing machines. Fifteen members attended her class this past Sunday.

Show and Tell – Several members brought quilts to show.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish