Omaha Quilters Guild General Membership Meeting March 8, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Liz Fleming. She welcomed all members, visitors and our newest member. An announcement was made that Camp Carol Joy Holling is having a fund-raising auction this summer and they are looking for quilt donations from our members. Our guild has already donated one quilt but quilts from individuals are welcome. The auction will be held July 30. Monies raised will go to the camp.

The International Quilt Center will be holding their annual Quilter's Day Out on Saturday, March 19th from 9-4.

Barb Andrysik showed us the new block (only 2 months left) for the Block of the Month and presented a stack of blocks to the winning person.

Angella Arndt said that there are a few spots left in the class for April but that the class for May is already full. The class with Cindy Grisdela was fun and the class projects shown were really nice!

Dee Acklie asked for items to sell at the mercantile at our June Quilt show. She will be collecting filled baskets or small items that can be grouped together at the April & May meetings. There will be a Fat Quarter raffle too. She does not need more baskets or containers now.

Angie Reed said that her group, Helping Hands, meets every Tuesday at Sew Creative. She needs help making Xmas stockings and there is on-going need for pillowcases. She has many precut kits for making pillowcases available.

Kerby Selmer announced that the sewers for Quilts for Veterans meet the 4th Saturday of each month at Fabric Bash. She said to inform her if you know of a veteran who could be honored at the quilt show.

Linda Holman said that she, along with Nancy Peters and Windy Benigno, are looking for nominations for the Golden Thimble award that is given to a deserving member in May.

Helen Nance pointed out the different types of books in our newly thinned-out library. There are lovely books in many categories and she can order or buy new books or publications if requested by members. The discarded books will be available on the back table. Please help yourself.

Debbie Hanslip thanked members for buying tickets for the Opportunity Quilt as this provides money for our programs.

Debbie McMillan spoke for the Children's Emergency Fund. Our donations provided pillowcases and stockings for more than 145 children. Extras were taken to the Micah House where they were appreciated.

Eilene Hangen announced that the online quilt registrations are up and running. We need to volunteer 2-hours of work at the quilt show per quilt entered; this can be done online as well. April 23rd is the deadline for quilt entries. June 10 and 11th are the quilt turn-in dates.

Molly Phillips handed out door prizes.

Tania Uram pointed out that there are 30 committees in our quilt guild and spoke about the need to fill vacant committee positions. Join us for fun, excitement, free food (well, maybe not that.... LOL). Exciting announcements were made that Liz Fleming has accepted the post of Quilt Chairman, Yvonne Wilson will join Eilene Hangen in taking over programs, and Zanteen Dean will be our new Quilt Mom.

Show and Tell was held.

Our meeting speaker was Cindy Grisdela from Virginia. She had a slideshow of her history of quilting and pictures of her modern works from her book Artful Improv. She also had quilts to show us.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Nish (with notes from Tania Urem)