

Minutes of the February 19, 2021 Beachplum Quilters Guild Meeting

At 6:37 p.m. President Dona S. welcomed 25 participants to the February meeting. Someone commented on the nasty weather and Dona exclaimed that was going to be her opening statement-sometimes the Zoom alternative isn't so bad!

Dona tried to light a candle for the February birthday celebrants, but that didn't work out too well! Anyway, Birthday wishes to Kristin A., Ann B., Sherre M., Jeanette M., Shirley M., Pat O., Dianne W. and Janice W.

January meeting minutes as published on the website- Dona asked are there amendments/corrections needed? Yes. The January minutes read that Ginger C. said that Jerry Houser, a gentleman who was selling his deceased wife's quilting stash, had more to sell. It was Toni G. who related that info to the group, not Ginger. Dona asked for a show of hands to accept the minutes as corrected. By a show of hands the amended minutes were accepted.

Debbie P. read the Treasurer's Report. Ending balance was \$8,375.89. Dona asked for a show of hands to accept the Treasurer's Report. By a show of hands the report was accepted.

Dona gave an update on meeting at the church- No change. She does not anticipate any status change happening until after the mass vaccinations are completed. Ellen H. concurred with this information.

• **Programs** - Dona announced that the Guild has a new feature on the website call Tidbits. It was an idea that came from our Sit N'Sew meeting. It is a summary of things discussed at the Sit N'Sews--ideas, new websites discovered by our members and things that we do that might work for others. Check it out and let her know what you think.

March 13th - Virtual Sit N'Sew - Dona will send a reminder the week prior.

March 19th - Virtual monthly meeting

March 20th - Virtual Workshop with Debbie Kalenty - "Masquerade" using Hunter Star blocks. We are still accepting members interested in the workshop, but get your patterns and Hunter Star ruler as soon as possible. There is some pre-cutting that has to be done (as explained in supply list email Dona sent to membership on January 17th). Everything can be ordered from Debbie's website, < quiltersobsession.com >, and Debbie is happy to answer questions sent to her at < sales@quiltersobsession.com >.

Laurie S. confirmed we will have a Sit N'Sew on Saturday, April 17, the day after our regular meeting.

In May, we are preparing for a second Garage "fabric" sale, date to be determined. Most likely it will be held at Ann B.'s house, as she has come into possession of the stash of the late Alice M. Ann has 20 bins already with fabric, scraps, quilt tops, some notions, etc. More info to come.

For June, we have the opportunity to meet at the outdoor pavilion in Whispering Pines Park in Berkeley Township. We are "penciled in" for 6:30 pm on Friday, June 18, but do we want to move it to during the day on Saturday the 19th? We could have about 50 attendees, that is the max limit at this time due to Covid restrictions at the venue. That could be subject to change as State guidelines change (hopefully for the better!). The pavilion can hold up to 150 people so we could socially distance.

Dona opened a discussion about the email suggestion from Marcia G --Placemats to be distributed to Meals on Wheels or a similar program as a Guild activity. The general consensus was that this was a great idea. Ginger C. said that the Florida guild that she was a member of did this as an ongoing activity. Besides Meals on Wheels they distributed to Nursing Homes and Vets Homes. There was a standard size because they had to fit on trays. Nursing Homes did prefer four of a kind sets as they were often set at tables, other than that, the placemats usually didn't have to match, as they were going to individuals.

While there is the present day issue of Covid compliance, Dona thought the guild should look into this activity. Dina N. volunteered to head up an investigation committee, and Ginger C. volunteered to help her out.

A small gap in all the members getting in touch with each other was revealed with Dina and Ginger agreeing to work together as Ginger is a newer member, and her contact information is not in the older membership directories everyone has. Dina immediately suggested we should have a secure members only log-in page on our website, but Dona said that is not possible on our website. Dona will talk to Jackie P. about getting directories out, but some members expressed concern that emails were not secure and that info could be compromised.

Dona again thanked the membership for the emails stating where prizes or guild assets are stored in their homes. You can always contact her if you come across more at any time.

• **Block of the Month** - (Dixie M./Marcia G.) Dixie showed us the 15 "Starcrossing" blocks that were

submitted for February. Sophie K. was the lucky winner. Dixie suggested to Sophie to hold off on getting the blocks, more may come in. The bad weather may have prevented people from dropping their block off, and Crafty Fabrics had closed early on some days too.

• **Show and Tell -**

-Emilie S. had a small wall hanging with an appliqued "Eeyore"; a Nativity Manger scene wall hanging (one of three) and a window pane quilt with a deer/outdoor scene.

-Laurie S. had a pink and green "three 1-yard" quilt for the baby of a friend of her daughter.

-Dianne W. showed a humorous wall hanging "Ode to 2020" with three blocks depicting an ever shrinking Bath Tissue roll. She also showed a Sunflower wall hanging.

-Teri P. was hurriedly trying to finish a "Baby Yoda" pillow top to be gifted the next day.

-Janet P. showed a lovely knitted baby blanket.

-Ginger C. has made three "Book Bags" (quite literally, the fabric depicted books on shelves) and a red, black and white charity quilt that reminds her of NASCAR Racing.

-Erma H. showed us an adorable pink and purple baby quilt with embroidered blocks and it has matching pillowcases. She's also working on a dog sweater for what sounds to be a large dog!

-Carol C. had a Mystery quilt with Kaffe Fasset materials, and a flower panel that she quilted herself.

-Sherre M. finished a quilt pattern she was testing for a pattern designer; two different quilts using jellyrolls and a Gudren E. pattern; two charity quilts with large stripes in pink and blue; and on her longarm a king size quilt "Ribbon Rainbow".

-Sophie K is working on a "celebration of birds" and showed us two of twelve embroidered blocks. She also displayed a charity quilt with star blocks.

-Dina N. has been busy at work but let the membership know her daughter's church, The Living Word Baptist Church in Beechwood was holding a clothes and linens drive 2/20-21 and 2/27-28. All donations would be graciously accepted.

-Marlene S. showed us the Alaska Banner Wall Hanging she was working on.

-Toni G. has been working on two Missouri Star Quilt patterns-sewing blocks, cutting them apart and putting back together in different patterns.

-Debbie P. is working a quilt with Pandas and Stars for her neighbor across the street who is having a baby.

Shirley M. has been making lots of hexies, but we get to see them when they're together.

Dona S. showed us a pink and green petals block quilt and two chain block quilts. All were older projects picked-up again, with the "unloved" chain blocks being reworked with added solid blocks and color-changed corner blocks.

Ann B. was busy hand-embroidering Pansies blocks. She showed us a few and called it her 10-year project.

Before the meeting end was called, there was a quick discussion about "Zoom" views. You can set your screen to Gallery View (the Brady Bunch screen, where you see all meeting attendees in small boxes) or Speaker View (where the person speaking is 'full-screen', and other attendees are not all seen). In Gallery View, the person who is speaking, their name is highlighted in the corner of their box so you know who is speaking. In Speaker View, AUDIO from the person speaking keeps the person speaking in full screen view-UNTIL SOMEONE ELSE TALKS, then the view switches to the new person speaking being on full screen.

Speaker View is a very good way to see all the Show and Tell items larger and in better detail, but two things have to be remembered: 1) the person showing the item HAS TO TALK (Whistle, sing, whatever, they have to make noise) to keep the view focused on them; 2) everyone else has to remain quiet (or stay in mute mode) or the focus switches when they make comments. People can choose the view they are most comfortable with, experiment a little. But remember, out of consideration to all, you should be muted unless it's your turn to speak.

At 7:43 pm President Dona S. concluded the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna DeAngelis

Recording Secretary

