

Minutes of the June 18, 2021 Beachplum Quilters Guild Meeting

President Dona S. opened the Zoom Meeting at 6:36 pm. At that time there were 21 participants.

Dona began by wishing Happy Birthday to the June celebrants: Karen B., Diana C., Kathleen C., Liz H., Pru P., Marlene S. and Joyce W.

Dona made a correction to the profit announced from the yard sale at Ann B.'s house. It was \$2700, the same as our first one last October. There had been a counting error. She hoped for success during the Island Heights Community Yard Sale on June 19th. It is a wonderful opportunity to whittle down the material and notions that need to be stored. The storage unit has a little bit of room but not much.

• **Treasurer's Report/ Budget** (Debbie P.) Debbie read the report for June. The ending balance was \$9,515.06

Dona asked if there were any amendments or corrections needed to the minutes of the May Meeting as posted on the website? Hearing none, she got a motion to approve the minutes by Kathy M. and a second by Debbie P. With a show of hands of the attendees the motion was passed

Charity Quilts has new Chairperson, Carol C. She will be working with Juanita G. If you need labels, contact Juanita. As in the past, suggestions as to where quilt donations can be made is encouraged.

• **Placemats** (Ginger C. and Dina N.) The original goal has been reached, with 110 placemats going to Meals on Wheels. Since there are leftover mats, Dina suggested a Food Assistance Program in Whiting as another service we could make a placemat contribution to. It was discussed that a future Sit N' Sew will be dedicated to making place mats.

Dona updated the members about resuming meetings in the Church. It might happen this Autumn barring any changes in COVID status, but there is still not a definite plan at this time.

• **Programs:** Dona asked if we wanted to continue Zoom meetings and Sit N' Sews over the summer. The group consensus was yes, we did want to continue. Laurie S. was willing to host Zoom Meetings in July and August. Jeannette M. brought up a Point of Order that the Guild bylaws state we do not meet in July and August. So we will plan to have informal Zoom gatherings on Friday, July 16 and August 13 (NOTE: that is the second Friday of August due to schedule conflicts). Minutes will not be taken at these gatherings.

Sit N' Sew dates over the summer could be Saturday July 10 and August 3. Emails will go out with date and log in info the week of each event.

Dixie M. said she and Marcia G. have been working on ideas for another year of "Block of the Month" to start in September 2021. Dona gave her the green light to continue on that.

Dona stated that the Guild has been contacted about participating in the Island Beach State Park "Beachplum Festival" to be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 9am-4pm. We do have items in storage that could be sold there. A show of hands by the attendees indicated the group supported the idea of participating.

• **Block of the Month-** (Dixie M. and Marcia G.) Dixie announced that Janet P. was the winner of the 23 sets of very colorful "Wonky Blocks" that were the June bonus blocks. She showed a picture of the blocks and commented that it looked like the mural that used to be on the Alexander's Building in Paramus, NJ.

• Show and Tell

- Barbara L. had a large quilt done in "Black and White".

- Emilie S. showed us a "Pokémon" applique wall hanging, a quilt done in shades of green for her In-laws that will be a Christmas present and a charity quilt.

- Kathleen C. showed a picture of a queen-size quilt made for her sister, colorful Dresden Plate blocks on a black background, and a tote bag that she made a set of for her and her sisters when they came to Florida to celebrate her birthday.

- Debbie P. wasn't planning on presenting but was questioned about the quilt hanging behind her. It was the finished result of a class the Janet P. had taught a few years ago.

- Ginger C. made a stuffed Dachshund toy for a new baby in the family. She showed three Red, White and Blue quilts made from blocks she bought at the garage sale. All told that bag of blocks she bought

was enough for four charity quilts and some placemats too. She also displayed a work-in-progress of blocks with embroidered Chinese writing and the English translations in red, white and black.

- Marlene S. didn't make it but showed a little Chapstick pouch that could go on your key chain so the Chapstick was always handy, a little item she was happy to own.

- Donna D. had a "Picture Frame" Three-Yard Quilt that she made after hearing previous raves from Laurie S. about three-yard quilts. It was simple enough to complete in one day.

- Toni G. displayed a mesh tote bag and a large quilt of triangles, all of which were cut with Accuquilt in a few hours. Then, she had a mystery to show us--a set of Block of the Month packages with the fabric but no directions. She wondered did it look familiar to anyone?

-Pat O. showed us a quilt with pink hearts and blocks. She also had a table runner with unique star point edges and placemats to match it.

- Janet P. displayed a wall hanging that was made up of reproductions of old Singer Sewing Machine promo postcards.

- Sherre M. had recently completed two quilts for others, both memorializing someone. The first was a "Roman Coin" pattern made of plaids from the flannel shirts of a gentleman. The second was a T-Shirt quilt made from shirts of a little boy who had passed.

- Sophie K. got a jump on Christmas--the applique Society she belongs to was doing alphabet themed projects so she chose to create projects with the first letter of her granddaughters' names. She showed us one she already had framed.

- Laurie S. was having video issues so she couldn't show us any of her work. She did tell us that due to the situation with COVID she has not started working on programs for the 2021-2022 year yet.

At 7:36 pm President Dona S. concluded the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna DeAngelis

Recording Secretary

