

TRQG Business Meeting
January 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Penner at 10:02 AM.

Motion to Accept the minutes of November 9, 2023 by Ed Dzioba. Seconded by Carolyn Hansen. All in favor of motion. Motion passed.

President's Updates/Info.-President-Jan Penner wished everyone a Happy New Year. She shared her gratitude for a very successful TRQG 2023 and her hopes for a very good 2024. She thanked Evelyn Bernhardt and the Christmas party committee for a wonderful celebration. She shared that her son was married that evening so it was a very special day. She thanked everyone for their food contributions to the Gathering Place. The amount of contributions was wonderful and she spent time organizing the food donations for use. It was an extremely generous donation for the community where her son Scott prepares dinners on Wednesday night and everyone was very grateful.

Vice-President-Carolyn Hansen-Carolyn -April 13, 2024 is the date for our annual Spring Tea for new members at the Family Fellowship Center in the church.

Sign up for March 23, 2024 Day of Sharing presented by the Crystal Coast and Croatan Guilds at On the Rocks Restaurant in Atlantic Beach is \$15.00 a person. Parking is limited so carpooling is suggested . Jackie will write one check for the guild. More information will be found in the newsletter.

Programs- Two workshops will be held at the church. Karen Dodd shared a sample of the pillow with a zipper she will be making on January 25, 2024. Emily Lewandowski will be doing a program on Hexagons on February 22, 2024. Signup sheets are in the back. Sue Kleeman and Claudia Moran may have a program on paper piecing the last Thursday in March. Program committee will meet to discuss Professional speakers and any other ideas for the guild meetings or workshops.

A Challenge idea was discussed by the program committee concerning unfinished projects. Janet Olsen has paperwork to be filled out. Money will be collected for the projects members identify on their entry paper with what they wish to finish (up to ten projects). As the projects are finished the member will show them to the group. Their name will go into a drawing each time a project is finished. The drawing for the money collected will be at the Christmas Party 2024. One member will win the total pool of money collected for finishing projects.

Treasurer-Jackie Harrison- Jackie reviewed the November and December expenses and assets. She then covered the new budget for 2024 comparing expenses line by line to 2023. Suzie Harding motioned that the Quilt Show be a line item in the 2024 budget. Seconded by Mary O'Neill. This will allow specific expenditures that need to be paid in 2024 to have money to work from. All in favor. Jackie will add this to the 2024 budget and present it again in February. Most expenses for the Quilt show in 2025 will be up. This includes convention costs, Darren Thompson pipe and drape company setup and take down. Susan Faith will form committees with Co-Chairs for all of the major parts of the Quilt show. They will begin plans in February. Folders with work accomplished during other Quilt shows will be given to the Co-Chairs to organize the April 2025 Quilt Show. In July of 2024, we will have to pay half of the costs of renting the New Bern Convention Center for our quilt show.

Suzie Harding made a motion that the Quilt Co-Chairs give Jackie line items for expenses and line items for income to put in the budget worked out by the Chair Susan Faith for the 2025 Quilt Show. Seconded by Ann Holton. All approve. Motion carried.

Secretary Report- Margaret Puotinen read a letter addressed to Susan Faith from Bonita Simmons Executive Director of Tried By Fire INC. The letter thanked her for the beautiful doll bed quilt that she donated to My Sister's House to be used as a fundraiser on the Day of Giving in November. She shared the value of the house in helping women to return to society and restore valuable relationships with their families and children. The organization is very grateful for the beautiful doll bed coverlet that Susan made and donated.

Committee Reports

Block of the Month-Chantel Huestis and Lilly Lucier. Eighteen Snowmen were completed for the January Block of the Month. Jan Penner was the winner.

The February Block of the Month "-My Heart Is In the Stars" has been distributed to twenty members. The drawing will be at the February Business meeting.

Children's Quilts- Lorraine Wocel-report in the Newsletter.

Military Quilts- Mary Daugherty, Jackie Harrison. Jackie reported a picture of the group is in the Newsletter for the military quilts sent overseas.

Nursing Home- Becky Barnes-report in the Newsletter.

My Sister's House- Pat Kruger, Barbara Scavuzzo report in the newsletter. Barbara Scavuzzo reported that the poster of the quilt with Susan Faith coverlet on the doll bed will be used for future fundraising activities. Pat Kruger said to check the newsletter about the Program Presentation.

Community Relief Fund-Coastal Women's Shelter- Nancy Hausman-Nancy shopped for two families for Christmas from money collected in the red pails. The red pails went around to start the 2024 gift giving campaign at the meeting.

Community Service- Lilly Lucier, Mary Quay- both absent, no report.

Door Monitor-Evelyn Bernhardt, Holly Pace. Evelyn will have signup sheets at the February meeting. She thanked everyone who has helped out with this service.

Library-Claudia Moran, Gail Dorman- We have two new books in the library. Claudia will purge some books in 2024.

Member Outreach - Nancy Houyoux- not present, no report

Membership-Janet Olsen. We had several guests and new members at the meeting including Rachel Lang, Sally Bush, Johnie Carmon and Torrie Smith.

Member Spotlight- Janet Olsen will be writing an article featuring Claudia Moran and her daughter Melissa Moran, a new member in the Member Spotlight for the Newsletter.

New Member Mentoring-Carolyn Hansen-Carolyn will have a signup sheet for mentoring new members. Any issues or concerns contact her through email or phone.

Newsletter- Paula Gramley. The deadline for the Newsletter is the Saturday after the business meeting.

Program- Carolyn Hansen discussed in Carolyn's Vice-President report.

Sunshine-Kay Amend, Evelyn Bernhardt-Kay thanked Evelyn for covering when she was away. The following cards were sent-Diana Rezab-Get well after surgery.

Sally Cornford-Thinking of You

Helen Williams family-Sympathy card.

Nancy Hausman-husband ill

Gail Banks-Sciatica problems

Pat Kruger-Thinking of You

Lilly Lucier-Get Well card

Linda Tobacco-Get well from a fall that caused a broken knee.

Birthdays- Ann Holton won the January birthday. A very nice roll-up storage bag for her sewing supplies that matched the outfit she was wearing.

Technology-Karen Hallquist-not present, no report

Duffy Center-LuAnne Tridico will be collecting quilts for display after the meeting. Holly Pace will get the raffle quilt from the Duffy Center in March when the Quilt Show is finished.

Winter Retreat- Sue Kleeman and Ed Dzioba-January 14-19. Sue said members could arrive around 10 AM. There is still space if anyone would like to sign up. Bring a snack to share and sewing supplies not needed anymore for the sharing table.

Spring Retreat- March 17-22, 2024. Kathy Farrar and Sandy Dreschler- are collecting the \$30.00 for meals. They have a signup sheet for seating at the Spring Retreat. Members attending are encouraged to make their hotel reservations.

Fall Retreat- October 22- 27-Sandy Smith, Katherine Haleen-no report.

New Member's Tea- Caroly Hansen- in Vice- President's report

Christmas Luncheon-Evelly reported that the restaurant did not charge us for a number of meals with undercooked Salmon.

TRQG Quilt Show-April 2025. Susan Faith & committees-Susan and Jan will continue plans with the New Bern Convention Center. Susan will be setting up committees with Co-Chairs to plan all respective parts of the quilt show.

Raffle Ticket Sales-Fran Rice- Fran is collecting raffle ticket sales. Any member who has not picked up their packet should do so. Fran is arranging for raffle tickets to be sold at the Farmer's Market twice a month starting in April 2024. She will arrange an inside area for the display of the quilt. Money is budgeted for this expense. Sign-up sheets for working at the Farmer's Market will be set up in the back of the next meeting.

Show and Tell

Susan Faith- a backpack made at the Trinity retreat. Christmas Tree Wall Hanging and Halloween Wall Hanging with Machine Applique also made at the Trinity. Other bags she completed were Christmas gifts for her family..

Kay Amend- Table runner- from upholstery fabric from the Knights of Columbus donations. Helped by Paula Gramley

Emily Lewandowski- sample of the Meals on Wheels placemats. She made 72 placemats.

Gail Dorman-Baby quilt with whales and ships in reds and gray. Helped by Claudia Moran

Karen Dodd- a quilt featuring cats and books for the Next Chapter Bookstore. It will be on display at the Duffy Center.

Betty Turner- a special quilt for her son's 50th birthday with pictures of him growing up and life experiences. In the colors of his high school and college. Very creative.

Tori Smith -quilted jacket, very lovely colors and design.

Holly Pace-Winter designs with very pretty colors from a class she took on curves at Sewing onThe River.

Nancy Hausman- a 2004 project that she has completed for display at the Duffy Center Show. The quilt features fabric from women who made a difference in the equality movements in history sold in Seneca Falls, New York from Moda fabrics.

Suzie Hardy, Pat Boni and Rosemary Orner-Round Robin group. Each displayed the quilts they created for the Round Robin challenge.

All quilts were very creative and beautifully made by our members.

Paula Gramly needs a picture from her Round Robin group that was taken at the Christmas party.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Puotinen/Secretary TRQG