

TRQG Business Meeting
October 12,2023

Call To Order- President Jan Penner opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Motion to approve the minutes of TRQG Business meeting of September 14, 2023 by Diana Rezab. Seconded by Cathy Cox. All in favor. Motion past.

President's Updates/Information- Jan Penner shared her experience concerning the lost keyfob. Evelyn Bernhardt called at 8:20 AM. Jan went out to her car to search for the keyfob and fortunately found it inside of her car console. (under many other items) Everything worked out with finding the lost keyfob.

SOTR is closing. Jan suggests continued support and not to ask for a lower discount on fabric. She also shared that a large cutting tool has been donated by SOTR to the guild and we will need storage and a working table or cart because it is very heavy.

Frieda at Designs by Doodle is looking into getting a Babylock license for machine parts and maintenance.

East Coast Guild Chapters will host a meeting for the President and Vice-Presidents of the Guilds. Mary Quay discusses correct addresses are needed for each of the Guilds. The New Bern Fabric store will host the meeting in November, 2023.

Vice-President Report- Carolyn Hansen reported that the Featherweight workshop by Suzie Hardy will be next Thursday October 19, 2023 in the church meeting room. Community service projects with Lilly Lucier and Mary Quay will be at the same time. Suzie will share a list of supplies needed.

Barn Quilt workshops went very well. A third class will be held October 18, 2023 for interested members. A hair dryer helps for drying paints when working. Do not put varnish on the plaques, it will change the colors. Use Thomsen's water seal on the back to protect the wood.

Continuous need for mentors for new members. Carolyn will have a signup sheet.

Programs-Carolyn will have a signup sheet for teaching a program the fourth Thursdays of the month. Karen Dodd has plans to teach a program in January 2024 on zippers and pockets on pillows.

Carolyn is looking into a program with professional instructor Linda Hahn as a guest speaker. She is looking into program arrangements with another guild to help with program costs.

Treasurer- Jackie Harrison presented monthly expenses and expenditures for September 2023. She also reported on the number of animal pillows donated by guild members and materials needed to make the pillows.

Secretary-Margaret Puotinen read a Save the Date request from the Crystal Coast and the Croatan Quilters Guilds for their Day of Sharing on March 23, 2024 at the Rocks Restaurant. More information will follow.

Committee Reports

Block of the Month- Chantal Huestis and Lilly Lucier collected 18 ghost blocks for October Block of the Month. Susan Faith was the winner.

The November Block of the Month is a Tree. Drawing will be at the next business meeting on November 9, 2023.

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Charity Quilts

Children-Lorraine Wocel-no report

Military-Mary Daugherty/Jackie Harrison . Twenty stretcher quilts were mailed to Germany. The size needed for these quilts is 40" by 60".

Nursing Homes-Becky Barnes reported that walker bags are needed. The pattern is in the storage cabinet.

My Sister's House-Pat Kruger/ Barbara Scavuzzo. All of the donated quilts for the home are beautiful . The home is continuing to look for an Administrator.

Communications

Newsletter- Paula Gramley said that information for the newsletter is needed by Saturday October 14, 2023. She also shared the printed program for the Day of Sharing on October 14, 2023.

Technology-Karen Hallquist said that when texting or sending pictures from guild events be sure to include names of members, dates etc. for the website.

Community Relief Fund-

Coastal Women's Shelter-Nancy Hausman reported we have enough funding for two families at Christmas. For the TRQG Christmas Luncheon we can bring unwrapped children's pajamas, underwear and socks and wrapping paper.

Community Service- Lilly Lucier/Mary Quay on October 19, 2023 will be making clothing protectors. Twenty have already been cut. The pattern is in the storage cabinet. Bring sewing machines and sewing supplies to complete these projects.

Door Monitoring- Evelyn Bernhardt/Holly Pace. Evelyn thanked everyone for help with door monitoring. Signup sheets for 2024 will be on the back table.

Library- Claudia Moran/Gail Dorman-Claudia reported we have four more new books.

Member Outreach-Nancy Houyoux has created a membership list for meeting attendance to identify members who may be in need of support. Any member who is aware of a member who needs a phone call should contact Nancy for outreach services.

New Member Mentoring-After January 2024 Carolyn Hansen will begin organizing the Spring Tea for new members. We had one new member Alice Isley and one guest Judy Gates from Columbus, Ohio at the meeting.

Sunshine- Kay Amend did not have any cards sent out in September 2023. Notify her of any members who may need cards.

The October birthday drawing was won by Mary O'Neill, a "Quilt and Press" item.

Retreats-

Fall Retreat-Sandy Smith and Katherine Haleen are waiting to hear from the Islander Hotel as to the time members can arrive on October 22, 2023. Thirty four members have signed up for the retreat.

Winter Retreat- Sue Kleeman/Ed Dzioba have a signup sheet for registration and collecting \$30.00 for the cost of the Winter Retreat on January 14-19, 2024. Members should make their hotel reservation.

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Spring Retreat-Kathy Farrar/Sandy Drechsler- signup will be in 2024. Members should make their hotel reservations for March 17-22, 2024 at the Islander Hotel, Emerald Isle, NC.

Christmas Luncheon-Evelyn Bernhardt- The Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 15, 2023 at the New Bern Country Club. Food items can be donated outside of the Country Club. Unwrapped gifts for the children of Coastal Women's Shelter and wrapping paper will be collected. Gift exchange for members of the guild is \$20.00. Holiday Quilt Square exchange is to be wrapped around a paper towel holder. Kathy Farrar is doing the nametags so she would like us to write our names accurately. Signup on the back table for the luncheon menu and \$15.00 payment envelope. We will not have favors this year. The Round Robin quilts will be revealed at the luncheon.

Day of Sharing-Ed Dzioba/ Pat Krueger/Mary Quay-October 14, 2023 from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Ed has the following reminders-carpool because parking space will be limited. Members may be needed to assist with parking. Table Setting will start at 1PM on Friday October 13, 2023.

Members can also bring their food items at that time. Additional food items are to be brought by 8:30 AM on the 14th. Tall members are needed to assist Annette Ornelas with the trunk show. A table will be set up to sell raffle tickets for our Quilt Show raffle quilt for April 2025. Wear red to celebrate our 40th Ruby Quilt Guild anniversary. Registration table will have Show and Tell signup with prize raffle tickets for donated prizes. Lilly Lucier has donated four beautiful bags. We also have raffle items from our Quilt Show Boutique and a \$50.00 gift card from the New Bern Fabric Store and a gift from SOTR. Ed needs six to eight crockpots for reheating food.

Show and Tell-

Members displayed Barn Plaques. They also shared Cross quilts from Lilly Lucier class at SOTR.

Jenny Nebe-Butterfly Quilt-vibrant pattern and colors.

Karen Hallquist-Block of the Month Batik quilt. "Sea Mariner's" quilt- one was for her husband. Both were very complex and beautiful.

Betty Turner- Log Cabin pattern-blue and purple for a family in need.

Hungry, Hungry caterpillar quilt-very nice for her grandson, quilted by Lilly Lucier.

Rolayne Schwendy -Woven placemats from class. Very nice colors.

Emily Lewandowski -Scrap quilt-Missouri Star-Tiny Houses-very lovely.

Lilly Lucier-State Fair t-shirts purple background-beautifully put together.

Duffy Center- Lu Anne Tridico reminds members of the application forms on the website for the Duffy Center exhibit in 2024 are due by November 9, 2023.

New Business

During the meeting Susan Carnino shared that while traveling she purchased a book from the Mountain Thread Company with rope creations made from fabric. Katherine Lile might be a potential guest speaker to look into. She has a card with more information.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Puotinen/ Secretary TRQG