

Black Swamp Quilt Guild Minutes

April 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

President Shari Wiseman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

WELCOME – GUESTS, NEW MEMBERS

- One new member and several guests stood and briefly introduced themselves.

MEET A MEMBER – CAROL BALLARD

Due to the press of other business, this agenda item was deferred until the June meeting.

MARCH MINUTES

There were no additions or corrections. Approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income for February was \$840 and expenses were \$111.17 No questions were raised.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Program** – Sheila Painter announced that the program for June will feature Bowling Green State University's Associate Professor of Popular Culture, Montana Miller, speaking about stories and subtexts associated with textile arts and quilting.
- **Retreat** – The committee reminded all that if any spots remain open after BSQ members have registered, the retreat will be opened to non-members in August.
- **Special Speaker** – Diana Wittman announced that as of the April meeting, 6 spots for the class on Saturday, May 12th at the community center remain open. After the April meeting, any places not taken by guild members will be made available to non-members. In response to a query about refreshments for the Friday, May 11 program, six guild members volunteered to provide them.
- **Art Walk (Saturday, April 28)** – Carol Ballard passed around sign-up sheets for those intending to display quilts and for people who could give demonstrations during the exhibit and/or those willing to staff the raffle table or to provide hospitality/security for the exhibit .

- ü She announced that quilts can be dropped off at committee members' homes or at the Four Corners Building starting 2:00 P.M. on April 27.
- ü Gretchen Schulz and Mary Lee Grabowski will collaborate to deliver quilts to Sauders and bring them back afterwards. The cost is \$3. Quilts for exhibit must be registered with Sauders.

OLD BUSINESS

- **International Quilt Day/Workday**- The nineteen members who participated had a productive and enjoyable day.
- **Donation Fabric Storage** –Carol Hicks
 - ü Volunteers including Carol Hicks, Janette Willman, Debra Tell, Sharon Bishop, Kathy Haver, and Jeanne Langendorfer assembled color-coordinated kits of fabric and a public domain pattern for a donation quilt in either baby/youth size or twin size. Meeting attendees were invited to pick up a kit with sufficient fabric for making the top and the back to finish for charity. Batting can be requested from the guild's supply.
 - ü No specific deadline for completion was set.
 - ü Additional copies of the patterns will be made available at the June meeting.
 - ü Since there is more donation fabric at Cindy Huffman's house, members were advised that they may call Cindy if they need fabric for an additional charity project.
- **Donation to Wood County District Public Library** – Carol Ballard informed the guild that this year's donations were *Lines by Design* by our special speaker, Debbie Grifka , and a picture book titled the *Flying Sewing Machine*.
- **Bylaws Revision** – The committee met to discuss proposed bylaws changes. They will publish suggested changes in the newsletter and on the guild website. At the June meeting, the changes will be submitted to the guild for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Cocoon Shelter** – Alta Coddling gave a brief summary of a recent *Sentinel Tribune* article about the Cocoon domestic violence shelter.
 - ü They logged 5,739 service calls in the past year.
 - ü Only approximately 10% of the people served reside in the shelter.
 - ü The facility provides twin-sized quilts to residents. Donations from our guild so far this year have declined drastically. More are needed.

- **April Challenge** – Challenge entries comprised of a card celebrating the guild's 30th anniversary accompanied by an envelope were exhibited and voted on by viewers. Prizes were awarded.
- ü **Guild Birthday Party** Chair, Marilyn Riewaldt, and Hospitality Committee members furnished beverages and an array of delectable cupcakes.
- ü Vice President Painter led the group in several engaging and entertaining birthday activities and awarded prizes to winners (and in some cases, losers) of the games.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mini-groups** - details will be in the newsletter.
- **May BSQ Guild Meeting** – A reminder was issued to the effect that the program/meeting is on Friday, May 11 instead of the usual Thursday date.
- **Membership Roster** - Kathy Hassink is taking over responsibility for the membership roster, based on names and contact information supplied by Treasurer Barb Wilhelm and Carol Ballard. Paid up members are urged to check last year's roster and submit any necessary changes as soon as possible.
- **Jo Ann Fabric Rewards Program** – The cessation of the 10% discount for members of any quilt guild was called to the attention of attendees. It is being replaced by a program that offers a \$25 refund for a group or individual who has registered online and who subsequently spends \$500.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:37 P.M.

Charity Quilts – Show and Donate

Non-charity - Show and Tell

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Wood, Black Swamp Quilt Guild Secretary