

Black Swamp Quilt Guild Minutes

November 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER - President Shari Wiseman called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m., following an interesting and informative program by Carol Hicks.

WELCOME - There were three guests. No new members.

QUILTS FOR SIMPSON BUILDING - Sue Gruber presented the new quilted wall hangings to a representative of the Bowling Green Parks System. Those working on the project were Sandy Lepper, Sandy Dallas, Marge Hufford, Carol Hicks, Wendy Jenkins, Sheila Painter, Carol Ballard, Sue Gruber, and Joan Conrad. The quilts are amazing and were gratefully received by the parks representative.

OCTOBER MINUTES - were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Guild income for October was \$55.48; expenses were \$299.00. Retreat income was \$225.00; expenses were \$2719.65. Checking account balance at the end of October was \$8584.74 of which regular funds were \$5226.32 and retreat funds \$3358.42.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program - Next month's meeting will be the annual December Brunch at the Bowling Green Country Club. See meetings page on website for details.

Retreat - Jacquie Sharrer reported on retreat activities and showed the quilts which were made for charitable donations as well as a special quilt made for the manager of the motel, who was especially helpful to us this year. Dates for next year's retreat are October 17-20, 2019. The retreat will be held at Howard Johnson's in Lima again as the survey showed that almost all who responded are satisfied with that location.

Special Speaker - Louise Kimpel reported that Lynn Carson Harris has been asked to be our special speaker for 2019. Lynn has won numerous awards and has appeared on Alex and Ricky's online show as well as Nancy Zieman's program. Her recently-published book was passed around. Plans are for Lynn to present a trunk show on Friday, May 10, at

the Simpson Building and to teach classes on Saturday, May 11, at the Community Center. A committee was formed including Marsha Randles, Jeanne Langendorfer, Mary Lee Grabowski, Gretchen Schultz, and Sandy Lepper.

Audit - Jeanne Langendorfer and Kathy Hassink will audit the guild's financial accounts this year.

Budget - Barb Wilhelm, Sheila Painter, Bess Wood, Carol Ballard, Deborah Tell, and Shari Wiseman will work on the budget for 2019.

Art Walk - Bess Wood will be chairperson for 2019, and her committee members will be Mary Lee Grabowski, Rose Marie Ackerman, and Carol Ballard.

Hospitality - Karen Backus, Calista Jo Grogan, and Pam Boughton will take on these duties for 2019.

OLD BUSINESS - Carol Hicks will resume selling the charity quilt fabric packets at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - Rose Marie Ackerman will take responsibility for forwarding email information to the guild members. Kathy Hassink will be her back up.

St. V's quilts -- Calista Grogan will take responsibility for taking donation quilts to St. V's. We thank Kathy Bartley for her years of service, taking care of this.

Holiday Brunch - Mary Lee Grabowski announced that the brunch will held December 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the old BG country club. Reservations may be made up to one week prior by contacting Mary Lee. There will be a gift exchange for those who wish to participate -- \$10, quilt related. Calista will be in charge of a game to distribute gifts.

Mystery Quilt - Due at the January meeting.

Challenge - Kathy Haver and her committee, Jacquie Sharrer and Sharon Bishop, announced the challenge for 2019. Due at the April meeting, the theme is the Chinese Zodiac. Instructions were handed out; more will be available at the brunch.

Dues for 2019 will remain at \$25 (plus \$10 to help pay for expenses for those who do not receive the newsletter by email).

Treasurer accountability was discussed. Our treasurer and president introduced, as a measure of protection for the treasurer, that the treasurer will make the bank statement available to the president four times a year (in addition to the spreadsheet she shares each month). Moved by Sandy Lepper and seconded by Kathy Hassink, the measure was approved by unanimous vote of those present. It is intended that we add this to the by-laws, the next time they are updated.

“Living in the Shadows,” a quilt display and workshops will be held November 13 to 17.

Diana Trost is collecting fabrics to be used in making teddy bears for babies and heart pillows for heart patients at Oakland Hospital in lower Michigan. If you know of sales or have fabric you would like to donate, please contact Diana.

Mini Group information is provided in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned, followed by a “Quilting Outside the Box” presentation by Mary Lee Grabowski. Items she purchased and shared with the group were auctioned off by Kathy Haver.

Charity quilts were shown, and non-charity quilts were shared.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Wiseman (filling in for Bess Wood)