

BLACK SWAMP QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes

May 10, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by President Marilyn Riewaldt in the back room of the Simpson Building, Bowling Green, Ohio.
 - a. President's pondering – Marilyn shared Tips for Quilters by Rachel T. Pullman.
 - b. Reminder:
 - i. Anyone with a completed UFO project should make sure they are on the UFO list so that their name will go in the drawing for a prize.
 - c. If you have not won anything from Laurene Hoskinson or Karla Blinn sewing room, please sign up on the clipboard.
 - d. Michelle Classick from the Cocoon Shelter spoke to the group about how the donated quilts help the individuals. Everyone receives a quilt upon their arrival to the shelter. Michelle told two stories on how the quilts touched the individuals and answered many questions.
2. Marilyn welcomed all members – 7 visitors and 0 new members this evening.
3. April minutes were approved with once change the word meeting needs added to section 6.c.3rd line. A change to the newsletter was reported: The 2012 Program date for June should be the 14th instead of the 10th.
4. Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed for audit.
5. Reports of Boards and Committees.
 - a. Prudent Reserve Committee – Marlene Norton, Marge Hufford, Carol Hicks and Marilyn Welling were on the committee. They discussed their findings and recommendations.
 - i. The committee broken the funds into selections:
 1. Operating budget - \$2221 in expenses for 2011 and the same amount budgeted for 2012. The committee recommends keeping \$1000 each year in reserve.
 2. Special Events – Special Speaker for 2012 is costing \$1525. The committee is recommending keeping \$1525 in reserve for future speakers each year.
 3. Retreat – In the past the guild has signed a contract in the amount of \$5400. The guild is legally response for this amount of money if no one signs up for the retreat. The committee is recommending keeping \$5400.00 in reserve each year to cover the contract.
 4. In total the committee is recommending keeping \$8000 in reserve to cover our future obligations. The committee had ballots to allow the members of the guild to vote how they would like to spend the additional \$2000 left in the treasury.
 - a. Do nothing
 - b. A Mystery Day Trip
 - c. Put the funds towards a special speaker
 - d. Add to the program committee to allow a workshop or classes
 - e. Add your idea to the ballot.
 - b. Website – Carol Harper announced the website has received 335 hits in the last month with one from Russia. Carol will have the next section for the Mystery Quilt and the notes from tonight's program posted on our website tomorrow.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Janette Wellman has cleaned out 4 sewing rooms and they have all requested that the items be given to guild members. This is the last meeting that Janette will be a drawing. If you receive an item from Laurene Hoskinson please forward her thank you note to the address provided or stop by BG Manor for a visit.
 - b. Anita Kopp had a visit with Laurene Hoskinson recently. Laurene sent Anita a Thank You for Janette Wellman and her husband. Anita read it to the group and it is attached.
 - c. UFO Drawing held by Joan Jaffrey – she explained that the items are from Laurene Hoskinson sewing room.
 - d. Retreat Committee report by Chair Joanne Streacker – 9 open spaces for the Fall Retreat. If you are registered for the Retreat make sure to get a piece of the Challenge fabric before you leave today.
 - e. Joan Jaffrey provided copies of the next section of the Mystery Quilt.

- f. Block of the month found at www.craftsy.com – Carol Ballard
 - i. April blocks – English Paper Piecing
 - ii. May – Wonky Log Cabin
7. New Business:
 - a. Fat Quarter Exchange – Novelties were collected, put in groups 7 winners announced.
 - i. June will be Patriotic
 - b. Sauder’s Quilt Show -- May 1 – 6, 2012
 - i. Marilyn asked anyone that won at Sauder’s to stand. And be recognized.
http://www.saudervillage.org/Creativity/quiltshow_winners.asp
 - c. Wood County Heritage Days – June 9 & 10, 2012. Janette Wellman invited all members to come and join her with a make and take at the Wood County Historical Society event.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.
9. Program – Scrap Happy with Carol Hicks, Mary Damon and Cheryl Darr. Handout available on the Black Swamp Guild website.
10. Show and Tell

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