

# The Quilters of the Nature Coast

## General Membership Meeting Minutes January 11, 2012

**Call to Order and Verification of Quorum** 10:16 a.m. with 36 members present

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Introduction of New Members:**

Elaine Alford  
April Jones  
Debbie Orndorff  
Linda Wade  
Betty Wilson  
Marge Roloff

### **Introduction of Guests: (sponsors needed)**

Carol Mierley, Shirley Williams, Sue Williams, Ruth Turner, Margaret Gilbert, Barbara Pickell,  
Sue Legacy, Helen Parent, Valarie Atherton

**Trolley** Introduction of Dave and Linda Strom who gave a presentation of items found within the Quilt Trolley, etc.

**Approval of Minutes of Last General Membership Meeting;** Joyce Griffith made a motion to approve the minutes and Sally Cosenza seconded the motion. All members voted in favor to accept the minutes as read.

### **Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:**

- **Treasurer's Report** – Sandy Godsy reported that all expenses have been paid and the current balance is \$404.00 which is the end-of-year balance.
  1. **Charity and Outreach** needs a chairperson
  2. **Ways and Means**, Adele Maier will be providing raffle baskets
  
- **Vice Pres. Report on committees.**
  1. **Quilting Academy Coordinator** –
    - a. The cost of the BOM will not go up as previously mentioned (so as to provide completed kits). The increase in kit cost would not cover the actual cost to make the kit, therefore every one will continue to provide their own material to complete the BOM.
    - b. Member classes will now have a fee of which \$5.00 will be donated back to the guild. We will be using the library for these classes. Volunteer teachers are needed. There will be a sign-up sheet for the classes.
    - c. Nina Ridgeway awarded diplomas to Jan Radziejewski, Dorothy Abraham, Sharon Caudy, Barbara Simmons and Marion Dorman for completion of the "Quilting for Beginners" class.
  2. **Programs**, Beverly Boyce
    - a. Sewing and Quilt Expo in Lakeland on 2/23-25, sign-up sheets available please sign up.

- b. Sweet Darlings and Scrap & Sew, trip to Lutz on 1/25. There will be a 20% discount on fabrics, and 30% on one item. There is a carpool available.
  - 3. **Special Events**, Judy George
    - a. Provided information about our BBQ in April, the Guild will provide all meats.
    - b. There will be a scrap book cook book from our cook-out, which will be completed by June. Two scrap books will be given away as door prizes.
    - c. Barbara Ogden will provide a free Make & Take class on 2/1/12, 1-4 pm at the Spring Hill Library. You will need to bring 1 yard of fabric.
    - d. A trip to Venice "Quilting by the Gulf" 3/31/12 9-5 and 4/1/12 10-5 pm. \$7 charge.
- **Secretary:** Belinda Boncaro had nothing to report.
  - 1. **Librarian** – Janet Leadbetter has resigned from the guild - Barbara will take over the position of the Librarian temporarily until Belinda can find a replacement.
  - 2. **Membership** Peggy Macedo has up-dated the membership directory, which can be found on-line.
  - 3. **Historian**, Doris Trudeau is not able to continue in this capacity. Secretary Belinda Boncaro will fill in until another person volunteers for the position of historian.
- **President:** Barbara Ogden had nothing to report.
  - 1. **Public Relations Committee** – Joyce Griffith had nothing to report.
  - 2. **Webmaster** – Terry Ogden has changed the URL for members only page, to make it more secure.

#### **Reports of Special Committees:**

- **Budget Committee** –Sandy Godsy gave a brief over view of the 2011 revenue and expenditures. Terry Ogden explained the budget process and the resulting 2012 budget for the guild. He invited members to become budget committee members for the next year so they could understand the process and include their inputs. .
- **Nominating Committee** – Marion Weeden announced that the Nominating Committee's selections for the offices of President and Secretary are Barbara Ogden for President and Belinda Boncaro for Secretary, both incumbents of those respective offices. The election will be held at next month's General Membership Meeting..

#### **Special Announcements and Programs**

1. Welcome and Happy New Year.
2. Christmas Party was a great success with 33 party goers. Thanks to Nina (who contributed all the door prizes) and to her committee and everyone else who helped. The ornament exchange was fun and wonderful ornaments were presented.
3. The quilt made for Mike was presented to him and was greatly appreciated by him.
4. IRS Non-Profit Status-We received a letter from the IRS granting us non-profit status effective July 12 2011. This means we don't have to pay income tax to the federal government for 2011.
5. Application sent to the FL Dept of Revenue for Tax-exempt status. Granting of this status will mean we will not have to pay sales tax on purchases for the guild.

6. An application, to hold raffles for Charity Quilts, will be sent this week. Application fee is \$10.00.
7. We need a Chair for the Charity Outreach Committee, Diane Hysell had to resign
8. Committees need volunteers to help Committee Chairs with committee responsibilities.
9. Don't forget to vote for the best, in all three categories, Challenge Quilt.
10. Joyce Griffith has three new classes
  - a. Crazy Quilt----January 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - b. Celtic Knot----January 30<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Fundamentals of Quilting----Four Mondays beginning February 6<sup>th</sup>
11. Barbara Ogden will hold a Make and Take Chatelaine Class on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Spring Hill Library 1-4 pm
12. Our new meeting place is the Nativity Lutheran Church, on Commercial Way in Weeki Wachee across from Winn Dixie, The time for the meeting will continue to be from 10:00am to 1:00pm. The day of the meetings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month

**Unfinished Business:** We have been contacted by The Thameside Quilters in Staines, UK. This will be our new sister guild. President Barbara Ogden will develop a program with them but she solicited helpers to assist her in coordinating projects.

**New Business:** None

**Other Activities:**

- **Show and Tell**

Margaret Gilbert	“Fly Away Home”
Marion Weeden	“Virginia’s Choice”
Carol Winney	“Music”
Shanon Parent	“Beginner Quilt”
Adele Maier	“Baby Quilt”
Barb Ogden	“Christmas Wall Hanging”
Colleen Beckett	Garment, Jacket
Pearl King	“Crazy Quilt ”1876-1885
Pearl King	“Antique Quilt “1898-1900
Linda Wade	“Black Quilt”
- **Door Prize Raffle:** Took in \$19.00. Prize won **by** Barb Ogden
- **50/50 Raffle –** Took in \$101.00 Terry Ogden won \$50.50
- **Fat Quarter Raffle –** Took in \$10.00. April Jones and Marie Taverna each won 9 fat quarters.
- **Block of the Month Raffle –** Took in \$24.00. Barbara Simmons won 20 blocks.
- **Magazine Sales -** Took in \$12.00.
- **Quilt Challenge Winners were as follows:**
  - **Beginners Category:** Janice Radziejewski
  - **Intermediate Category:** Pearl King
  - **Advanced Category:** Marie Taverna

**Call for Adjournment** 12:35 p.m.

**Submitted by Belinda Boncaro Secretary**