

The Quilters of the Nature Coast

General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2011

Call to Order and Verification of Quorum (13) (Number of Members Present: 30)

President Barbara Ogden led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of New Members: None.

Introduction of Guests:

Carol Winney, Louise Albury, and Thea Conley

Provide Names of Members Who Are Ill:

Please notify President Barbara Ogden when someone is ill so a card can be sent.

Birthdays in October:

Anna Terry (10/1), Belinda Boncaro (10/13), Nina Ridgeway (10/24)

Special Announcements

- President Barbara gave a thank you message to all members
- The guild realized \$278 from the **Brookridge Bazaar**. Thanks to all who helped make it possible. Special thanks to Janet Leadbetter, who paid for the table.
- **New Special Events Chair** – Judy George
- **Halloween Party** – Marion Dorman has arranged for a Halloween Party at the Sylvan Grove Clubhouse on October 27 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Members please sign-up. Marion will be available after the 19th for any questions.
- The Executive Board approved the following **Policies and Procedures** – All are posted on the website:
 - III-A-1 – Conflict of Interest Policy
 - III-B-1 – Conditions for Sale of Items on the Website Marketplace
 - III-C-1 – Meeting Place, Date and Time
 - III-C-2 – Conditions for Sale of Items by Members at GM Meetings
- **Necessary corrections to IRS Application for Non-Profit Status.** We received a letter from the IRS notifying us that we needed to correct our Articles of Incorporation to include the proper IRS wording. There was a cost of \$43.75 to amend the Articles of Incorporation to comply. The IRS required a short time frame for corrections to be made and resubmitted resulting in an additional cost of \$18.30 for an overnight letter to Tallahassee. Terry checked with the Department of State in Tallahassee yesterday and they confirmed that the amendment had been received and filed. As soon as the approved amendment is received, we will resubmit our application to the IRS.

- We will not submit “**Solicitation of Contributions Registration Application**” until January. This saves us \$10 filing fee for 2011.
- **Christmas Party Cost: Tickets \$15 – get from Belinda. Note time Change 5-8:00 pm**
 - 5:00 to 5:30 – Cocktails
 - 5:30 to 6:00 – Dinner
 - 6:00 to 6:30 – We will have an ornament exchange directed by Doris Trudeau
 - 6:30 to 8:00 – Music and Dancing
- **Christmas Party Menu**

QNC will furnish the appetizers with the extra \$2.50 obtained from the ticket sales.

 - Garden Salad
 - Chicken Marcela and Roast Beef
 - Baked Potato
 - Green Beans Almandine
 - Rolls and Butter
 - Marble Sheet Cake (If more than 60 attend an additional cake will be provided)
 - Coffee and Tea
 - Cash Bar
- Members were reminded to fill out their **Time Sheets** and submit them to Terry.
- **Today is Demo Day –**
 - Dianne Cass/Colleen Beckett – English paper piecing
 - Belinda Boncaro - free motion machine quilting
 - Adele Maier – Dresden plate, hand quilting
 - Joyce Griffith – Crazy quilting, embellishment
 - Marie Taverna – Hand appliqué
 - Marion Weeden – Cathedral window
- **Monthly Quilt Challenge Contest** – Gordon Godsy has almost completed the display case that will display the winners of the Monthly Quilt Challenge. The case will display three winning quilts, 18” wide by 24” tall. The theme for November is “*Christmas*”. There will be no challenge quilt for December because of the party. January’s theme will be announced at the party.
- **Budget Committee** – Composed of the Executive Board plus Adele Maier, Marion Weeden, Barbara Simmons and Judy George. The process was explained and the floor opened for questions. The deadline for Committee Chairs to submit inputs to the Budget Committee is the end of October.
- **Nominating Committee** – An election will be required to fill the offices of President and Secretary. The Executive Board selected Doris Trudeau, Pat Turner and Dianne Hysell to be on the committee. Parliamentarian Marion Weeden will chair the committee. The members of the committee will select nominees for the open positions and report the results at the General Membership Meeting in January. An election will be held at February’s meeting and the new officers will be installed at the meeting in March.

Reading and Approval of Minutes of Last General Membership Meeting

- The reading of the minutes was dispensed with since they had been placed on the website. There were no corrections and they were accepted as posted.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

- **Treasurer** (Sandy Godsy) all responsibilities have been paid. The Guild made \$278.00 at the Bazaar. Our current balance is \$523.00. Up-coming expenses are the display case, material for the charity quilt and our Display frame.
- **Charity Outreach** Committee (Dianne Hysell) she is ready to begin.
- **Librarian** Janet Leadbetter thanked the membership for all the work and effort to make and sell items at the Bazaar this past Oct. 8, 2011.
- **Special Events Committee**
 - Nina Ridgeway is coordinating the Christmas Party, see above
 - Judy George is coordinating with the county regarding our forthcoming BBQ

Reports of Special Committees

- **Budget Committee** – No report
- **Nominating Committee** – No report.

Unfinished Business

- A motion made by Judy George and seconded by Pat Turner to cancel participation in the **Swamp Fest** next year and to forgo the Charity Quilt that was to be made for it. The motion passed unanimously. **Closed.**
- **Sister Guild with Thameside Quilters Guild** in Staines, UK (www.thamesidequilters.co.uk) – Janet Leadbetter will contact her friend Kate Martin to ascertain if Kate's guild is interested in becoming our "Sister Guild". **Postponed pending report from Janet. Open**
- Judy George requested volunteers and money and etc. to help with the Charity Quilt next year. General discussion regarding where to display the quilt etc. Some members suggested Town Hall etc. Barbara Ogden suggested that in a year we could have an "Art" show including embroidery works, Knitted items sewers and other crafters. **Postponed until January. Open.**

New Business

- Members were reminded of the mandatory policy of wearing nametags at meetings and the resulting penalty. Beginning in November the policy will be enforced.

Other Activities:

- Demo Day – Six demos took place (see above).
- Show and Tell:
 1. Stella Dejesus-Kelly - Magnolia praise and comfort quilt
 2. Joyce Griffith - Poinsettia four block quilt
 3. Barbara Ogden - Heart hand appliqué wall hanging and our Guild Logo.
 4. Nina Ridgeway - Baby wall hanging
 5. Sandy Godsy - Halloween wall hanging, candy corn wall hanging and the LaBonte memory quilt made from the deceased daughter's clothing. The quilt will be presented to the mother at our next General Meeting in November.
 6. Dianne Hysell - pink baby quilt, backed with fleece
 7. Doris Trudeau - multi-flowered quilt handed down from her great aunt, hand-made from 400 pieces, approximately 30-40 years ago
 8. Pearl King - pink heart appliqué wall hanging
- **Door Prize Raffle** - \$14.00 collected – Won by Terry Ogden
- **50/50 Raffle** - \$75.00 collected – \$37.50 won by Belinda Boncaro
- **Fat Quarter Raffle** - Won by Barbara Simmons and Sharon Parent
- **Magazine sales** - \$3.90 collected
- **Afghan Raffle** - \$6.00 collected
- **Fat Quarter Sales** - \$8.00 collected
- **Block of the Month Raffle** – \$22.00 collected – Won by Belinda Boncaro and Beverly Boyce

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.