

The Quilters of the Nature Coast

General Membership Meeting Minutes November 9, 2011

Call to Order and Verification of Quorum. The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Ogden at 10:35. There were 32 members present and a quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of New Members: 6

Debbie Orndorff
April Jones
Jeanette Maiorano
Carol Winney
Thea Conley
Louise Albury

Introduction of Guests: 8

Elaine Alford
Joan Beals
Claire Heron
Joyce Kenney
Theresa Ferrao
Linda VanOosting
James LaBonte
Sandy LaBonte

Presentation of LaBonte Quilt by President Barbara Ogden, Sandy Godsy and Nina Ridgeway

Approval of Minutes of Last General Membership Meeting. All in favor as read.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

- **Treasurer's Report** – Sandy Godsy all expenses have been paid and the current balance is \$244.56
- **Quilting Academy Coordinator** – Nina Ridgeway Nov. 16th is the last Quilting 101 class from 1-4 pm at the West Hernando Library. The class will consist of finishing the quilt with sashing etc. Anyone who needs more time, the following Friday at the Spring Hill Library is available. Let Nina know.
- **Librarian** – Janet Leadbetter- Barbara will temporarily take over the position of the Librarian. Johanna Smith will help Barbara.
- **Public Relations Committee** – No report. Joyce Griffith remains ill.

- **Special Events Committee** – Judy George, Charity Quilt is in progress and at January's meeting the plans will be finalized and presented to the club.
- **Webmaster and Newsletter Editor** – Terry Ogden. There are several new Policies & Procedures. Please become familiar with them. Website is up-dated frequently. The newsletter "Bits 'n' Pieces" can be found on the website.

Reports of Special Committees:

- **Budget Committee** – Barbara Ogden, Becky Martin and Barbara Simmons along with the board will meet this Monday, November 14 at President Barbara's house
- **Nominating Committee** – Chairman Marion Weeden will present the chosen slate of nominees for President and Secretary at the January meeting. At the February meeting members will be able to make additional nominations from the floor, and the election by secret ballot will be held after the nomination process is completed unless there are no further nominations, in which case the new officers may be elected by acclamation.

Special Announcements and Programs

- **EB and GM Meetings will be replaced by the Christmas Party.**
- **Christmas Party** – December 14th from 5 to 8.
- **Christmas Party tickets** on sale today from Belinda Boncaro and Sandy Godsy. After today tickets can be obtained from Pres. Barbara, no later than December 12th. We must notify the caterers with attendee numbers. Party is at our old meeting place "the Big Room".
- **Be sure to bring your spouse or significant other and other guests** too. We like to show off our guild.
- Tickets are \$15. Don't Forget the Ornament exchange
- **Halloween Party** was a lot of fun. Both Marians (Dorman and Weeden) went through a lot of trouble getting ready for the party. They had lots of surprises for us. Our members brought lots of great food and snacks. We raffled one of Sharon Caudy's witch dolls that she had donated for the Brookridge Bazaar and made \$30 from the raffle.
- Thanks **to Marion Weeden** for all your hard work and for arranging for us to be able to use your clubhouse.
- Thanks to **Marion Dorman** for all your hard work and your thoughtful presentations and door prizes and for being our **Party Queen**.
- Thanks to **Gordon Godsy**, Sandy's husband, for the **display case** for the winners of our monthly **Challenge Quilt competition**. He did a beautiful job on it. Quilt dimensions are 17 x 22 inches, including the binding. There will be 3 categories, beginners, Intermediate and advanced. The next challenge quilt will be in January and the theme is "Valentine".
- And thanks to **Mike Scalisi**, our favorite restaurant guy, for cheerfully allowing us to place it prominently in his restaurant so we can showcase the talents of our very talented members.
- Thanks to **Dianne Cass** for today's door prize. The thread alone, Superior threads, is worth \$70.00. What a thoughtful thing to do.
- In January we will be visited by Linda and David Strom and their **Quilt Trolley**. (Explain the trolley) The Trolley will be open for sales prior to and following the meeting. And they will present a **Trunk Show** during the meeting.

- The **Hernando Quilters' Guild** will be hosting their biannual **Quilt Show** in conjunction with the **Spring Hill Garden Club's Plant Sale** at the Botanical Gardens at 1489 Parker Avenue this Saturday at 10:00 am. There is a small admission fee.
- Terry will be presenting a short program on "**Quilting Geometry**" after the business meeting later. Thanks to Terry.
- I hope all you **Committee Chairs** have your **Budget Proposals** with you today. They were due on October 31st. We need them so we can compile them into a comprehensive budget for the guild for next year. The Budget Committee has a deadline as well.
- Also make sure that your **timesheets** have been filled out for all the time you contributed for the guild's charity projects from July through October. This is **very important** so we can accurately document our charitable contributions. The more we contribute the better we look.
- **Membership Buttons** – Game time starts today. Anyone who doesn't display his or her name button must pay 50 cents if unable to "Name That Block."
- A new **Policy for the Distribution of Charitable Items** has been approved by the EB and is on the "Members Only" section of the website. Explains how we will handle our charitable contributions in the future and limit them to approved IRS 501(c)(3) organizations with a few exceptions:
 - Goods that are collected on a one-time or irregular basis for the purpose of being donated to churches and similar organizations. Examples of this would be canned goods collected for use in the preparation of Thanksgiving dinners or toys collected for distribution to needy children at Christmas time.
 - Monetary awards that are made to deserving students as scholarships.
 - Other monetary awards as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.
 - Gifts of a nominal value that are made to individuals or organizations in recognition of exceptional service to the guild or to other organizations or individuals, as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.
- Jeanette Maiorano donated a quilt for charity purposes. Thank you Jeanette.

Unfinished Business

- **Sister Guild with Thameside Quilters Guild in Staines, UK** – Executive Board has decided to close this item because of lack of feedback from UK. **Closed.**
- **Request to the Internal Service to classify the QNC as a 501(c)3 organization.** The application was submitted two months ago. We expect final approval by the end of the year.

New Business

- EB decided to buy a subscription to an **E-card service (Jacquie Lawson)** in order to be able to send birthday cards, get well cards, etc. to members. Cost: \$22 for 2 years.
- The EB discussed and decided to offer the "Block of the Month" kits with ALL necessary material. This will provide consistency. This suggestion was opened to the floor for a vote. The kits will now come with all necessary material. Another vote was taken to determine the cost of the kit. 6 members voted no to the increase of the kit cost to \$2.00, all other members voted yes.

Program – "Quilting Geometry" – Terry Ogden a hand-out was provided and Terry reviewed the hand-out and took questions.

Other Activities:

- **Show and Tell**
 Sally Cosenza Paper pieced Christmas Tree Skirt
 Marion Weeden Tree of Life appliqué Quilt,
 Pearl King Christmas Candles Wall Hanging done by her sister-in-law
 Charles Meinhardt Trip around the world quilt
 Joyce Kenney Winter's Song Wall Hanging
 Carol Winney Santa Panel
 Sandy Godsy Flannel Christmas quilt
 Jan Radziejewski Naked Santa Wall Hangings

- **Door Prize Raffle** – Raffle donated by Diane Cass, worth \$70 containing Superior Threads that she might be a representative for. We suggested having a demo on threads. Raffle won by Dorothy Abraham.

- **50/50 Raffle** – \$37.00, won by Elaine Alford
- **Fat Quarter Raffle** - won by Sandy Godsy and Jeanette Maiorano
- **Block of the Month Raffle – Belinda Boncaro**
- **Afghan Raffle Ticket Sales** – Sold 7 tickets To be raffled off at Christmas Party
- **Fat Quarter Sales** – \$4
- **Magazine Sales** -
- **Christmas Party Ticket Sales** - Sales \$315 - 21 tickets

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:52.

Submitted by Belinda Boncaro Secretary.