

## COUNTRY PIECEMAKERS MINUTES

November 11, 2017

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

President Dorothy called the meeting to order at 9:36 am. There were 23 members and 1 guest present. Jane E. gave the devotion.

### **GUILD BUSINESS:**

- **Minutes:**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved as read.

- **Membership:**

Sara L. reported the total membership is 47. Sara L. is collecting the 2018 dues (\$20). Members are asked to verify their information as they pay.

- **Hospitality:**

Members are asked to bring a dish to share for our annual holiday brunch. Please contact Becky to sign up for your dish to share.

- **Sunshine:**

November birthday cards and wishes went to Colleen, Linda S., Laura, Barbara, and Stephanie.

- **Community Service and Fundraising:**

A table of fabrics from multimedia artist Catherine Etter's stash was set out for purchase/donations to benefit Catherine.

- **2017 Programs:**

December will be our annual holiday brunch at the library beginning at 10:00. The business meeting will occur after the brunch with the election of the president and secretary. A committee headed by Jane P. and Carmen will decorate the conference room. Assistance is welcome. Members may participate in a gift exchange of either a microwave bowl or folded fabric box. Directions for both will be on the website.

- **Clarification of Bylaws:**

Dorothy reminded members that the new version of the by-laws with the clarification of the election years for officers was sent out via email.

- **Election of President and Secretary for 2018 through 2019:**

The offices of president and secretary are open for nomination. Dorothy is willing to be a candidate for president. A volunteer is needed to fill the position of secretary. It is very important that this office be filled. Elections will occur at the December meeting.

- **2018 MAQF Challenge Quilts:**

Heidi reminded members of the guidelines for the challenge, 'Something My Grandmother Taught Me' which are posted on the guild website. Heidi needs those participating to send her the title, dimensions, and value of their quilt before December 8. The quilts will be collected at the February meeting for hanging at the show.

- **UFO Project:**

Members who completed their UFO project for October shared their items. The UFO project for November is #4. Completed projects are to be brought to the December meeting.

• **Community Service and Fund-raising:**

- A bundle of 22 solid fabrics from Craftsy were donated and are being raffled. The pattern that Craftsy paired with the fabrics is included. The drawing will be held at the December meeting. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

• **Veteran Quilts:**

Jan delivered the veteran quilts which went to the spinal unit at the McGuire VA Hospital. A thank you letter was received from Gerald Westry, Chief of Voluntary Services for our donations. Jan and Nancy T. will lead our 2018 veteran quilt program.

• **Program Planning for 2018:**

- Kay passed out a summary of the activities and programs that members voted on at the October meeting. She also had a preliminary listing of programs for 2018, kicking off in January with members sharing their first quilt and/or an antique quilt.
- Block of the month projects: 1. The BOM based on E. Burn's book, *Underground Railroad Sampler* will begin in January. Participants may participate in a field trip to Millstone Quilts to discuss the underground railroad and to select fabrics on January 18, with a backup date of January 24. A sign up sheet was sent around. Contact Dorothy if interested. 2. A sign up sheet was also sent around for a mystery BOM with a 'Neighbors' theme. It also will begin in January. Contact Kay if interested in the mystery BOM. For both BOMs participants will be responsible to present one month's block to the others.

• **Library Quilts:**

Lisa's quilt will hang at the library in November and Kay's in December.

• **NICU Quilts:**

More baby quilts are needed. The following members shared NICU quilts: Sara P.-4, Nancy J.-2, Barbara-1 for a total of 7.

• **Nursing Home Quilts:**

The following members shared quilts: Sharon-1 for a total of 1.

• **Show and Tell:**

The following members shared projects: Donna B., Becky, Cindy, Colleen, Merci, Nancy T., Bonnie St., Sharon, Jane R., Lisa, and Sara L.

**HOSPITALITY TODAY:** A big thank you went out to all the members who shared items for our potluck luncheon.

**BOARD MEETING:** It was announced the next board meeting would be Wednesday, November 22 at 1:00 PM in the small meeting room of the library. Note: following the meeting this meeting date changed to Wednesday, November 29 due to Thanksgiving.

**TIP OF THE DAY:** Carmen announced she is planning a field trip to the American Civil War Museum in Richmond for a tour. Possible dates are January 20, February 3 or March 3.

**PROGRAM:** Following the business meeting, members participated in our annual pillowcase workshop led by Colleen to benefit *Ryan's Case for Smiles*. Alison Eichler of *Ryan's Case for Smiles* assisted in the workshop.

**INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER MEETING:**

- Hospitality - Potluck
- Library Quilt - Kay
- Theme - Christmas

**ITEMS TO BRING:**

- Baby Quilts/Nursing Home Donation Quilts
- Show and Tell
- Completed UFO #4
- Gift exchange item
- Food item

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Cross, Secretary