

**COUNTRY PIECEMAKERS**  
**MINUTES**  
January 14, 2017

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Dorothy called the meeting to order at the Powhatan Library at 9:30 am and welcomed the group. She also led the group in a moment of silence in lieu of devotions.

There were 29 members present today and 0 visitors making a total of 29 in attendance.

**GUILD BUSINESS**

**Minutes:**

- The minutes were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- The treasurer's report was approved as presented.
- The books are being audited by Kay and Colleen. Cindy has already given the necessary data to Kay for the audit.
- The budget was reviewed, explained and discussed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as presented. The motion passed with an unanimous vote.

**Membership:** Sara reported a current membership of 38 with an anticipated membership of 39 by the end of the meeting.

**Community Service and Fundraising:**

Linda S. presented the guidelines for a monthly silent auction to raise funds for community projects. Members are encouraged to donate good items that they no longer want to the silent auction. The item may or may not be sewing related. Books/magazines will be sold at \$1 each. The guild raised \$42 at today's silent auction and book sale. The group also held a 50/50 raffle and raised \$34. Heidi won \$17 and the guild made \$17.

**Hospitality:** Becky and Bev passed around a sign-up sheet for hospitality hostesses for 2017.

**Programs:**

- **Monthly Programs** - Kay reviewed the programs planned for each month in 2017 and passed out the monthly program schedule.
- **Veteran Quilt Program** - This year quilts will be donated to the transition units at McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond. Members who want to participate will be divided into five groups made up of a mix of new and old members. The February program will be a work day for the groups to get started on the project. Each group should make at least one but no more than two quilts. The quilts are due at the September meeting. Batting and quilting (if necessary) will be provided by the guild. The purpose of this program is to make quilts, to have members get to know each other better and to have fun doing it.
- **UFO (Unfinished Object) Project** - Colleen explained the UFO project for 2017. Members are encouraged to select 12 UFOs that they want to finish this year and number them one through twelve and e-mail that list to Colleen. She will e-mail the members the format for the list. Project #1 will be due at the February meeting. After that the number due will be drawn at random. Participants are encouraged to photograph their "mountain" of projects once they are gathered. Colleen will keep track of the number of projects each member completes on time. There may be a surprise for the member completing the most projects.
- **The Ugly Fabric Project** - Cindy explained the Ugly Fabric Project. Members played a "left/right" game to exchange their wrapped ugly fabric. The finished project is due at the May meeting and should be based on a "flower" theme, must be at least 20" X 20," contain the three layers required for a quilt (top, batting, and backing), and have four contrasting/coordinating fabrics for a total of five fabrics. The "ugly" fabric must be recognizable and used on the front of the quilt. Cindy distributed guidelines to the group.
- **Event Planner** - Jane E. will work with the Program Chairman to research "in between" trips and events.

**Sunshine:** Kay, Roxann, Mildred, Patricia, and Merci have January birthdays. Linda C. will mail their birthday cards to them.

**Website/Historian:** Michelle is currently updating and revising the website. The plan is to upload our pictures to the website when it is completed rather than have a hard copy scrapbook. Boni is still taking our pictures to forward to Michelle for the website.

**Library Quilt:** Colleen reviewed the guidelines for displaying library quilts and drew the last three volunteer names. Nancy will provide the February quilt, Jan will provide the March quilt and Dorothy will provide the April quilt. Barbara's quilt for December was taken down and replaced with Colleen's quilt for January.

**Board Meetings:** Board meetings will continue to meet monthly. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 1 pm.

**Activities:** Heidi reviewed the guidelines for exhibiting our Tree Challenge quilts at the Mid-Atlantic quilt Festival in February. Heidi, Dorothy, Kay and Colleen will hang the quilts on Wednesday, February 22.

**Announcements:** Boni announced that she just sold the last two car decals. If anyone else is interested they need to let her know so that she can preorder them.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Retreat** - Colleen stated that she has been in contact with the retreat center and they are mailing her the contract for 2017. The retreat will be from Thursday, September 28 through Sunday, October 1. There may be some slots available for that Wednesday as well. Once Colleen has reviewed the contract, she will email the membership with the registration form. There are 20 slots available. Colleen will assign the slots by the submission's postmark date. In order to be eligible each submission must be in its own envelope (only one submission per envelope), and include the signed and completed registration form and a signed deposit check made out to Country Piecemaker's Quilt Guild.

- **Show and Tell:**

**St. Francis NICU:** Three members shared their baby quilts. They were Sara-1; Bonnie - 1; and Linda Stinson - 1 for a total of 3 quilts.

**Amelia Nursing Home:** Two members shared their nursing home quilts: They were Darlene -2; and Donna B. - 1 for a total of 3 quilts.

**Guild Show and Tell:** Jan, Mildred, Bev, Colleen, Bea, Becky, Donna B., Heidi, Kay, Dorothy, Bonnie, Jill, Nancy, Carmen, and Jane R. shared projects with the group.

## **HOSPITALITY TODAY**

Thanks to Becky and Bev for providing this morning breakfast.

**TIPS FOR TODAY:** The group was reminded of the upcoming Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival at Hampton Roads from February 23-26.

## **INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY MEETING:**

- Library Quilt – Jan H.
- Theme - Love
- Special Activity - Blessing of the quilts to go on exhibit.
- Items To Bring
  - Baby Quilt(s)/Nursing Home Quilts
  - Supplies for February Program - Veteran Quilt Group planning and sewing if desired.
  - Silent Auction Items

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Dorothy adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Rager for Linda Cross, Secretary