

## COUNTRY PIECEMAKERS MINUTES

October 14, 2017

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

President Dorothy called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. There were 22 members and 2 guests present. Janet 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 46. Sara L. is now collecting the 2018 dues (\$20). Members are asked to verify their information as they pay.

- **Hospitality:**

A potluck lunch of soups, breads, and dessert will be shared at the pillowcase workshop in November. Some members offered to bring the following: Boni S. - chili, Janet - rolls, Becky - cornbread, and Carmen - dessert. While no food will be offered for breakfast, coffee will be served.

- **Sunshine:**

October birthday cards and wishes went to Michele, Sharon, Ginny and Boni.

- **Clothes Closet Quilt Find:**

Kay found an old hand-pieced quilt top at the Clothes Closet. Lisa A. offered to clean, put into batt, and quilt the top. It will then be decided whether to raffle or donate the completed quilt.

- **2017 Programs:**

- The November program will be the annual pillowcase workshop led by Colleen. She will have kits ready for assembly. Colleen distributed Christmas kits which need to be returned at the November meeting.
- December will be our annual holiday brunch at the library. 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. Gift exchange ideas will be discussed at the November meeting.

- **Clarification of Bylaws:**

Members voted and accepted the clarification of the by-laws concerning election of officers: Article VI. Nominations and Elections, Section 1 – Order of Elections, Elections will be held in December of odd years for these officers. Their term will commence in January - President, Secretary; Elections will be held in December of even years for these officers. Their term will commence in January - Vice President, Treasurer, Member at Large.

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

The offices of president and secretary are open for nomination. Sara L. will be emailing a notice to members for volunteers. Dorothy is willing to be a candidate for president. Elections will occur at the December meeting.

- **2018 MAQF Challenge Quilts:**

Dorothy reviewed the guidelines for the challenge, 'Something My Grandmother Taught Me'. The guidelines are also on the guild website. Heidi reminded everyone that she needs the title of and dimensions of each participant's quilt in November.

- **UFO Project:**

Members who completed their UFO project for September shared their items. The UFO project for October is #11. Completed projects are to be brought to the November meeting.

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

- The 50/50 raffle was held. Kay was the winner of \$9.00.
- The final silent auction/yard sale for 2017 was held. The total funds raised will be reported at the November meeting.
- A bundle of 22 solid fabrics from Craftsy were donated and will be raffled. The drawing will be held at the December meeting. Tickets are \$5.00 each, and are being sold at the October, November and December meetings.

- **Veteran Quilts:**

Jan has made contact with McGuire's Veteran Hospital for delivery of our quilts. Jan and her husband will deliver the quilts in October. The quilts will go to the spinal injury unit and/or the nursing home, as is needed. Jan will also bring a fabric marking pen so the quilts will have the recipient's name printed on the label of the quilt.

- **Program Planning for 2018:**

Dorothy led the members in a discussion of programs and activities membership would like in 2018. Ideas were listed and members chose the programs they most would like to see. The results will be tabulated and presented at the November meeting. Other activities discussed:

- The donation quilts to NICU and nursing home quilts will continue.
- The veteran quilt project will continue. Nancy T. volunteered to head this project with Jan's assistance. Jan suggested contacting the local VFW for names of local veterans.
- The UFO project will continue. It was suggested a monetary fine for uncompleted projects to be paid to the treasury.
- Group sew days at the library (meeting days or outside meeting days) were desired for veteran quilts, baby quilts or UFO projects.
- Road trips are still of interest.
- Block of the month projects: 1. Dorothy is starting a BOM based on E. Burn's book, *Underground Railroad Sampler*. 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. Both of these projects would begin in January.

- **Library Quilts:**

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

- **NICU Quilts:**

The following members shared NICU quilts: Boni S.-1, and Jane E.-3 for a total of 4. Janet also reported that 2 additional NICU quilts were given to her from retreat.

- **Nursing Home Quilts:**

The following members shared quilts: Kay-1, Boni S.-2 and Jane E.-1 for a total of 4.

• **Show and Tell:**

The following members shared projects: Boni S., Becky, Patricia, Colleen, Heidi, Nancy T. and her sister Terry, and Dorothy.

**HOSPITALITY TODAY:** Thanks were given to Boni S., Jane R., and Nancy T. for breakfast.

**BOARD MEETING:** The next board meeting will be October 24 at 1:00 PM in the small meeting room of the library.

**TIP OF THE DAY:** Nothing to report.

**PROGRAM:** Following the business meeting, members participated in a hand appliqué workshop with tips and techniques presented by Linda C.

**INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER MEETING:**

- Hospitality - Potluck: soups, breads, desserts
- Library Quilt - Lisa
- Theme - Thanksgiving

**ITEMS TO BRING:**

- Baby Quilts/Nursing Home Donation Quilts
- Show and Tell
- Completed UFO #11
- Completed Christmas pillowcases
- Sergers, sewing machines and supplies for making pillowcases

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Cross, Secretary