

COUNTRY PIECEMAKERS MINUTES

January 13, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Dorothy call the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. There were 26 members and 5 visitors today. The visitors were Linda (Kay's sister), Billie Martin, Helen Ellis and her two friends. Janet Carson gave the devotion.

GUILD BUSINESS FROM DECEMBER MEETING WHICH WAS CANCELLED

- Reminder dues are \$20.00 and Sara Leonard will collect the dues.
- Boni Simmons served as Sergeant at Arms in the election of Dorothy Holland as President and Barbara Zirkle as Secretary. They will serve for 2018-2019.
- Birthday cards for December were distributed, as well as, those members who joined in 2017 after their birthdates received their charms.
- Gift Exchange of the fabric microwave bowls or boxes-if you brought one, please pick up one during the break.
- Merci reminded members to take a fabric from the basket which was part of the December program.

Minutes

The minutes from the November meeting were accepted as presented. Birthday cards for January were distributed.

Treasurer's Report

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

Also, Cindy presented the budget for 2018. It was reviewed and approved. Jan made the motion and Colleen seconded.

Membership

Sara stated that we now have 40 members.

Community Service and Fundraising

Nancy Teare will be in charge of Veteran Quilts this year. She asked members to bring in blue fabric (preferably with stars) and red fabric and white fabric so we can make flag blocks. Nancy will give us the sewing date later.

Linda Stinson commented that we brought in \$524.00 in 2017 in fund raising and a suggestion box would be available at the February meeting to raise funds for 2018. The raffle for the fabrics from Craftsby was \$140.00 and Colleen won the bundle. The \$1.00 raffle ticket drawing was won by Linda Stinson for \$6.00. Linda suggested that we do the silent auction twice this year.

Hospitality

Bev and Becky brought today's refreshments. A sheet of paper was sent around for members to sign up for refreshments for the year.

Website/Historian

There is no longer money budgeted since it is now on the website. Boni is doing a wonderful job posting pictures every month.

Quilt Challenge

Heidi reminded members that the quilts are due at the February meeting and the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show in Hampton is the last weekend in February. Please email write up for your quilts to Heidi before the February meeting. Theme is Something That My Grandmother Taught Me.

Programs for 2018

Kay discussed the program titles for 2018 and reviewed upcoming programs.

BOM

- Dorothy discussed the Underground Railroad Quilt. Barbara showed her quilt that has already been made. The trip to Millstone is Thursday, January 18. Those members attending need to pay \$4.00 for the teacher fee and all other pertinent information was sent in an email. The two blocks to bring to February meeting are Monkey Wrench and Underground Railroad.
- Kay discussed the Neighborhood Mystery Quilt and distributed who will demonstrate the blocks each month and when the blocks are due. Barbara showed Block 1 and Linda Cross showed Block 2. Members need to bring Blocks 1 and 2 completed to February meeting. The quilt will measure 68 x 84 ½ inches when completed. If you want your sashing and background to be the same, you will need 4 ½ yards of fabrics. Presenters for new blocks in February are Boni (Block 3) and Jane P. (Block 4).

Pillowcases

Colleen reminded members that the pillowcases should be 100% cotton (no glitter) and the body is 26 inches, the cuff is 10 inches, and the strip is 2 inches.

Library Quilt

Colleen stated that Jane E.'s quilt will hang in January. Reminder that the quilts do not need a sleeve. We now have a new wall to hang quilts.

UFO

This begins a new year and members need to complete their yearly UFO list and give to Colleen. You decide what your project will be each month. The winner of the UFO for 2017 was Barbara.

Donation Quilts

- Janet received 9 baby quilts today. She collected 72 in 2017.
- Nancy received 4 nursing home quilts today. She collected 44 in 2017. It was suggested that we acknowledge Noreen for her contribution even though she is not a member.

Show and Tell

Projects were shown by Kay, Becky, Janet, Merci, Lisa, and Heidi. Laura McFarland brought in Powhatan magazines for members to take. Boni S. said she went to MetromEmbroidery.com for \$3.00 to receive samples of stabilizers, 18 prewound bobbins, and 4 spools of threads.

BREAK**PROGRAM**

- First quilts were presented by Donna, Sue, Heidi, Becky, Merci, Nancy J., Bev, Dreama, Dorothy, Kay, Sheddy, Cindy, Barbara, Lisa, Jill, and Linda S.
- Antique quilts were presented by our visitor Helen Ellis, Cindy, Becky, Sue, Heidi, Boni S., Linda C., Jane E., Kay, Janet, Nancy J. and Sara P.

Closing Remarks

- Board Meeting on January 24 at 1 p.m. at the Powhatan Library.
- Tips-Lisa Adams suggested using Retro Clean (can buy at Chadwick's) to get yellow out of old quilts. Cindy also stated that she has used Borax. Do not store quilts in plastic contains or wood containers unless you put them in a pillowcase first. Sara P. also says it is a good idea to wash quilts to keep them preserved.
- Hospitality Today-Thanks Becky and Bev

Respectfully submitted
Barbara Zirkle, Secretary