

Quilters Guild of Plano General Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2020

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President's Business: Linda Neal

- The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM at the Hunters Glen Baptist Church in Plano.
- The Allen Quilt Guild had brought their raffle quilt. Members could buy tickets.
- The minutes and the Treasurer's reports of February 13th, 2019 were approved as published on the Guild website.
- Caroline Gagnon-Hartman has been very busy updating our website. One of the new things is a new method of documenting your volunteer hours. Under Membership click on "Member Dashboard" and then click on "Report Volunteer Hours". Follow the directives. Any questions contact our new Google Manager, Diane Poor, at googlemanager@qgplano.org.
- Also under Member Dashboard is a "Help Wanted" icon. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the Guild this is where any positions needed would be listed.
- Connie Elliott resigned her position with Membership and Karen Edmondson has agreed to be Co-Vice President of Membership.
- The next Board meeting was scheduled for Monday evening March 23rd; however with the self-quarantine for the Corona Virus the meeting place will change or be cancelled. Linda is always available via texting or email at lindanealmck@hotmail.com
- We are not sure about next month's meeting at this time. If the program is cancelled, all those who have enrolled in the workshops will have their money refunded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs: Janet Carver

- In April Maria Shell (national speaker) will be coming from Alaska for a lecture on "Patchwork to Artwork – Journey of an Alaskan Quilt Maker". At this time we aren't sure if she will be coming.
- The May general meeting is the 2020 Quilt Show rollout.
- At the June meeting Dawn Heese (national speaker) will have a lecture on "The French Connection."

Mini Quilts: Valerie Salter

- Seven Mini quilts that had been turned in for the 2020 Show Raffle were exhibited.
- Two Birthday quilts were turned in. Birthday quilts are being accepted any month of the year it doesn't have to be the month of your birthday. There

will be a drawing in December from the names of those having completed a birthday quilt.

- A Quilting Day has been set up for April 14th at The Best Little Retreat Center in Texas.

Quilt Show / Security: Karen Freeman

- Security is one of the most important positions of the Show. Security starts before the show opens with personnel observing while the quilts are hung and judged to keep unauthorized individuals out of that area such as vendors, friends, etc. Our job is to protect the quilts. There will be a chair with security personnel at each corner of the quilt area for a clear view. It's a perfect time for volunteers to do handwork.
- When the show opens, it's all hands on deck. There are two admission doors, the west door and east door. The west door is pretty easy all day but the east door gets crazy after lunch when people are coming in and leaving at the same time. These security positions are a combination of sitting and standing. The east door will have double personnel for the afternoon shift.
- The newest issue is that there are approximately eight other doors that don't open from the outside but do from the inside. There will be sitting positions at these doors to ensure only those leaving from those doors can come back through those doors.
- Besides protecting the quilts and watching the doors, security must assist the vendors by being visible to deter any would-be shoplifters. We are not to approach anyone, leave that to the police but we need to be visible. These are standing and walking positions. Also, these people need to check on the stationary security folks that may need to be temporarily relieved.
- All security personnel wear fashionable vibrant green vests and in some cases they get to play with inkpads and stamps. Anyone leaving the building and coming back in will have his or her hand stamped. Every security position will have instructions, Karen's cell number and responses to questions.
- The positions prior to show opening are: quilt protectors (sitting), door security (sit/stand) door watchers (sit), and floaters (stand/walk).
- Positions after the show opens are: 2 admissions doors, 5 door positions, 2 floaters and 1 extra person at the east door (lunch).
- All security positions are 2-hour shifts.
- For the 2020 Quilt Plano there will be many more security positions needed and so please sign up.

TAQG (Texas Association of Quilt Guilds): Jeanne Fletcher

- TAQG's Rally Day this year will have three 1-day workshops taught by Marti Michell at Sunnyvale 1st Baptist Church on July 8,9 and 10th. There are openings in all three classes.
- For more information about Marti Michell, TAQG Rally Day on July 11th and the workshops go to the Guild's website and under "Activities" click on TAQG.

Membership: Sue Rentz/Karen Edmondson

- There were 79 members present with 3 visitors: Bridget Madsen, Becky Garcia and Grace Culbertson.
- Always be sure to sign in when you arrive so that we have an accurate count of attendance.
- For the New Member Retreat on May 30th there are still 7-8 openings left. You can sign up at bestlittleretreatcenterintexas.com.
- The Guild needs a Nine-Patch Chair. On the website under Membership and Member Dashboard is an explanation of this position under "Help Wanted".
- The following quilt stores and people made donations for the door prizes: Against the Grain Notions, Box Car Quilts, Encore Quilt and Sew, Linda's Electric Quilters, Minding My P's and Q's, Not your Mama's Quilt Store, The Quilt Asylum, Quilt Country, Quilters Consignment, Quilt Ideas, Ready Set Quilt, Savvy Quilters and Stitchin' Heaven.

Guild Activities: Leigh Knox

- There were 12 members that participated in the Pillow Challenge/Exchange.
- Members have until the July general meeting to complete their Quilt of Valor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.