



Sinnissippi Quilters, Inc.

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**Sinnissippi Quilters Guild
December 7, 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes
Christmas Potluck
Grace United Methodist Church
1pm and 6:30pm**

Call meeting to order: Janis Albeck (A) 1:00 PM

Sandy Hillis (E) 6:33 PM

Greet – Please turn your phone off. Make sure you are signed in.

There was a sale going on today! Judy Peters moved and donated a lot of things to the guild. Sandy Pyper put it all together and organized the sale. Pam Surmo also brought some things for sale from a donation from a Wesley Willows resident. Everyone browsed the partially completed works as well as precut fabric pieces and many made purchases!

Thank you all for coming today. A special thank you to the members who donated valuable items to be used for drawings. And to Lori for the festive table decorations. And to those who arranged the tables and helped with set-up.

Meal – The potluck assortment was really splendid, proving that we are not only great quilters but great cooks. Photos can be found on our Facebook page.

First Drawing winners– (A) Jerri Schardt (E) Deb wheeler

Program – Toward the end of dessert Lori and Silvia showed Power Point Presentation with Silvia as MC on topics important when taking a quilt to a Longarmer. Questions from the audience were answered and samples of various battings, styles of quilting as well as washed and unwashed samples for comparison. This was valuable information for the next time you want your handiwork quilted by a longarmer.

Second Drawing – (A) Melinda Davis (E) Starr Pittaway

Business Meeting:

Treasurer: Coleen O'Kane/Kaye Abolins

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Programs: Robin Gausebeck /Lori Dickman

The UFO challenge for December was #3. Lollipop winners were Pat Watts and Deanne Spataro. A new number was drawn, # 7, which will be due in January; please send photos the week prior.

January presenter is our own Lori Dickman in person with "Scrap Overload." She will also be leading a mini morning workshop "Scrap It Up Party" from 9:30-12:00 before the afternoon meeting. There is a \$15.00 charge. Come with fabric scraps that have been ironed.

Saturday, January 6th, workshop is "Valentine Quilt Workshop" \$35.00 at Cherry Valley Library. Free PDF on her website.

February presenter, via Zoom, is David Owen Hastings with "Exploring Nature with Paper & Stitch" in the afternoon and in the evening with "Quilt Labels to Love"

His Saturday Zoom workshop "Mini Mid-Mod Quilts" \$30. We need 15 to sign up.

March – Neo-natal Sew-in

Proposed March 23rd workshop, via Zoom, with Robin Long, on Strip Mariner Quilting, price not determined.

Special Projects: Pam Surmo/Linda Egeland/Sherry DeBuhr

There were 44 neonatal quilts on hand; 7 received; 20 delivered to Mercy and 20 delivered to UW; 11 on hand.

There were 10 hats on hand; 24 received; 16 to Mercy/18 to UW delivered; 0 on hand.

There were 0 pillowcases on hand; 28 received; 10 to UW delivered; 18 on hand.

There were 3 fidget quilts on hand; 8 received; 8 to UW delivered; 3 on hand.

Placemats made and delivered 198 to Lifescape.

Rock House Kids pillowcases – 200. Since more were received than Rock House needed, 35 will go to Carpenter's Place and the remainder will go to UW pediatrics.

Great job everyone getting those pillowcases made!

Spam & Mini Morning Workshops: Pam Surmo

Next SPAM is December, at Cherry Valley Library, please note that the date is changed from the 16th to the 18th. Work on project of your own choosing.

The January 4th time will be Lori's workshop.



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No Compassion for Seniors is scheduled in December.

Comfort Quilts: Vicki Tallacksen - Continue making 12.5" squares. Bright colors are accepted.

Lutheran Social Services: Carol Swenson

They need small quilts (12x12" up to 20x20") for children going into foster care. This may be their only possession. 9 quilts will be delivered this month.

Quilt School: Amy Ottens

Quilt School finished on November 16th. There were 6 students who all paid the \$15 material fee and received a \$15 gift card from the quilt shop of their choice. Amy said they all did great and expects to see some of them at Guild Meetings.

Retreat: Marie Tovo

15th Annual Patchwork By the Lake Quilt Retreat was November 9-12.

Marie said she would have the Retreat report at the January meeting.

Mini Groups: Send information Roberta Suess for the newsletter/Eblasts.

Southern Quilters Mini group meets the Monday after the Guild meeting from 9:30 to 1:00 at the Byron Library

Quilt Show: Bonnie Hodina/Roberta Suess

Committee will meet on January 23rd at 6:30 PM.

Bonnie picked up a check from Byron for the quilt racks they purchased. They paid \$500.00.

Bookmarks and raffle tickets are available today. Please do your part and take a packet of raffle tickets.

Karen Grover is heading up the temperature banners.

Please make sure your Dresden Plate Medallions are all turned in.

Giorgi is collecting Loveable Leftover for the Quilt Show. She is still looking for one or two members to take over that position for the quilt show in 2026.

Demo Booth schedule will be out at the meeting as well as packets to sew the doll quilts.

Quilt Show Raffle Quilt 2024 Committee: Silvia Vaughn/Sandy Pyper

Raffle tickets are available for all of our members to pick up today. Be sure and do your part in either selling them or purchasing them yourselves.

Silvia and Sandy have started visiting other guilds so please let Silvia know if you would like to travel along with them or if you have guild suggestions for visiting.

Silvia said they have visited quilt guilds in Forreston, Janesville & St Charles along with nearby quilt shops to leave rack cards in November. They have 1 scheduled in January & 2 more they are waiting to hear back from. There are several guilds Silvia has emailed that haven't responded.

Bonnie Hodina brought the quilt to the Byron Christmas Walk and sold raffle tickets there.



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Audio/Visual Standing Committee: Bonnie Hodina/Marie Tovo (A). Roberta Suess/Mary Leach (E)
SVL company came to the church today to help fine tune our equipment for speakers and Zoom. At present, it doesn't look like we will need to purchase anything else.

Historian and RAAC Liaison: Donna Langford

Donna is currently going through the scrapbooks and developing a plan to make them more accessible.

FaceBook: We can now text Lynn Brown pictures of show and tell. She can either post them as she gets them or hold them until the meeting. Be sure to let her know if you do not want your picture on FaceBook. Please supply her with a picture of yourself so that she knows what you look like. Facebook submissions must be sent to Lynn Brown for her to post.

Membership: Sue Layng (A) Carol Folkerts/Jackie Wilson (E):

*Membership total to date: 131

*Attendance December 7th, 2023

*Afternoon: In Person 59; Zoom 7; Guests 3.

Evening: In Person 23; Zoom 6; Guests 0; New Members 0.

Name tag drawing:(A) Penny Ford (E) Linda Lewandowski.

Birthday: (A) Mary Bonne (E) no one.

No Name Tag: (A) \$3.25 (E) \$.75

Webmaster/Publications: Roberta Suess

Roberta is sending out our weekly E-Blasts. The due date for any submission will be the Wednesday beforehand. Send your information to Roberta Suess.

Mini Group information is listed on the website.

Any members who do not have a computer, please contact a board member or other member who will share the E-Blast information.

Old Business: Janis Albeck/Sandy Hillis

*Remember to save your Hobbs UPC labels and give them to the Treasurer.

It is working well having a greeter at the door each month. Thank you to all who have volunteered to be part of that. The signup sheet is on the membership table and there are still some opportunities to serve.

We are still looking for a second person for afternoon membership. Please let me know if you would be willing to help out our guild in this way.

I found a new computer on sale for Membership. It is HP Notebook with 14" display, 16GB Ram, 1 TB Hard Disc Space, Windows 11 for \$363. + \$31.84 tax = \$395.72. We also need a new mouse. I



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am asking for \$430.00 to purchase these two items. The Board has voted to approve the request. We already have Microsoft Office so will just need to load that once we set up the computer.

(A) Luanne Hanna made a motion to approve the purchase, 2nd by Marge Sment.

(E) Starr Pittaway moved, Luanne Hanna 2nd. Motions passed with no descensions; followed by applause!

New Business:

Protocol for bad weather – If the Rockford Public Schools close, we will not have an in-person meeting. We will still be able to meet on zoom though. Sandy Hillis will contact the 3 networks and get our cancellation listed on their closure information.

Carol Folkers has been hospitalized but has returned home to recouperate.

Any other Business?

Third Drawing – (A) Vicki Tallacksen (E) Linda Egeland

Ornament Exchange- was enjoyed by all who participated, in a grab bag style.

Fourth Drawing – (A) Shary Yerk; (E) Mary Leach.

Further Drawings – (A) Cassie Wallace; Colleen Hoffman; Diane Sand.

Show and Tell and drawing winners: (A) Monica Kelso (E) Pam Surmo

Motion to adjourn. (A) Kris Allen 2nd Vickie Tallacksen

(E) Linda Lewandowski 2nd Marie Stenger

Time: (A) 3:35 PM (E) 8:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Allen