



Sinnissippi Quilters, Inc.

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**Sinnissippi Quilters Guild
March 7, 2024
Membership Meeting Minutes
Grace United Methodist Church
1pm and 6:30pm**

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

Sandy Hillis (E) 6:30 PM.

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

First of all, a special thanks to Pam Surmo, Linda Egeland and everyone who helped set this all up for our sew-in today.

We got a newsletter this month from Jennifer Chiaverini. For those of you who may not know her, she is a quilter and an author who writes stories that include quilts. She has a new book coming out in April, *The Museum of Lost Quilts: An Elm Creek Quilt Novel*. It is the 25th anniversary of her Elm Creek series. The newsletter is on the membership table if you are interested in reading it.

Business Meeting –

Introduced Sandy for those who might not have met her.

Programs: Robin Gausebeck /Lori Dickman

The UFO challenge project number for March is #5 Neonatal Sew-In. Today's drawing is # 6 which is Due at the April meeting.

April – Lisa Erlandson – Afternoon "Frankenquilts" and Evening "Quilts In Our Time"

May – Business Meeting, Show and Tell and Quilt Show Preparations

May 4-5 - Quilt Show

June – Deb Strain – Afternoon and Evening "Designing Fabric" In Person and will have items for sale.

July 11th – Ice Cream Social

Treasurer: Coleen O'Kane/Janis Albeck

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Special Projects: Pam Surmo/Linda Egeland/Sherry DeBuhr (5 min.)

There were 27 neonatal quilts on hand; 1 received; 10 delivered; 24 on hand.

There were 17 pillowcases on hand; 34 received; 10 delivered; 41 on hand.

Pam spoke with UW about the fidget quilts and they will be used in the Progressive Care Unit as they have been found to be calming for those receiving treatments.

Spam & Mini Morning Workshops: Pam Surmo

Next SPAM is Wednesday, March 13th at Cherry Valley Library 9:30-4:30 working on NICU quilts. This has been changed from Saturday the 9th which is the Memorial for Luanne. There will be a Nurse's Honor Guard presentation at 11:30.

Next CFS at Goodwill is March 21st working on lap quilts and walker bags.

Comfort Quilts: Vicki Tallacksen - Continue making 12.5"

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.

Quilt School: Becky Harvey

Becky Harvey has graciously volunteered to oversee Quilt School and will provide information as she gets into it after the Quilt Show is over.

Retreat: Marie Tovo

16th Annual Patchwork by the Lake Quilt Retreat will be November 14-17, 2024.

Start thinking about it now.

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

Bonnie has started adding sponsors to the Facebook page. Check it out!

Jan White, Jan Person and Kris Allen are working on the sponsor letters.

Karen Grover is heading up the temperature banners. To date, there are no banners for October, November and December. Lori Dickman has made a tutorial on the temperature quilts that will be helpful.

Bookmarks are available each meeting.

Dresden Plate Medallions are all in.



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Giorgi has been accepting donations for Loveable Leftovers. Jan White and Jan Person have been a great help to her in for the preparing for the sale.

Amy Ottens is collecting Silent Auction items. Please bring them in as soon as possible so she has time to prepare baskets for them.

Demo Booth schedule will be out at the meeting. The people who volunteered for doing demos are all lined up. I believe that we have the required amount of doll quilts. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Norma Copes is asking for a couple more quilts, 30's fabric or feed sack, batik and whole cloth.

Julie checked on the quilt racks and will be going to Romeoville to pick up everything we need.

The Board discussed the Membership special at the Quilt Show again this year. If they sign up for 2024-2025 at the Quilt Show they will get June and July this year for free. Next meetings are March 26th, April 9th and April 23rd at 6:30. These will be in person rather than on Zoom.

The door prize will be the Santa Claus top from the Lilly Rudd estate that has been quilted by Kate Hall.

There are yard signs for you to plant in highly visible areas; sign one out.

Please plan to enter a quilt in the show; the entry forms are due by April 1st, even though the quilt doesn't need to be completed.

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

Please make sure you pick up your raffle tickets and trying to sell them and spread the word about the quilt show.

Silvia and Sandy visited Itasca Quilt Guild in February and in March will be going to Country Quilters of Mc Henry County and Faithful Circle in Downers Grove.

Silvia gave me an update on the raffle tickets.

\$1901 tickets sold

\$1020 - 37 members have not turned in money or signed up to sell tickets, this is value of \$740

231 tickets still on hand - value is \$1155

One of the agreements that you make when you become a member is that you will do your part in selling and or purchasing raffle tickets.

Audio/Visual Standing Committee: Bonnie Hodina/Marie Tovo (A). Roberta Suess/Mary Leach (E)

Bonnie put together instructions for working the AV equipment. Those who are willing to help with that please let Roberta know. Training will be available today.

Historian and RAAC Liaison: Donna Langford



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

Facebook: Lynn Brown is posting pictures of show and tell and others sent to her. 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 go to Lynn Brown for her to post.

Membership: Sue Layng/Shary Yerk (A) Carol Folkerts/Jackie Wilson (E): (5 min.)

*Membership total to date: 139

*Attendance March 7th, 2024

*Afternoon: In Person 50; Zoom 1; Guests 1; New Members 0.

Evening: In Person 17 Zoom 0; Guests 0; New Members 0.

Name tag drawing:(A) Carol Swenson (E) Linda Egeland.

Birthday: (A) Harriet Bazel (E) not noted.

Webmaster/Publications: Roberta Suess

Roberta sends 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. For those of you involved in mini groups, please write up a brief description of what your group is working on and get it to Roberta for the E-Blasts.

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. There has been a fire in the warehouse and now orders will take much longer to be filled.

It is working well having a greeter at the door each month. Thank you to all who have volunteered to be part of that. We still need volunteers for helping with set-up and clean up. The sign-up sheet is on the membership table.

Last month I mentioned that Kaye Abolins is stepping down from the Treasurer 2 position because of health. I volunteered to fill in that position to finish this year and continue through next year. It was approved by the Board.

Sandy is still looking for help on the Nominating Committee. Please see her if you would be willing to help.

New Business:

Donations – We would like to handle donations differently going forward. Special projects had been doing that in the past. We would like to set up a donations committee



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to receive them and sort out what can go to neonatal, seniors, fidget quilts, hospice and etc. Jan White, Jan Person and Janis volunteered to work on this for awhile. After sorting out everything else, we plan to use the remaining items for Loveable Leftovers. This will give that committee time to organize on an ongoing basis so that it isn't a rush in the last few months before the next Quilt Show. In addition, it takes much pressure off the Special Projects committee.

The Board approved ordering new invite cards – 500 for \$88.00 and updated Tri-fold brochures – 500 - \$91.94. I will get those ordered yet this month.

Any other Business?

57 neonatal/baby quilts have been turned in today!!

Door prizes have been awarded to everyone:)

Quilts have been judged by members and winners were:

(A) #1 Diane Spataro #2 Barb Lange #3 Anne Biedowicz #4 Linda Egeland.

(E) #1 Barb Clucas #2 Janis Albeck #3 Lynn Brown #4 Vicki Tallackson.

We'd like to thank the following for providing prizes:

Quilter's General Store

Sunshine Stitches

Basketcases

Starbucks

TV trays by Linda and Pam

Book and calendar from Karen Grover

Notions from Luanne.

Show and Tell drawing winners: (A) Diane Sand (E) Not noted.

Motion to adjourn. (A) Becky Harvey; 2nd Barb Clucas.

(E) Carol Swenson 2nd Norma Copes.

Time: (A) not noted PM (E) 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Allen

Secretary