

Delectable Mountain Quilters Guild
General Membership Meeting
March 17, 2016

President Terri Meeks called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present were 23 members and 1 guest.

Terri welcomed all the members and recognized our guest, Amy Pederson's mother from North Dakota. She thanked all the members for coming out in a snowstorm for a second month in a row.

Denise Knapp moved that the minutes of the January 21, 2016 General Meeting be accepted as presented in the newsletter. Cathy Gero seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

In Cheryl Spahr's absence, Terri Meeks gave the Treasurer's Report for February 2016. The ending balance for February's General Fund was \$7,485.48. The Christmas Fund was \$115.00 after the return of the bank service charge. The Raffle Account balance was \$2,719.48.

Donine Schwartz gave the Vice-President's report. She announced that the guild has contracted with Kathy McNeil to come to Steamboat next March to present a program. Donine gave a brief overview of Kathy's quilting accomplishments.

Committee Reports

Jean Clougherty again reported that she has a container left over from last month's meeting, and Kathy Gero claimed it.

Tamie Buskirk reported that currently 42 people had renewed their memberships. She announced that, in the future, members who forget their own nametags will need to purchase a tag for 25¢, so everyone can be readily identified.

Ruthann Mewborn has passed out all the Mystery Quilt cutting and assembly steps and next month will start revealing the design by disseminating instructions on how to sew the squares together.

Tamie Buskirk requested that members who have items to submit for the Newsletter should email them to the guild email address: dmqgss@gmail.com. This will ensure that information is gathered from one source. Donine Schwartz announced that the website is up and running but only on Google. She expects that it will be on other search boxes soon. Access to the public portion of the site is now available to anyone visiting the site. The "Members Only" portion will be operational after members create their personal passwords. Donine distributed flyers outlining how to access the new site.

Amy Pederson exhibited the Opportunity Quilt, which was provided by Marcia Spitellie.

Maria Bidgood indicated that the Happenings section of the newspaper had undergone a change in format recently, and it was not as easy to get announcements published. She mentioned that before, the guild could easily get an announcement of a meeting in the day before and the day of the meeting, but this month, Maria was only able to get an announcement published on the day of the meeting.

The Spring Retreat in Glenwood Springs from May 13-15 has 23 members signed up. Terry Hinde said that there still are a few spaces left. Also, anyone signed up with a balance due needs to pay it by April 5. Terry has a list of those who have outstanding balances.

In Peggy Hoff's absence, Terri Meeks asked that people vote on the four patterns for the Raffle Quilt. The patterns were being passed around and votes could be registered on the sheets. Members were asked to vote for two of the four.

The Fall Retreat still needs a chairperson. Irene Meyers suggested that since the spring retreat is in such a great location, Glenwood Springs, the guild should consider having the fall retreat closer to home.

Marcia Spitellie volunteered to chair the Charity Project Committee. Marcia had recently spoken with Gineva Taylor with Routt County Seniors who suggested that we collaborate with them on a project. Marcia mentioned making quilted stockings, which could then be filled.

There were no reports from the Grant Program and Morning Star Committees.

New Business

Terri Meeks announced that the board had decided that if members had items to sell and wanted to advertise them to the membership in the newsletter, the announcement would be handled as a purchased ad. Otherwise, members could make a general announcement at a guild meeting and it would then be recorded in the minutes.

Tamie Buskirk provided more information on the sewing event this Saturday at the Selbe Apartments from 9-3 to celebrate National Quilting Day (March 19). Participants need to bring a scrap basket full of 2" strips of fabric to create a "scrappy" project. Strips should be no shorter than 6" and in a variety of colors equivalent to 15 light and 15 dark.

Old Business

Terri Meeks announced that the Tread of Pioneers Museum has filled all its spaces for the Mesa School House event but wants to do a stand-alone program for children (ages 5+) on quilting with us. Terri has a simple project for children to create paper quilt squares. A date has not been determined.

Member Announcements

Madeleine Vail asked members to volunteer to wash fabrics that were damaged in the fire in David Taylor's home. She has bags of fabric available. The fabrics should be washed in laundry detergent with a bit of dish detergent and rinsed in white vinegar (1 cup). Once dried, the fabrics do not need to be ironed but should be folded. Bags can be returned to Madeleine at her classes on Wednesday, or left at Sew Steamboat or with Denise Knapp.

Maria Bidgood requested that members who have fabric baskets bring them to next month's program on creating scrap baskets to provide additional examples.

Denise Knapp announced that she has one workshop remaining before she returns home.

Following a short break for refreshments, Donine introduced Lynn Wunder who presented a program on "Wool Needle Felting". Following the program, the meeting resumed.

Show and Tell, Opportunity Quilt

Terri Meeks presented her Celtic applique quilt. Terry Hinde showed off a runner, napkins and trivet she made from fabric she picked up at a guild meeting exchange. Tamie Buskirk brought in two baby quilts that used the same quilt pattern but in two different color combinations.

Grace Compestine won Marcia Spitellie's Opportunity Quilt.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Swissler, Secretary