

Delectable Mountain Quilters Guild
General Membership Meeting
January 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Terri Meeks at 6:30 pm. There were 29 members and no guests present.

Terri welcomed back all members and asked that this year, any members who have presentations to make come to the front of the room and address the audience so that everyone can hear.

Ruthann Mewborn made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2015 General Meeting as presented in the newsletter. Tina Look seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Cheryl Spahr gave the Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2015. The ending balance for November's General Fund was \$2,779.24. The Christmas Fund was \$115.00. The Raffle Account balance was \$3,474.48. The ending balance for the General Fund for December was \$3,811.97. The Christmas Fund remained the same at \$115.00, and the Raffle Account balance was \$3,519.48.

Donine Schwartz gave the Vice-President's report. She started by recognizing Denise Knapp as the evening's presenter of "Let's Talk S.T.A.S.H." and Saturday's workshop. Donine announced that all the program slots for 2016 are filled. She then ran through the list of programs and workshops. For September's program on applique, Cathy Miller asked Donine if the guild preferred a program on hand applique or machine applique. After a show of hands, it was determined that the program should be on machine applique.

Committee Reports

Peggy Hoff reporting on the Grant Program said that an art teacher from South Routt had asked for help in procuring a sewing machine for her classes. Guild member Bonnie Calhoun donated one of her machines to the teacher.

Tamie Buskirk reported that so far 25 people have renewed their memberships. Last year's members have until next month to renew. Tamie reminded those present that the new membership fee is \$25.

Ruthann Mewborn has chosen the Mystery Quilt and had copies of the first few steps with her. The cost of the instructions is \$.50.

In Chris Hensen's absence, Tamie Buskirk gave an overview of plans to improve the website. Chris is onboard with the plan to switch the site to GoDaddy, which will be more user-friendly and cheaper for the guild to operate. Tamie asked for ideas from members for the website. She also requested people sign up for the Tip of the Month and the Member Feature for the newsletter.

Amy Pedersen reminded those present that tickets for that night's Opportunity Quilt were still available at \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. She also announced that all slots for donating something for the Opportunity Quilt are filled for 2016.

The Spring Retreat will be in Glenwood Springs from May 15-17. Terry Hinde is soliciting door prizes from those planning to attend the retreat. She provided registration forms for those who needed them.

There were no reports from the Hospitality, Morning Star, Publicity, Raffle Quilt, Fall Retreat, and Charity Project Committees.

New Business

Cheryl Spahr gave an overview of the budget for 2016. Membership will vote on the new budget next month. There was some discussion of continuing business ads in the newsletter. The ad size is the same as a business card.

Donine reported on an idea to submit a grant proposal to the Steamboat Springs Educational Fund. The proposal would have to outline a plan to fulfill a need not currently found in the schools. She is looking for people to join in a collaborative effort to identify such a need. Donine volunteered to write the actual proposal. It is not due until December.

Donine also outlined establishing two new tiers of membership to include youth and college students. The new tiers would offer free membership to those 18 and under and a reduced membership charge for college students aged 19-24. Peggy Hoff moved that the Guild entertain the creation of a youth membership (ages 18 and under) for no membership charge and that the Guild institute a college student rate (ages 19-24) for a fee to be determined by the membership. Irene Myers seconded. There was no further discussion, and the motion was passed.

Old Business

Terri Meeks announced that there was another place in the By Laws that needed to be changed to reflect the change in wording for dues increases. Sue Ellis moved that under Article VIII, Standing Rules, #1, "Dues for the Guild year shall be \$20.00 for members under the age of 80" shall be replaced with "Dues for the Guild shall be an amount determined by the membership for members under the age of 80." Terry Hinde seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Member Announcements

Denise Knapp provided samples for her Piping Pizazz workshop. She also provided samples of work for her Scrap Happy: O My Stars workshop.

Following a short break for refreshments and the evening's program "Let's Talk S.T.A.S.H.", the meeting resumed.

Show and Tell, Opportunity Quilt

Cathy Gero, Terry Hinde, Peggy Hoff and Jean Spring shared the results of the Round Robin quilt challenge. In addition, Cathy Gero showed her scrappy quilt. Nancy Johnson shared her quilt from Peggy Hoff's class on string and striped. Peggy Hoff brought a quilt that she had made for her son years ago that needed repair. She talked about how she was able to make the repairs. Sharon Yannacone brought examples of some placemats and napkins that she is making. Doris Mayhan exhibited her retreat quilt.

The Opportunity Quilt, made by Amy Pedersen, was won by Barbara Swissler.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Swissler, Secretary