

Q.U.I.L.T.S General Membership Meeting  
September 10, 2012

President Karen Lindley called the meeting to order at 1900. She asked all in attendance to take a moment to silence their cell phones.

We welcomed **two new members, Barbara Young and Una Craine.**

Karen reminded everyone to put their **name badges on.** If you did not have a badge, \$0.25 was collected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barb Dozier, treasurer, presented the report for August. There was a balance as of 7/31/12 of 16,604.17. There was income of \$129 and expenses of \$1,052.65. The balance as of 8/31/12 is \$15,680.52. The treasurer's report was accepted as read pending audit.

**August Minutes** have been mailed, but not e-mailed or posted on the website. Copies were handed out to attending members. There were 3 corrections:

**Elisabeth** Langford's name is spelled with an "s" and not a "z".

Doris Krake's **phone number** should be **217-622-9176.**

Ginny Dow-Stewardson advised the **Bible BOM pictures** will be done as a group as well as individual to go Judy Anne Breneman.

Motion was made by Joan Barenfanger to accept the minutes as posted. The motion was seconded by Elisabeth Langford. Motion was carried.

**Getting to Know You:** Tonight we got to know Mary Ellen Grider and Annette Olikowski. Karen again explained no one would be expected to introduce themselves unless previously asked by Karen. There is no pressure for members to get up in front of the membership unless they want to.

President Lindley reviewed the agenda for tonight's meeting.

**Old Business:**

Carol Hupp explained the guild's bi-annual participation in the **Festival of Trees for 2013.** The theme is "Jingle Bell Rock. She had ornaments made up from each kit so we could see how they looked assembled and decide which we thought we would like to make. She had ornament kits made up and ready to be assembled. The tree needs between **250-300** ornaments. She asks everyone to sign out with their name and the number of kits they have taken. The completed ornaments **MUST** be returned at the October meeting. The set-up for the trees is before the November meeting.

Program Chairman, Marcha Smith, reminded everyone of the signup sheet for the **October workshop with Linda Halpin 10/20/12.** The workshop is learning to use up scraps and

stash in our quilt making. Marcha also reminded everyone Linda will be presenting her lecture, Friday, 10/19/12 at 7:00 PM and NOT at the October meeting. She also reported we will be having a "Sew-In" 9/29/12 at Atonement from 9AM to 3PM. Everyone is invited whether new or experienced, machine or hand work. No charge for being there.

Marcha Smith reminded everyone our **10/8 meeting program** will be Mary Ellen Grider and Barb Ollinger presenting "Sew Boutique."

**Treats:** Karen thanked the September "treaters": Susan, Marlene, Sandra, Margaret and Donna Adams. She reminded the October volunteers: Terry McMillan, Lori McGowan, Amy Kellerstrass, Elisabeth Langford, Ann Aldrich, Jerry Gaston and Sheila Murdock of their turn. She asked for volunteers for the November meeting. Volunteers are Jon, Annette, Sandy, Sharon, and Paula.

Karen Barr presented her pieced quilt top version of the **Bible BOM**. It has been set "on point". Ginny Dow-Stewardson reported she may be using her blocks presented in small projects. They reminded everyone the finished blocks are due for presentation in November. Finished blocks gets the quilter one chance at a "fabulous" prize. A finished quilt top gets the quilter two chances and a finished quilt gets three chances at that "fabulous" prize.

#### **New Business:**

Karen discussed the guild's annual **Holiday Dinner** at the regular meeting date of 12/10/12 at 6:30PM. She reported the board's decision to have semi-catered meal. The guild will provide fried chicken and Italian beef. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert. It was suggested for members to also bring a \$5 gift card for use at Target, Wal-Mart or Kmart to be given to Mini O'Bierne Crisis Nursery. A committee is needed to organize volunteers for set up, decorating, getting beverages ready and clean up. Jan Royer, Elisabeth Langford and Joan Barenfanger agreed to be the committee. **A signup sheet for RSVP to the dinner and whether you will be bringing a salad or dessert will be available in October and November.** After further discussion, it was agreed by consensus to include the choice of \$5 cash envelope to the Mini O'Bierne Crisis Nursery instead of gift cards only.

**By-Laws changes:** President Lindley explained the primary purpose of the by-laws changes is to further define requirements for board members, ensuring that all board members are active (definition is the proposed changes) and that they are providing some guidance to their successors ensuring new board members do not start from scratch. The proposed changes were passed out to the attending membership. They will be posted to the website and sent via e-mail to those who receive their guild information that way. Voting, by ballot, will be done at the October 8th meeting as this is a quarterly meeting. Caren explained the changes as presented on paper.

**Membership Chair changes:** Stella Taft, our membership chairman for the past 6-7 years, will be retiring from that position. After several years of discussion regarding how the guild interacts with new members, the board has agreed to some changes. This is a great time to make these changes. Stella will head up the committee until her retirement at the end of the year.

- 1) We will now have a Membership Committee of a minimum of three members.
- 2) The committee's function will be the duties formerly solely owned by the membership chair.
- 3) There will be a committee chairperson who will be expected to attend the Board of Directors meetings as outlined in the By-laws.
- 4) A member of the committee will be responsible for greeting members and visitors at the door and introducing any visitors or new members during the meeting.
- 5) They will assemble and hand out New Member packets that will include a copy of the By-Laws, a copy of the directory, a name badge pattern and gift.
- 6) The committee will serve as the "go to" resource for new members and visitors.
- 7) The committee will maintain an up-to-date membership directory.
- 8) They will assemble and manage the door prize purchases and drawings at meetings.

Karen asked for volunteers for participating in the committee. Shelia Murdock, Bev Koehler, Janet Royer and Teresa Higgins agreed to join.

#### **Announcements:**

Virginia Hosking received a "thank you" note from **Shriners** for the **donation of 10 quilts**.

Caren read the letter to the membership.

Donations made to the "**free table**" are very generous. However they must be removed by the donator before leaving. Anything left will be tossed.

Sharon Brown Adams has some **missing items from the Garage Sale**. Two kits with patterns were not accounted for: Circle of Spooks and Mostly Strips. Please look in your items from the September meeting to see if you mistakenly packed these items up before paying for them and took them home with you.

**Please be respectful** of your friends and neighbors during meetings. Even with the new sound system, which is very good, those around you have difficulty with hearing what is being discussed regarding guild business when you are having a private discussion with your other friends at your table.

#### **Reminders:**

October 8th, general meeting and vote on by-laws changes.

Friday, October 19th, Linda Halpin presentation.

Saturday October 20th, Linda Halpin scrap quilt workshop.

#### **Address/Name changes:**

Nancy **Anderson (formerly Clark)**  
2049 Huntleigh  
Springfield, IL 62704

Nancy **Arnold** (Nancy could use help with transportation to guild events. Please think of her when attending meetings)  
Senior Supportive Living  
2034 Clear Lake Ave., #102  
Springfield, IL 62703

**Show & Tell:** As always, some beautiful work was displayed by our members.

Door prizes were drawn. A motion to adjourn was made by Jennifer Adams (?) and seconded by Marlene Hager.

The guild enjoyed treats and our September program which was the annual Garage Sale.

Respectfully submitted by:  
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