



February 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Terri Linger at 7:10 pm.

Guests: Trudy Eden, new Billings resident from Cedar Falls, Iowa
Christy Pratt, new Billings resident from Texas and joined guild tonight
Sandy Schillinger, day guild member
WELCOME LADIES!

Minutes: minutes from the January meeting were approved as read without corrections.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: It was announced that we have switched banks from Yellowstone Bank to Western Security Bank. It is required to have four signatories on the account. It was decided that the four signees would be the president, treasurer, past treasurer, and a long standing member. This year's signees will be Terri Linger, Barb Klang, Sharon Stepler, and Linda Jackson.

This year's budget will be finalized and presented at next month's meeting.

Linda Jackson audited the books and said everything was in order. Thank you Linda for your time.

Bill's paid were \$360 for the use of the church, \$100 to education, another bill for \$27.45, \$500 for insurance, 1/2 of which day guild will reimburse us for. Kristi Benfit who writes our policy is adding insurance for our storage unit for the quilt frames. The account balance was stated to those present.

Activities: Theresa Kirby reminded everyone that the itty bitty block challenge will begin in April--after the quilt retreat. You can start making bitty blocks if you desire now to get a jump on your project. This is a link to the blocks Connie shared with us last year <http://www.quiltmaker.com/blogs/quiltypleasures/2015/12/the-bitty-blocks-of-2015-free-quilt-block-patterns/>

You can do a search for bitty blocks--I typed in Quiltmaker bitty blocks.

BSQR: The quilt retreat is one month away. There are still spots in every class available so please get your registrations in. Registrations will be taken right up to the class, but classes not meeting a minimum may be cancelled and that date is February 8. Nancy Sasse will be teaching

STARBURST. She showed her class sample quilt and stated she will be selling the 10 degree ruler that is necessary to make this quilt at a 35% discount.

Please bring your batik fat quarters for the raffle basket. Nancy Sasse of Four winds Quilting on Grand has once again graciously agreed to be a drop off point for the fat quarters.

It was announced that MONTANA MOBILE SHARPENING will be at the retreat 3 days, so bring your scissors, knives and gardening tools that need sharpened.

A sign up list is going around to sign up for slots to work at the retreat. You can work at the country store, the quilt show, help set up, help take down the quilt show etc.

Get your entry forms in for showing your quilts in the show. They are due by February 26. Nancy Sasse at Four Winds Quilting has some muslin sleeves that you can use to pin on to your quilt for hanging in the show if you need. Contact her at her store.

Get your tickets and money for the quilt raffle in to Alice or Theresa.

Donna Scott is still looking for old items to use to decorate/display at the quilt show. She brought several items to show as examples. She had pictures, old tins, baskets, linens etc.

Education: Currently we do not have a committee chair

Membership: Donna Scott reported that at the start of the night there were 28 paid members and 10 more signed up/paid tonight.

Newsletter: Linda Jackson had nothing to report. Members are getting their newsletters. Terry Linger provided Linda with a list of meeting dates for the year. Terry contacted the church to change the dates of two of our meetings--July and September. Linda will post these date changes in the newsletter.

Community Quilts: Kyle Neary reported that sew ins for community quilts will resume in April on the third Tuesday of the month at Messiah Lutheran Church on the corner of Colton and Rehberg. One quilt was returned finished tonight and two completed tops were returned. Kyle also passed out a couple of quilt kits and one that needed binding. In March the committee will be giving away a prize for the person with the most checks for participating in community quilts. You can get a check mark for making a top, for binding a quilt, for quilting a quilt, for cutting quilt kits, and for basting quilt tops. Kyle reported that our guild provided 98 quilts to groups around the community in 2016.

Treats for tonight's meeting were provided by Arlene Forney, Sue Bogunovich, and Mary Rose Simon. Kyle Neary, Vi Russel, and Linda Jackson will provide refreshments in March. A signup sheet was sent around to sign up for refreshments for the year. There are still many slots open. Please sign up or we may need to stop having treats at our meetings. Membership and participation by everyone are important to keeping our guild going.

Door prizes were drawn for. It was joked about that one of the prizes won will be the office of vice president. We are still in need of a vice president. Show and tell followed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 6 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Scott QBA Secretary