

## **Farmington Valley Quilters Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

**Call to Order:** President Barb Heagney called the meeting to order at 7pm, at Eno Hall, Simsbury, CT.

President: Barb Heagney

First Vice President: Peggy Thomsen

Second Vice President/Programs: Linda Walter, Carol Martinchek, Beverly Hughes,

Secretary: Donna Gosselin

Treasurer: Sue Trimble

Publicity: Maureen Hulsart

Social Chair: Leslie Perry

Newsletter Editor: Christine Zepp

Quilt Show Chair: Lisa Salvatore

Web Masters: Christine Zepp, Lisa Salvatore

### **Attendees:**

Barb Heagney, Leslie Perry, Lisa Salvatore, Sue Trimble, Linda Walter, Maureen Hulsart, Bev Hughes, Peggy Thomsen, Carol Martinek, Donna Gosselin

The minutes of the January meeting were approved. Lisa will upload them to the website.

### **Reports:**

#### **President**

- Barb began the meeting by reviewing the plans for the next two meetings. See Programs below.
- She then updated us on the disbursement of donation funds.
  - She presented a check to the Simsbury Historical Society in the amount of \$300.
  - She also presented the check to Diane Rigby at Henry James Middle School in the amount of \$300. Both organizations were very appreciative.
  - The following organizations will each receive \$300; The Sew Thankful Quilters, the Modern Quilt Guild and Salmon Brook Historical Society.
    - Barb will present the check for the Salmon Brook Historical Society in March.
    - Deb DeAngelo and Sue Elliot will each be presented a check for our donation to the Modern Quilt Guild and the Sew Thankful Quilters respectively at the February meeting.
    - Photo documentation of each gift will occur.

- The other organization we had considered was My Sister's Place. After contact with them it was apparent that they were not in need of funding at this time. They may be interested in assistance with sharing sewing skills.
- Barb shared her research on providing a scholarship to a high school student. After discussing the possibility with the staff at Simsbury High School, she determined that it would be a difficult process to determine if a student would pursue higher education in a textile related field. Therefore we decided to no longer pursue that initiative.
- She discussed the possibility of providing other organizations with funding for programming; we ultimately determined that we would encourage folks to come to our programs by increasing our publicity.
- Barb shared that Sue Elliot looked into organizing a bus day trip to New Hampshire for the World Quilt Show in August (17-19). The cost of the bus would be \$1500 for approximately 60 people. The guild would sponsor the bus cost for members (with guests paying \$25 for the bus). Members would responsible for the entrance fee.

### **Treasurer**

- Sue presented the Treasury figures; Debits, Credits and Balances.
  - Checking balance - \$9621.33. This included the influx of funding from the Quilt show.
  - Money Market balance- \$18,031.96
- We need to notify committee chairs of the funds they have to use. The Neo Natal Committee will be given the funds they need to buy batting for the quilts.

### **Programs**

- February will be our service meeting.
  - The neonatal and ABC committees will be reminded to provide projects that need the assistance of the membership, such as label and binding sewing, the cutting of batting, etc.
  - Cookies and tea will be provided for this meeting.
  - The set up at Eno will be similar to our holiday party.
- Maureen and Barb discussed plans for our Quilt of Valor Presentation in March.
  - Four letters have gone out to invitees, there are two other quilts that Maureen is trying to get the veteran information on, so that she can finalize the program as well as set up plans.
  - Signs and greeters will direct the veterans and their guest to the hall.
  - Seating will be arranged with the veterans on one side and the membership on the others, so that the vets and their guests can sit together.
  - Flags will be displayed.
  - The quilts will be presented, on the lower floor level, by the quilter who made it or by Maureen, with other members assisting in the unveiling. The quilts will be displayed on a table in the center of the room. Refreshment tables will be off to the side.
  - The membership will be encouraged to wear patriotic colors.

- Refreshments will be served. Cookies and other baked goods will be brought by the membership. The sign up list will be out at the February meeting. Donna and Lisa will bring punch bowls. Leslie will check into punch supplies.
  - Leslie's daughter will be asked to photograph the event. Pictures will be shared with each Veteran.
  - Barb and Maureen shared that the cable access channel is very interested in having the event taped for local viewing. SCTV did not volunteer to tape the event but stated that we could sign out a camera to do it ourselves. Lisa will be checking with them to determine if they know of someone that may be able to assist in this aspect of the evening; perhaps an AV student in need of community service hours.
  - Boutonnieres will be given to each of the honorees.
  - We will do a dry run with the microphone at the February meeting so that the presenters will be comfortable with its use.
  - There will be no Show and Tell at the March meeting.
  - Members are encouraged to bring guests; the guest fee will be waived for this meeting.
- Linda shared the program committee financial spreadsheet to date.
- Bev requested that the Tax Exempt Status number/card be available so that it can be presented to the lodging/transportation/food vendors when the committee is booking speakers. Sue will get that to her.
- Carol shared that the April and May programs have been lined up
  - April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Debbie Wendt of Wendt Quilting  
Lecture – Bindings: A World of Options  
Workshop - “**Finishing School**” – includes applying straight and mitered borders, different types of bindings such as straight edge, curved, and scalloped; finishing by hand and machine as well as making and attaching simple and creative labels. An additional fee is required for a kit that will include Debbie’s Brilliant Bindings Tool.  
<http://www.wendtquilting.com/>
  - May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Maureen Egan – our very talented Guild member will be providing Runway-style fashion show, "Art to Wear" on May 17<sup>th</sup> followed by a workshop on making fabric postcards on May 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Workshop - “Making Fabric Postcards” - Some of the techniques covered will be: how to translate a vacation photograph into a fiber art postcard, effective designs for small 4 x 6 format, how to make the same piece a window type greeting card instead of a postcard, edge finishing, and of course all the basics of meeting US Postal Service requirements for mailing. Postcards are loads of fun, very creative and unusual. By the end of the day there will be a fabulous little exhibit of cards.  
To view some samples of Maureen’s postcards:  
<https://postmarkart.com/gallery/maureen-egan-westfield-ma/>:
- June will be our Social.
- Sue will look into booking the First Church for day retreats in both July and August, as we did last year.

### **Membership**

- Peggy received the update membership brochure from Christine. She will have it printed for the next meeting.

### **Quilt Show**

- Lisa shared that Michele Palmer has been busy planning the Raffle Quilt for the next Show in 2018.
- At this point no one has expressed any interest in chairing the 2018 Show Committee. This is a definite concern and will be brought up at the next general meeting.

### **New Business**

- With the recent passing of one of our members, we discussed the possibility of sending flowers or making a donation to the requested organizations from the obituary. We decided to make sure a card went out to the family, notify member so that they can attend the services, if they wish, and to honor them at the Quilt show.
- We discussed next year's board. At this point Sue Elliot is the only member who volunteered to be on the nominating committee. We discussed our current positions and interest/or not in continuing on the board. Peggy will present the list of open positions at the next general meeting so that we can assess member's interest. At this point we know we need a VP, a treasurer, a social chair and possibly a secretary. This is in addition to the Quilt Show positions.
- **The March Board meeting will take place on the second Wednesday of the month, 3/8/17 to accommodate Barb's travel schedule.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna M. Gosselin, Secretary**