

Farmington Valley Quilters Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

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, Kitty Vangunten

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, Carol Martinchek, Lisa Salvatore, Sue Trimble, Beverly Hughes, Linda Walter, Maureen Hulsart, Donna Gosselin

The minutes of the October meeting were approved upon correction.

Reports:

President

- Barb reported that a member contacted her regarding the guild membership's need to vote on the decision to donate funds from "The Show" to various organizations. This will take place at the next meeting. In the meantime, information will go out to solicit the names of organizations that members feel are deserving of our support; groups that support our guild's mission. The organizations will be presented to the board; the list will be narrowed and then presented to the entire guild. It is our hope that this will take place in December. Recipients will be notified after the first of the year.
- The format of the meetings was discussed. There was some concern that due to the length of some business meetings and show and tell, the speakers don't get to start their presentations until 7:40-7:50. Several proposals were mentioned. Ultimately, it was decided that the format should be left as is.

Treasurer

- Sue shared the Treasury figures which remain the same as last month.
 - Checking balance - \$2541.32
 - Money Market balance- \$18,025.89

Social

- 30 people signed up for the social at the October meeting. We will have the sign up out again at the November meeting. We assume that we will have approximately 50 as has been the past turnout.
- Many people signed up to assist with cleanup.
- Kane's Market has been given the heads up that we will be hiring them to cater the December Social on Dec 14th. This will include dinner entrees as well as appetizers.
- The Board will provide punch.
- Several members signed up to bring desserts.
- Linda is looking into the "box project" and will obtain supplies.
- A holiday themed show and tell will take place with members showing new or older holiday projects or gifts.
- The UFO project ends in December so the prize winner will be drawn from anyone who has completed a UFO this year. The drawing will take place at the Social. The prize will be a gift card to Sew Inspired.

Programs

- The theme of January's meeting will be "First and Last Quilts". Information will go out in the newsletter to get members thinking about participating in the presentation.
- Maureen discussed the process of presenting the "Quilts of Valor". Since that was a major theme of this year's show, we hope to be able to make a presentation of a quilt (or a couple) to vets during our March general meeting.

Membership

- A discussion took place regarding the fact that in past there were as many as 150 listed on the membership roll at the time of the last Quilt Show. We currently have 104, but many fewer come to meetings or are involved on a regular basis. It was suggested that we look closely at the list to determine if there are members who are no longer able to come out for evening meetings and that perhaps we may be able to assist offering rides.
- The welcome brochure was reviewed and updated. The consensus was that the brochure would be sufficient to give to new members as well as the fabric for name tags and directions for web access to obtain directions for badge construction. The other information contained in the packets, (i.e, sleeve construction, measurement charts), would be added to the website. Christine volunteered to update the brochure.

Quilt Show

- Lisa gave a brief overview of the "Show" results.
 - The final meeting of the Show committee took place 11/3.
 - Nine hundred people attended the show. That was 150 fewer paying visitors to the show than the previous show in 2014. That number may be deceiving because guild members working did not pay to attend.
 - Data will be collected on the number of members that took part in the show; displayed their quilts, donated a basket, worked on the raffle quilt, worked the show, etc.

- The vendors appeared to do well and were very interested in the number of people that came, which is why the numbers are important.
 - Lisa received some very positive and feedback from members.
- Lisa will give a more thorough “Quilt Show” wrap-up, in December, after her final meeting with the “Show Board”.
- We need to begin the process of choosing a new Show Chair and a new Quilt Raffle Chairperson for the next show in 2018. Lisa is happy to share her expertise with the new chairperson.
***** Special note-Thanks Lisa, to you and your board for a job well done!!!

Publicity/Web

- Lisa has solicited ideas from members and has been updating the Website.

New Business

- A brief discussion of the formation of a new Modern Quilt Guild took place. Preliminary formation meetings have been held. This will be a separate guild, not part of the FVQG.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

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