

Sierra Gold Quilter's Guild
Monthly Business Meeting Agenda
February 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by President Sue Green, with board members Rochelle Bess and Pat Bjerke (Vice presidents co-chairs), Barb Miller, Treasurer, and Debby Sweeten, Secretary, in attendance.

Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen

Pledge of Allegiance

Reminders – parking, name tags, cell phones on silent

Introduction of Visitors - none

Announcements

We received a letter from the Amador County Fair regarding our sponsorship of numerous categories for quilts. Sue will hand this off to Joan Smith, who is the committee chair for the Amador County Fair.

We received thank you notes from the Sutter Medical Foundation (chemo caps), Interfaith Food Bank (cash donation and food), Victory Village (set up for the Christmas Luncheon), and Operation Care (Christmas stockings and other Christmas donations).

Minutes from last meeting – Debby Sweeten read the minutes from the January meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report – Barb Miller read the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$17,583.03 as of January 31, 2016.

VP reports

Pat discussed the chemo cap workshop for tomorrow. It starts at 9:00am. It is mainly a chemo cap kit making effort. Mary Foster, chemo cap committee chair, said to bring your own **scissors, rotary cutter**, and if you have one - a **large cutting mat and long cutting rulers**. Louise will bring table risers. We have lots of fleece! Mary explained that the long edge is the stretchy direction of the fleece.

We will cut-up and bag leftovers for dog beds. If anyone wants to bring a sewing machine, they can make caps and close up dog beds. She will provide a hearty soup (bring your own bowl and spoon) and coffee and tea will be provided.

Pat discussed Schatzi Brimer's class in June. Save your dryer sheets for this class. There is a sign-up sheet for the July 13th class by Marjan Kluepfel for her workshop on Sky Painting.

Pat also mentioned that she has not heard anything from Rami Kim.

Rochelle discussed Jenny Lyon's visit on **March 8th and 9th** – Jenny Lyon will be speaking to us at the March meeting and will be teaching free motion "Fearless Fills and Frills" the next day. The supply list is on the class sign-up table.

She also discussed Ellen Dambacher's lecture and class scheduled for April **12th and 13th** - Ellen Dambacher will be teaching "Log Cabin Gone Modern". Influenced by a seminar taught by Gwen Marston, Ellen will teach you the process of creating a most unique quilt. Rochelle showed the audience 2 different samples of Ellen's quilts. There is a supply list for Ellen's class on the class table in the back.

Rochelle then showed everyone a sample of a reversible quilt from Kristen Echols class scheduled for October.

Finally, Rochelle discussed the lecture and class on May **10 and 11** – by Sue Siefkin, who will be teaching "Focus on Flowers". The gorgeous red poppy wall hanging sample is displayed on the class table at the back of the room. There will be a supply list for the class at the next meeting.

There was a question from the audience about when to pay for a class. The answer is that you need to pay for the class when you sign-up. The checks will be cashed each month, after each meeting.

Rochelle asked the audience if anyone was missing a purple/eggplant colored jacket. The audience believes it belongs to Joan Costello. Rochelle will contact her to see if it hers.

Committee Reports

Audit committee - Sarah Hart is on a quilt retreat. She will have this information at the next meeting.

Library book list on line – status (Pat): Still working on getting this into the computer.

Telephone committee – status (Louise): Starting to work on the lists.

Hospitality: Jakki Schatz asked the audience if someone would fill in for her for the March meeting. She will be out of town on that date. Julie Broderson volunteered!

Old Business:

Review of 2016 and 2017 budget (copies to everyone) – Sue Green reviewed the handout with the members. The board updated the following categories: under Income – Education and Membership dues; under Expenses – Education and Quilt Show for 2017. She reviewed the historical and budgeted monies table: 2011-2015 – actual; and 2016 -2017 budgeted.

Motion to Approve: Sue asked for a motion – Susan Farrington motioned and Martha Barber seconded the motion to pass the budget as presented.

Revise the 2011 By-laws. Sandy Wagner, Parliamentarian, handed out copies of the proposed revisions to the members. She went through the By-laws, line by line to highlight changes. There were numerous questions and comments from the members. Sandy answered the questions from the members. There were questions about what constitutes a “quorum”. Sandy will research this item.

There were also questions about the “Standing Rules”. These will be revised by the board.

The proposed revisions of the By-laws and Standing Rules will be published in the March 2016 newsletter.

Sue discussed the Mt. Zion church availability for meetings and workshops. The current pastor is very positive about the guild using the church for meetings and workshops. The cost is \$100 per use (day). In the past, there was a limit to the number of people that could meet in the room, according to the fire code. Sue will check and find out what the limit is. **On a side note – next month we will be having a visiting opportunity quilt here – do we have enough tables? Several members volunteered to bring their tables to the next meeting. This will also be in the newsletter and in the reminder email.

Survey results: Sue handed out the results of the survey done at the last meeting. She reviewed the results for everyone.

Raffle – Hilde shared what the raffle items were this month.

Valerie Bonkowski let everyone know that they could pick up their 2016 membership cards from her during the break.

Round Robin quilt blocks: Pat announced that everyone who wants to join the Round Robin quilt block project, come up and take a bag for the next month. There were extras for those who didn't get around to making a quilt center. She encouraged everyone to look at the community fabric in the back for adding their borders.

Break

New Business

Donations:

Sue talked about the guild's yearly cash donations to local groups. The budget includes a donation to the Amador County library in the amount of \$100 for new quilt books.

The guild also donates \$200 to a local charity. In the past, donations were made to the Interfaith Food Bank. Sue opened the floor up to the members to come up with ideas for the 2016 donation. The following groups were suggested: Donate to Raley's (for matching dollars – Food for Families), Operation Care, Amador STARS, a charity in Calaveras County for Butte fire victims (such as the Amador Foundation – Kathleen Harmon is the contact person), a scholarship for the Amador County Community College and an Upcountry charity. A decision as to which charity the guild will donate the \$200 to was tabled until next month (March) so that the above charity/agency/business can be researched.

Show and Tell and the Mini Quilt Show

Penny Dominici shared a flyer on an upcoming community concert. See her if you are interested.

Raffle drawing

The winner of the free class was Erika Clark. Congratulations!

At the next meeting (March 8th) there will be a presentation by Jenny Lyon. The theme of the presentation is **"Quilting is a Contact Sport"**.

Sue encouraged everyone to let their neighbors and friends know about the quilt guild. Invite them to our meetings. A suggestion was made to advertise our meetings in the Amador Ledger Dispatch in the Community Brief's section (free). The Motherlode Quilt Guild advertises their meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Submitted by:

Debby Sweeten, Secretary