



Sierra Gold Quilt Guild Business Meeting (2nd revision 1/19/16)

January 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by outgoing President Joan Costello, along with outgoing board members Sandy Wagner and Lannie Staniford (co-vice presidents) and Cookie Braunschweig as treasurer. Debby Sweeten will remain on the board as the Secretary for 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance – led by: all

Announcements

Schatzi Brimer discussed membership dues. Members can give her or Valerie Bonkowski their check. Dues should be paid by January 31, 2016 so that your name will be included in the SGQG 2016 directory. Some folks have dropped so the membership is down slightly from this time last year.

Cookie gave the treasurer's report for December 2015. There was a balance of \$17,174.81.

Debby Sweeten, Secretary, read the minutes of the meeting held on December 8, 2015. The minutes were accepted as read.

Review of budget for 2016 and 2017 (approval at February 2016 meeting)

Joan discussed the upcoming 2016 and 2017 budgets. Copies of the spreadsheet (Sierra Gold Quilt Guild 2015 Budget vs Actual (expenses and income) and the budget (anticipated expenses and income) for 2016 and 2017) were shared around the room.

The following discussions took place:

There is an expense line item for the 2016 opportunity quilt. A group has stepped forward and they will be putting together the quilt. Budget for the quilt is \$700.00;

Sandy Askin asked if there was funding for dog bed supplies. There is funding available under Community Outreach for dog beds.

The members discussed the education expense funding. There is \$8,000 for each year available for classes and trunk shows. There was \$4,110 spent in 2015 for education. The vice presidents will be spending

much more in 2016. The guild puts on the quilt show as a way to fund our education expenses. The classes are very affordable because of the money raised from the quilt show. No change to the planned expenditures for 2016 and 2017.

Schatzi discussed membership income. There are several members who have decided not to continue for 2016. The number of members was down slightly in 2015 and with a reduction of numbers anticipated in 2016, Schatzi recommended reducing the amount of income for membership for 2016. She recommended reducing the income by \$550 (about 15-16 fewer people).

There was discussion about the income from the quilt show (approximately \$7,000) which only shows up on odd year budgets. It is confusing how it is presented in the spreadsheet.

At the end of the budget discussion, a motion was made by Joan Costello and seconded by Louise Myers, to reduce the membership income by \$550. The membership voted in favor of the reduction.

A motion to adopt the 2016 and 2017 budget (with the membership income reduction) will be presented at the next business meeting in February.

Sarah Hart volunteered to work on a budget analysis (as part of the audit committee duties), which will be in the February newsletter.

Installation of New Officers

The outgoing 2015 Board includes President Joan Costello, along with board members Sandy Wagner and Lannie Staniford (Co-Vice Presidents) and Cookie Braunschweig as Treasurer and Debby Sweeten as Secretary.

The following people were nominated for the 2016 Sierra Gold Quilt Guild Board: Sue Green as President, Rochelle Bess and Pat Bjerke as Co-Vice Presidents, Barbara Miller as Treasurer and Debby Sweeten as Secretary.

There was a motion to accept the new board members, which was seconded by Lannie Staniford. The membership accepted the motion.

Lannie Staniford installed the new officers for 2016. The 2015 Board moved back into the audience and the new 2016 Board was seated.

Sue Green thanked Joan Costello, the outgoing president, for her work as the 2015 president. Sandy Wagner presented Joan with quilt blocks for her President's quilt.

VP Report

Co-Vice President Rochelle Bess presented her "Top "10" activities for classes and workshops this year.

1. In October, Kristin Echols will be teaching a class on "Quilt as You Go". Check out her website at "kristinlaura.com";

2. The August class will be taught by Anelie Belden. Rochelle explained that there are 4 different classes available, listed on Anelie's website. Members are encouraged to check out the website (<http://www.anelie.com/>).
3. In July, Marjan Kluepfel will return with a trunk show and a class on "Sky Painted Landscapes";
4. The June class with Schatzi Brimer includes using dryer sheets. Start saving your used dryer sheets now;
5. Sue Siefkin will be the instructor for our May class. Rochelle shared a sample quilt with red poppies on it. "Focus on Flowers" will be the project for the class;
6. Ellen Dambacher will be our featured teacher for April. She will do a trunk show after the business meeting on April 12th and then teach the class the next day. The project is a log cabin block, using batiks, solids or whatever you want. The supply list will be in the March/April newsletters.
7. In March, Jenny Lyon will return. Her famous quote is "Quilting is a Contact Sport". She will be teaching "Fills and Things" which is free motion quilting;
8. In February, there will be a chemo cap workshop with lots of new fleece fabric, presented by Mary Foster. Bring your cutting mat, rotary cutter and scissors to cut out the patterns. There will be a big pot of soup to enjoy for lunch. Bring your sewing machine and sew up a few caps that day. Scraps will be used for dog beds;
9. There is a community quilt workshop tomorrow. Mugs and drinks will be provided.
10. Thank you to everyone who has helped.

**Co-Vice President Pat Bjerke also mentioned that she is working on a possible class date with Rami Kim.

Committee Reports/Committee Chairs for 2016

Animal Beds	Sandy Askin
Audit Committee	Sarah Hart, Susan Farrington and Anne Schulte
Budget	**Will need in 2017 for out-year budgets
Bylaws/Parliamentarian	Sandy Wagner
Chemo caps	Mary Foster

Mary discussed the February workshop. She purchased new fleece for the caps. The guild made 494 chemo caps in 2015. Martha Phillips made 189 of them herself. Mary has a thank you to give to Martha (she wasn't here today).

Community Outreach Janis Beach and Kathy Beach

The workshop is tomorrow at 9:00am. There is a sign-up list on the table. Janis also has a binder to record your donations. If you made donations in December, please add those to the list. You get a free raffle ticket for each donation. They will be bringing ironing mats to the workshop tomorrow, plus there will also be ironing boards. There will be fabric and patterns available, and any suggestions are appreciated.

County Fair Joan Smith

County Fair White Glove	Penny Dominici
County Library Display	Open
Donation Quilt Coordinator	Ellen Dambacher
Greeter	Julie Porter
Historian	Aieleen Parker
Hospitality	Jakki Schatz
Library	Pat Bjerke
Membership	Schatzi Brimer and Valerie Bonkowski
Mini Quilt Show	Mary Ann Engelbretson
Newsletter	Debby Sweeten
Opportunity Quilt 2016	1 st Tuesday small group, Mary Foster
Opportunity Quilt 2017	Joan Smith & Cookie Braunschweig
Quilt Show Chair	Still Open
Raffle	Hilde Langlet and Barbara Garcia
Set-up and Take-down	Juliene Hiatt
Sunshine	Joan Smith
Telephone	Louise Myers
Webmaster	Sam King

Survey

Sue Green asked everyone to complete the survey they received. It will help Rochelle and Pat to plan our education program to meet the needs of the members. Please fill out the form and put it in the basket in the back.

Sarah Hart was presented with quilt blocks for her Butte Fire remembrance quilt. Sarah shared her story with the group. She is moving ahead with plans to harvest her dead trees (and actually sell them to the mill and make money!). She and her neighbors are also planning on planting trees on their properties. Sarah herself has 46 ½ acres. She thanked the guild members for their effort to make the blocks.

Break

Raffle – Hilde Langlet went over what was in each of the raffle prizes. One prize is a free class in the guild.

Old Business:

2017 Quilt Show dates – Sue discussed changing the days of our Quilt Show to Friday and Saturday, instead of Saturday and Sunday. There would be better attendance (Sundays were always slow) and the vendors prefer to do the Friday/Saturday schedule also. With the approval of the members, Sue will talk to the County Fair people and change the dates. Details about set-up and take-down will be discussed later. We will need to modify all of our signs to reflect the new days.

Show and Tell

New Business:

New - round robin quilt blocks. Sue discussed a new quilt block project. It's called "Round Robin" quilt blocks and will be a monthly project for members who wish to participate. Sue showed some examples of quilt blocks for ideas. Each month, everyone brings back their blocks. Then they are redistributed to everyone. You can include extra fabric if you wish. The next step is adding borders. Use your imagination, any theme or color you want. It is a good exercise in adding borders. The blocks need to include seam allowances (like 12 ½ x 12 ½ or 16 ½ x 16 ½ inches). Each month the blocks come back and are exchanged again. The end product is a community quilt. The project will start this month and will also be in the newsletter.

There was a discussion about the library. It is not being used very much and it is difficult to haul the books back and forth to the meeting. There were different ideas on how to get rid of the books if the members decide to discontinue the library. Juliene Hiatt volunteered to inventory the books. We do not currently have a digital inventory of the books we have. Members were interested in the possibility of having the inventory available on the website. It was decided to keep the library for now and revisit this decision in 6 months.

Review of By-Laws:

Sue would like to review and update the 2011 By-Laws. The meeting and class dates need to be corrected, and the standing committees need to be updated. There might be other updates also. If you have input, let her know by January 26th. These changes will be posted in the February newsletter.

Raffle drawing

The winner of the free class was April Jones. Congratulations!

Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm.

Submitted by:

Debby Sweeten, Secretary