

Sierra Gold Quilter's Guild
Monthly Business Meeting Agenda
March 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by President Sue Green, with board members Rochelle Bess Vice President, Barb Miller, Treasurer, and Debby Sweeten, Secretary, in attendance.

Welcome Ladies & Gentlemen, Pledge of Allegiance, Reminders – parking, name tags, cell phones on silent.

Introduction of Visitors and New Members – Valerie Bonkowski introduced her friend Noreen Goff and Linda Foy introduced her friend Susan Sharp. Aileen Parker introduced herself and Sue Harrington, who brought their AAUW Opportunity Quilt today. They are selling raffle tickets for this quilt. The proceeds from their quilt raffle funds scholarships for Amador County women and girls. It will be raffled off on April 15th during their AAUW Home Tour.

Announcements and Communications: Sue read a thank you from STARS for the chemo caps that were donated.

Minutes from February 9th – the minutes were posted on the website and were approved as posted.

Treasurer's report – Barb Miller read the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$17,995.14 as of February 29, 2016. Barb asked the members if anyone knows how to use Quicken. She needs help trying to figure out how it works. Sandy Wagner raised her hand and offered to help.

VP reports

Pat Bjerke is not here today so Rochelle will present all the class information. All the class sign-ups are on the back table. If you are one of the winners for a free class, please put your certificate in the envelope for the class you have chosen.

Jenny Lyon class for tomorrow – the class is full. For a brief time there was one more opening but it was filled quickly. Bring your own coffee cup to the class. Rochelle will have coffee and other goodies for the class. Jenny has a table set-up in the back with lots of useful tools to purchase for quilting.

She also discussed Ellen Dambacher's lecture and class scheduled for **April 12th and 13th** - Ellen's presentation to the guild on Tuesday the 12th is called "My Life in a Trunk." Mary Foster shared a Crazy Log Cabin quilt from one of Gwen Marston's classes. There is a supply list for Ellen's class on the class table in the back. There are still spaces available for this class.

Rochelle mentioned that there are supply lists for two other upcoming classes – Sue Siefkin's class on May 11th and Schatzi Brimer's class on June 15th. Please pick one up if you are signed-up for the class. Schatzi briefly went over why there are some odd items on her list. She uses

lots of different media in her artwork.

Committee Reports

Audit Committee: Sarah Hart, Susan Farrington and Anne Schulte. Sarah reported out the findings of the audit of the 2015 budget. The 2015 financial records are very well organized and it was easy to track transactions. The Treasurer is to be commended for the accurate, comprehensive and detailed financial records. They had 3 recommendations for improvements:

- 1.) A copy of the contract or agreement with class instructors should be part of the backup supporting documentation for their payment;
- 2.) There was no supporting documentation or worksheets provided for the checks paid to members for the items they had on consignment in the Country Store. There should be supporting documentation of some type for all Guild expenditures;
- 3.) Returned facility deposit checks not cashed should be shown as voided checks in the month received back and posted as a reduction to the expenditure account charged at the time the check was originally issued.

Chemo caps: Mary Foster. Mary thanked everyone for coming to the workshop on February 10th. On a side note – she mentioned the Cowboy Concert (Dave Stamey) at the Amador County Library. It is a fund raising event for the library. Martha Barber donated a quilt and companion book for their raffle.

Community Outreach: Janis Beach and Kathy Beach. Janis presented the numbers for donations to the community in 2015:

57 quilts, from 22 members, and of those members, Hilde Langlet did 13, and Sandy Askin and Martha Phillips did 7 apiece. Janis presented thank you gifts to these ladies.

There were also 68 clothing protectors (of which 60 were done by Sandy Askin), 11 wheelchair quilts, and 29 Christmas stockings (along with 3 big bags of toys).

County Library Display: Sandy Wagner has volunteered to set-up the display in the library in September. Penny Dominici volunteered to take-down the display at the end of September.

Library: Pat Bjerke. Rochelle is filling in for Pat this month. If you have any library books to return, please give them to Rochelle.

Membership: Schatzi Brimer and Valerie Bonkowski. Schatzi thanked everyone for their input into the 2016 directory. There are still directories available for those who have not yet picked up theirs. She discussed that we now have a database for all this information and the directory is produced from this

information. It will be easy to update. If you haven't picked up your membership card yet, please see her or Valerie to get one. If you have corrections, please let Schatzi or Valerie know.

Mini Quilt Show: Mary Ann Engelbrekton. The theme for next month (April) is Floral Quilts.

Quilt Show Chair 2017: Sue briefly discussed filling this position and is still looking for volunteers.

Telephone: Louise Myers – still working on the phone tree list.

Webmaster: Sam King. Sam will be gone April/May. He won't be able to put anything on the website during that time. Debby will put the meeting notes in the next newsletter.

Review of By-Laws – Sandy Wagner went through the By-laws and read the updates/changes to them. There were no questions from the members. A motion was made by Sandy Wagner and seconded by Louise Myer to approve the by-Laws as presented. The motion passed unanimously

Sue Green then read a note to the guild from associate member Jean Ann Luther. She asked why associate members pay a higher fee for workshops (as stated in the Standing Rules, approved by the board). The board discussed this item in their board meeting earlier today. The board decided to keep the standing rules as is. A member in the audience asked what is the reason (justification) was for the higher fee. Sarah Hart addressed the issue from the prospective of previous revisions of the standing rules. The reason for the higher fee for the associate members is to be fair to the members who pay the regular \$35 annual membership fee.

Donations: The membership previously approved a donation to the Amador County Library. The other donation was tabled at the last meeting. Sue provided additional information, as requested at the February meeting, regarding the percentage of administrative fee that the Calaveras Recovery for the Butte Fire Recovery charges, it is 2%. Sue asked the members for ideas on whom to donate the \$200 to – Penny Dominici and Sylvia Bird provided ideas. A motion was made by Penny Dominici and seconded by xxxxxx to send the \$200 donation to the Calaveras Recovery (Amador Foundation) for the Butte Fire recovery. The motion was unanimously approved. A check will be issued to them.

Show and Tell and the Mini Quilt Show

Raffle: Hilde Langlet went over the raffle prizes with the membership.

Round Robin quilt blocks: Rochelle had people come up and show their border additions to the quilt centers. Each month you will receive a ticket – put your name on the ticket and put it in the container on the front stage. The tickets will be cumulative, until the drawing in December. All the quilts went back into paper bags and then into the big bag. Everyone then chose a different bag for this month.

Break

Raffle drawing - The winner of the free class was Juliene Hiatt. Congratulations!

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Introduction of Speaker: Rochelle introduced our guest speaker Jenny Lyon. Jenny did a presentation on “Quilting is a Contact Sport”.

Submitted by: Debby Sweeten, Secretary