

Allen Quilters' Guild

Promoting the Heritage, Education, Art & Friendship of Quilting

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of the Allen Quilters' Guild

Date & Time: Thursday, August 17, 2023; 6:30 p.m.

Location: Rodenbaugh's Flooring America and Appliances Meeting Room

102 W Main St, Allen, Texas 75013

The business meeting was called to order by Elaine, President, at 6:34 p.m. Elaine welcomed everyone, members and 2 guests.

Monthly General Membership Meeting Location(s) & Blue House Too

Elaine said that Blue House Too has yet to advised her about a possible move-in date, so the guild is still without a permanent location for the monthly meetings. The October and November general guild membership meetings will be held at the Rodenbaugh Meeting Room. The September general guild membership meeting will be held at Not Your Mama's Quilt Store, 2963 West 15th St., #3055, Plano, Texas 75075 and the December location has not yet determined.

Credit Card Reader

The guild has secured an electronic payment processing system with 2 devices for accepting credit card payments. While it was acquired with the primary purpose of accepting credit card payments at the Allen Crafter's Market, it can also be used for payments of membership dues, retreats and workshop payments, and raffle quilt ticket sales.

Plano Quilt Show

It was noted that some members of the guild had entered quilts into the Plano Quilt Show, held this preceding weekend and that some members won ribbons in various categories.

Programs

Elaine provided a summary of the programs for the remaining general guild membership meetings of the year.

The **September 21**st general guild membership meeting will be held at Not Your Mama's Quilt Store, 2963 West 15th St., #3055, Plano, Texas 75075. The Quilt of Valor Community Sew-In will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and members may come for all day or just a few hours. The business meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. The goal is to stitch together all the star blocks received from members through the Block of the Month program

The **October 19th** general guild membership meeting will be held at the Rodenbaugh Meeting Room. The slate of officers for the next year will be voted and so all members are encouraged to attend as a quorum is needed. Also, there will be a report on the results of the sale of items from the guild's booth at the Allen Crafters Market.

The **November 16th** general guild membership meeting will be held at the Rodenbaugh Meeting Room. There will be a review of the guild's charity work for 2023 and money for Christmas Party will be collected.

The location for the **December 9**th Christmas Party and Raffle Quilt Drawing is undetermined at this time. It must be held this day as this is the date stated on the raffle tickets. Elaine asked for volunteers to form a committee for the party.

Other significant events on the Guild's calendar include:

- 1. The October 14th Allen Crafters Market at the Allen Senior Recreation Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 2. The **October 14**th <u>Raffle Quilt Road Show Final Stop</u> with the Quilts of Valor display at the Allen Christian Church in the Allen Heritage Village, 352 St. Mary Dr, Allen, Texas 75002 located across the street from the Allen Senior Recreation Center, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 3. The **November 10th** Quilt of Valor Ceremony at the Allen Senior Recreation Center. The distribution of quilts will immediately follow the Veterans Day tribute hosted by the Allen Senior Recreation Center from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Treasurer Report

Colleen reported that for the month of July, the guild had income (\$25.00) and expenses (\$318.97) and the checking account balance at the end of July was \$5,522.95.

Membership

There are 15 members in attendance and 2 visitors. Total membership is 30.

Community Service

The next monthly mini-Community Service sew-in is scheduled for **September 12th** from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at her house. <u>Please let Janice know if you plan to attend.</u> Participants are requested to bring a sewing machine and basic supplies. The plan is to work on items for the Allen Crafter's Market. Janice also has fabrics available for use in Community Service projects as well as Allen Crafter's Market items. There are kits available for pickup (pillowcases and children's quilts). Members are also asked to record their community service hours on the log sheet on the back table.

2024 Raffle Quilt

Nancy and Virginia have donated a quilt top for next year's raffle. Elaine will look for fabrics to be used as borders.

2023 Raffle Quilt Road Show

The next stops on the Raffle Quilt Road Show are:

- 1. August 24th at the Dallas Modern Quilt Guild
- 2. October 12th at the Quilters' Guild of Plano
- 3. October 14th at the Allen Heritage Center

Volunteers are needed for all events.

Allen Crafters Market

The guild has a booth at the Allen Crafter's Market, scheduled for October 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Allen Senior Recreation Center, located at 451 St. Mary Drive, Allen, Texas 75002. The committee will setup on Friday, October 13th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Debra asked for volunteers to work a 2-hour shift in the booth, and a sign-up sheet is on the back table. She also indicated that the committee believes there are enough pillowcases, but what is still lacking are bowl cozies, mug rugs, coasters, Christmas ornaments, wall hangings, miniquilts, zippered bags, sets of 2 or 4 of placemats, and children's quilts.

Deadline to submit items for the sale is the **September 21**st general guild membership meeting. The next committee meeting is planned for **Wednesday**, **August 23**rd at 1:00 p.m. at Debra's house.

2024 Board and Standing Committee Openings

Elaine discussed the openings for next year's board offices and openings for coordinators for the various standing committees. Elaine asked for volunteers to form the Nominating Committee as directed in the Bylaws. All members are encouraged to attend the October Guild Meeting as the slate of officers for the next year will be voted and a quorum is needed for the voting. At this time, there are still several offices without candidates, including the Presidency. Elaine stated that without a President, the guild must dissolve.

Door Prizes and Birthday Gifts were distributed.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Colleen.