



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, October 19, 2023; 6:00 p.m.
 Location: Meeting Room, Rodenbaugh's Flooring America and Appliances
 102 W. Main St, Allen, Texas 75013

The business meeting was called to order by Elaine, President, at 6:15 p.m. Elaine welcomed 14 members and 1 guest.

Election of Board Members for 2024

- Elaine identified the current roster of candidates for the board positions and committee leads for the next year.
- As the position of the 1st Vice President of Programs is open, Elaine proposed that a committee be formed to get ideas for speakers for the next year. The guild tries to have 4-5 speakers per year as the remainder of the meetings are dedicated to sew-ins and other community activities. The programs for the first two months of 2024 have already been identified: the January General meeting is the kickoff meeting and the February General meeting is a joint meeting (Friendship Luncheon) with the McKinney guild. There were no volunteers.
- As the position of the 5th Vice President of Ways and Means is open and Elaine explained that this position oversees all guild fundraising activities including the Raffle Quilt and Craft Fair(s).
- The assembled membership voted to accept the slate of candidates for the board positions for 2024.

Office	Candidate(s)
President	Spring
1st Vice President - Programs	
2nd Vice President - Membership	Paula & Alice
3rd Vice President - Communication	Elaine
4th Vice President - Community Service	Debra & Megan
5th Vice President - Ways and Means	
Secretary	Shelly
Treasurer	Colleen

Committee	Chair
Raffle Quilt	Lorraine
Block of the Month	Roxy
Quilts Of Valor	Elaine

Committee	Chair
Craft Fair Organizer	
Retreats & Road Trips	
Door Prizes & Birthdays	
Christmas Party	

Allen Crafters Market/Boutique (October 14) @ Allen Senior Recreation Center

- Debra reported on the results of the guild’s booth at the Allen Crafters Market. She thanked everyone that contributed items to the booth.
- Valuable information
 - Traffic: A sale was made to 1 out of every 5 persons coming into the booth.
 - No more than 2 members should man the booth.
 - Potential customers should be greeted, products explained along with providing information about the guild and its community service projects.
- 68 items were sold and 278 items remain.
- A total of \$600 was taken in; average sale was \$9.
- Plan: Next year at the Allen Arts Alliance festival in May, the guild will have items to sell in addition to having the Raffle Quilt. This will take a larger tent and more commitment from the membership as it is a 3-day event.

Raffle Quilt Road Show

- Lorraine reports that there are no additional showings of the raffle quilt planned for this year. It is anticipated that the next showing of a raffle quilt will be in March.
- Elaine reminded everyone, if they haven’t already, to turn in their raffle quilt ticket stubs and money to Colleen as soon as possible.
- Elaine displayed the quilt top made by Nancy and Virginia who have donated it for next year’s raffle. Elaine asked for volunteer(s) to add borders to the quilt (fabric is provided).

Raffle Quilt Road Show: Allen Arts Alliance – Art on the Green (September 29-October 1) @ Watter’s Creek Village

- Elaine reported that a total of \$438 was taken in during the 3-day event.

Raffle Quilt Road Show: Guild Meeting – Quilters’ Guild of Plano (October 12)

- Elaine reported that the raffle quilt took in \$90 at the meeting.

Raffle Quilt Road Show: Allen Heritage Guild – FallFest (October 14) @ Allen Heritage Village

- Elaine reported that the raffle quilt took in \$71 at the showing.

Quilt of Valor Ceremony – (November 10) - Allen Senior Recreation Center

- The Allen Senior Recreation Center is planning a Veterans Day tribute on November 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Elaine reports that lunch is planned following this ceremony and has not been informed as to whether the guild’s awarding of Quilts of Valor will take place before or after lunch.
- There may be up to 8 quilts to be awarded this year.

- There are at least 6 quilts leftover from last year. From this year's Block of the Month program, the blocks have been stitched into 6 quilts: 1 quilt top needs a border, 1 quilted top needs binding, 2 quilts need to be quilted, and 2 quilts are out to be quilted.

November General Membership Meeting (November 16) - Rodenbaugh Meeting Room

- The guild voted at the September general meeting to donate the money that would have been spent as rent at Blue House Too to a charity designated by Gary Rodenbaugh for allowing the guild to use the Rodenbaugh meeting room. Gary Rodenbaugh will be in attendance at the November meeting and a check made out to Family Promise of Collin County in the amount of \$250 will be presented to him.
- Additional agenda items:
 - Debra will demonstrate how to make rope bowls
 - Recap of the Guild's charity work for 2023
 - Recap of the Quilt of Valor Veteran's Day Program
 - Final planning for the Christmas Party

December General Membership Meeting (December 9 @ 11am) – Janice's Residence

- Christmas Party
 - Meal: Potluck; Janice is passing around a signup sheet
 - It was requested that the recipe for the dish also be provided.
 - Bring a "nice" \$10 gift for exchange
- Raffle Quilt Drawing

Membership

- No report

Treasurer

- Income - Officially, there was no income in September.
- Expenses - \$116.29 which includes \$50 to increase the cash box fund.
- Balance of the Checking Account at the end of September: \$5,561.06

Community Service

- The November Monthly Community Service Sew-In will focus on Placemats & Pillow Cases and will be on November 7th.
- Pillowcase and bib kits are available.
- Several area facilities have requested fidget mats.

Bylaws

- Elaine reports that the bylaws are in need of revision
- Committee formed: Roxy, Colleen, Lorraine and Elaine.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. The membership was then invited to shop the remainder of the items not sold at the Allen Crafters Market and the proceeds being classified as donations to the guild.

Submitted by Colleen.