



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, January 18, 2024; 6:30 p.m.
Location: Meeting Room, Rodenbaugh's Flooring America and Appliances
102 W. Main St, Allen, Texas 75013

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting began with the presentation by representatives of 2 of the charities that the guild supports. Santa Gary B talked about the **Lone Star Santas and the Convoy of Toys**. Denise K spoke about the operations of **Embrace Texas**. Following the presentations, a break was taken at 7:40 p.m. The business meeting was called to order by Spring, President, at 7:50 p.m.

Spring reports that the vote to approve the minutes for the November general membership meeting is postponed until the next meeting as the minutes were not posted to the website.

Spring also reports that the guild membership will continue to meet at the Rodenbaugh's Meeting Room until Blue House Too reopens, unless otherwise noted.

The Christmas party was a success with thanks to Janice for hosting.

The February meeting is the 2nd Annual Joint Friendship Luncheon with the McKinney Quilters' Guild. Spring asks that member who plan to attend should RSVP at the Sign-Up Genius website so that the right number of tables and chairs can be set up. A signup sheet was passed around for members to bring soups. The McKinney Guild is providing salads and desserts.

2024 Programs

Spring reminded everyone that the position of **1st Vice President - Programs** remains unfilled for this year. Elaine has set up programs for several meetings for the year already. The current schedule:

- Thursday, January 18 – 2024 Kick-off
- Tuesday, February 20 – Friendship Luncheon (1-3 p.m.; social gathering and setup at Noon)
- Thursday, March 21 – Community Sew-In @ Fabric Fanatics (10a-5p)
- Thursday, April 18 – Improv Quilting - Ellyn Zinsmeister
- Thursday, May 16 – Clutch Purses & Cork – Deborah MR
- Thursday, June 20
- Thursday, July 18 – Picnic & Games
- Thursday, August 15 – QOV Community Sew-in @ Not Your Mama's Quilt Store (10a-5p)

- Thursday, September 19
- Thursday, October 17 - QOV Ceremony – Allen Veterans Memorial
- Thursday, November 21 – Fabric Ornaments – Gretchen C
- Saturday, December 14 – Christmas Party & Raffle Quilt Drawing

2024 Raffle Quilt

- The quilt is still in progress, but the top is finished by Debra who added the piano keys border. Spring will quilt it and Shelly will bind the quilt. Still need pictures and quilt tickets made for it.
- Lorraine passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers can sign up to display the quilt to area guild meetings and sell raffle tickets.
 - Feb 20 McKinney Quilters Guild
 - March 28 Cotton Patch Quilt Guild
 - April 11 Quilters Guild of Plano
 - April 26 Dallas Modern Quilt Guild
 - May 2 Quilters Guild of Dallas
 - June 4 Garland Quilt Guild
 - Oct 14 Land O Lakes Quilt Guild
 - Nov 5 McKinney Modern Quilt Guild
 - TBD Colony Quilt Guild, Frisco Quilt Guild, Texoma Quilt Guild, & Farmersville Quilt Guild

December Treasurer Report

- Income: \$20.00 (raffle tickets)
- Expenses: \$199.38 (November Card Reader Fee: \$5.38, and PO Box Rental: \$194)
- Balance of the Checking Account at the end of December: \$6127.47
- Deb Merrill volunteered to audit the Treasurer books.

Membership

- January Birthdays were acknowledged
- Paula and Alice report that there are 18 members and 3 guests at the meeting.
- Membership dues can be paid by cash, check or credit/debit card.

Community Service

- Debra passed out a survey to rank the items that the members would like the guild to make, rating them from 1-7 (1 highest preference to 7, lowest preference): Baby Quilts, Bibs, Fidget Mats, Pillowcases, Placemats, Shower Bags, and Twin-Size Quilts
- Kits are available.
- Debra demonstrated how to make shower bags and handed out detailed instructions and implored everyone to give it a shot.
- Volunteer hours sheet was passed around.

Bylaws

- The revised bylaws were emailed to members with the January Newsletter. Spring asks the membership to read them and be ready to vote on the revisions at the March meeting.

Block of the Month

- This year's Block of the Month project is a mystery quilt entitled "Home for Every Season". The first block is the LeMoyné Star.
- In September, finishing instructions will be provided to put the blocks together for a completed top.
- If you plan to donate the completed quilt to the Quilts Of Valor program in October, please let Roxy know; there is a signup sheet on the table with the display of the BOM for January and February (4 hearts) display. Also, time spent towards making the BOM for QOV can be counted as volunteer hours.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. **Show & Tell** followed the business meeting.

Submitted by Colleen.