

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Carole DeGrenier.

Carole read a “funny” poem by Adelaide Cummings entitled “Organ Recital” as our inspiration.

Donna Crow offered a prayer for Mary Casey’s daughter who has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. There is a prayer quilt at Brownie’s that we will prepare for her.

Judy Boozer moved and Donna Nicholson seconded the minutes be approved as posted. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Donna Nicholson gave a treasures report. Margaret Rose moved to accept, Florence Kerr seconded; all were in favor.

Rachel Bates introduced Marcie Johnson, who just relocated here from Southern California.

Visitors Linda Cortez and Judy Smith were introduced by Carole DeGrenier. They are members of Lick Skillet Quilt Guild in Oxford.

Carole DeGrenier reported on Jackie Crumley who had a radical mastectomy last Monday. A card was circulated for all to sign. Jackie will have radiation scheduled after her drains are removed.

Carole reported that we are sewing at the Civic Center in the Arts and Crafts room on Mondays from about 9:30 .or 10:00 a.m.

Election of Officers: There are no contended offices because Brownie Drummond withdrew her name. So, the nominations are Carole DeGrenier, President; Rachel Bates, Vice President; Margaret Rose, Secretary; and Donna Nicholson, Treasurer. Mary Casey moved, Florence Kerr seconded that we accept the slate of officer. Vote was unanimous if favor.

President Carole noted that some people had volunteered for committees for next year. There are some who have not. Last year we did a quilt show, Heart to Heart customers said that it was wonderful. All comments were positive. Carole is very proud of the job we did. So we are looking to more good stuff for next year. If we don’t sign up for committees, we will be volunteered or elected to committees.

Terry Russell is our new prayer quilt chairwoman. Next year we will be passing out an entire quilt. We can use our own designs, we don’t have to do the hearts. Terry would like at least 3 people to be on the committee. Terry already has all the fabric and paperwork and an article for the historian. We will also do some charity work for Lakeside Hospice similar to the placemats and coasters that Lick Skillet , Alabama

Veterans Home which will have 280 beds. We have fabric donated by Lick Skillet which was left over from their placemats.

Rachel Bates will do our newsletter again this year. Please get information to her by the last week of the month so she can have the newsletter out the first of the month. It is a NEWS letter, so if you have any NEWS, get it to Rachel about the 25th of the month.

Donna Crow will be the new membership chairman. She needs an assistant and Rachel Bates volunteered since she already has membership information.

Mary Casey is in charge of Refreshments for next year. After we sign up, she will provide a list.

Program Committee consists of Irene Dison, Paige Everett, Jackie White. They will plan programs for meetings and sew days. In January Jackie has lined up a lady from Birmingham Project Linus who will come to discuss that program with us. It would be good to have a few Project Linus quilts (teenage) to present her 40 x 70 inches to donate at our January meeting. Google Project Linus for their requirements and information. Minimum is 36 x 36 inches.

Terry Ware will be web master again.

Terry Ware has volunteered to be our secret pal coordinator. We will do our secret pal program differently. If you want to participate in Secret Pal, bring a \$10 quilting related gift, get a number according to when you come in. Then draw a gift in order of turning one in. If you bring a gift, you get a gift. We will keep track and at the end of the year, we will have prizes for those who participate. It's all on a volunteer basis, but if you don't get a gift, you don't get one.

Fat quarters next year, put it in a baggy and put your name on it. We'll put it in a basket and draw a winner.

Carole needs a Care Team Coordinator: Jo Butner did it last year. We did a gift certificate and card. Jo will do it again in 2010.

Birthdays next year: last year it was done by membership. Debbie Swan will do it next year because she raised her hand to ask a question. (all laughed, but Debbie agreed.)

Publicity: Ann VanAllmen did it last year, but will not be in the guild next year. She did a very good job.

Historian: Beth Staples volunteered to do this.

Peggy Williams volunteered to be in charge of retreats next year and she is also going to be coordinator for block of the month and our opportunity quilt. Last year we had a scrappy challenge. This year our challenge is to use 30s fabrics. We will care that over

into Block of the Month, and opportunity quilt and fat quarters. Background of the fabric will be plain color and she will tell us what color background. At the end of the year, there will be 12 - 30's blocks if we do one for ourselves and one for the drawing. So we can have enough blocks at the end of the year to do a quilt. Block designs will be popular from the 30s. If anyone has a good 30's pattern, design, for the opportunity quilt, please share it with Peggy Williams so we can consider it. Carole DeGrenier and Brenda Franklin will help on the committee.

Retreat: Peggy Williams has checked some places, but the calendars for them are booked. Carole DeGrenier has a survey she will pass out. Retreat does not have to be a sewing trip, it can be just a "get away". Nearer places may cost more, Some are far and some cost less. Peggy needs people to be on her Retreat Committee.

Donna Nicholson Reported on the quilt show. We all did good work with set up and take down. Some folks said we need more signage about how to get to the quilt show. We had tremendous help from Birmingham guild and we are signing a thank-you card to send them. We made \$29.62 on the show! Peoples Choice awards were announced:

Best of Show:	Judy Boozer's "Tree of Life"
Best of Category:	
Large:	Judy Goodwin's "Cathedral Windows"
Twin:	Margaret Rose's "Tropical Shirts"
Baby:	Mary Casey's red work quilt
Wall:	Brownie Drummond's whole cloth quilt
Appliqué:	Betty Donahue's "Wee Houses"
Miscellaneous:	Sue Teague's "God Bless America"
Generational:	Sarah Childress and her mother's "Cross Stitch Neutral"

The winners received a round of applause and a retractable tape measure.

Margaret Rose read a thank-you card from Sarah Childress for her prayer quilt, and our calls and prayers.

Carole DeGrenier discussed trips - bring any ideas to the January meeting for retreats or day trips. Donna Crow suggested that we forward ideas to Rachel Bates to include in the news letter so we can mull them over before the meeting.

Judy Boozer reported our Christmas party at 10:00 a.m. December 12 at Mount Mariah Baptist Church. She passed out directions. Visitors will be \$10. Guild is paying for membership. Bring your scrappy quilt and something to identify yourself to your secret pal.

Carole DeGrenier passed out her survey which was a blank paper. She read us her questions:

Do you like order of business, business first, then socialize?

Are you okay with everything we talked about today?

Comment if you think we should change something.
Other comments. hand in to Carole DeGrenier.

Donna Crow moved we adjourn. Florence Kerr seconded. Since no one wanted to continue meeting, Carole declared the meeting closed.

Fat quarters were won by Mary Casey
15 Blocks of the month were won by Vicky Morrison
50/50 was won by Mary Casey. What a lucky lady!

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Rose,
Secretary Pro tem.