

Meeting of Friendship Quilters
September 12, 2010

In absence of President, Carole DeGrenier, meeting was called to order by Rachel Bates.

For our inspirational moment, Jackie Crumley gave a few of her thoughts concerning her time spent at the Hope Lodge in Birmingham following her stay there. The guild is collecting household and cleaning items needed by Hope Lodge, and these items may still be brought to retreat.

No visitors; 25 cents collected for members who did not have name tags.

Announcements:

Brownie Drummond stated a lady at the Looney House would be teaching a tatting class if there was enough interest. Classes would be for no more than 5, and she would check as to cost, time, etc.

Terry Russell showed the Crown Royal quilt that would be raffled off on October 31 to benefit the animal shelter and had tickets for sale.

Brenda Franklin's father –in-law had passed away.

Donna Nicholson's daughter (also Jordan Huey's mother) was hospitalized in ICU.

Upcoming quilt shows are:

Noccalula Falls – September 25 & 26

Collinsville Quilt Walk – September 25 & 26

Duluth, GA – October 14-16

In Treasurer Donna Nicholson's absence, Rachel stated she had received a statement from Donna showing we had a balance of NNNNNNNNN in our treasury. Part of these funds are for the upcoming retreat. Celesia Burke made motion, seconded by Jackie White, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion carried. Rachel also stated that the annual premium for our liability insurance was due, and had gone up from MMMM to NNNN. Celesia Burke made motion, seconded by Florence Kerr, that we pay the increased premium. Motion carried.

Due to absence of Secretary Margaret Rose, no minutes from last month's meeting were available.

Regarding the Craft Fair on November 20, Florence Kerr requested \$350 from the general fund to cover expenses such as ads, fliers, etc. Most of this expense should be recovered by table rentals. Brownie Drummond made motion, seconded by Jackie Crumley, that this be approved. Motion carried. Florence also circulated a list for members to sign as to when they wanted to serve at the guild table and at the table selling tickets for the opportunity quilt.

Florence Kerr gave information about the Christmas Party in December. The guild will be going to the Sunset Inn and Retreat Center in Southside near Gadsden. Total cost for the retreat center and meal will be \$20 per person. Peggy Williams made a motion that the guild pay \$10 per person for those going. Individuals would pay the additional \$10. Guests would be responsible for the entire \$20. Motion was seconded by Celesia Burke and approved by membership.

Peggy Williams gave information about the upcoming retreat at Camp Sonshine beginning Thursday, September 16. A "duty roster" will indicate when everyone will be helping with meals and cleanup. So far there are 20 people going, with the hope there will be an additional 5 by the time the retreat begins. Everyone should bring their own linens; there will be demos and door prizes each day; and we will also sew on charity projects such as pillowcases, prayer quilts, and quilts for Ann's New Life Center and Project Linus.

Florence Kerr won 10 fat quarters; Paige Everett won the 50/50 drawing (\$5 for her and \$5 for the guild); 30's blocks of the month were won by Donna Crowe and Sheila Robertson.

If they had not already done so, members were encouraged to pick up their packets of tickets to sell for the opportunity quilt. Packets had a picture of the quilt and 50 tickets. Anyone wanting to sell more than 50 needed to sign for them. Drawing will be at 4:00 during the craft fair.

Mary Casey stated refreshments for next month will be provided by: Sara Childress, Jackie Crumley, Peggy Williams and Judy Boozer.

Peggy Williams showed October's block of the month (All Hallows Variation available at www.quilterscache.com) and gave instructions for completing it using 2 coordinating 30's prints and white.

There being no further business, Jackie White made motion, seconded by Brownie Drummond, that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Dison