

Friendship Quilt Guild
Minutes of Meeting January 8, 2011

Meeting called to order by President, Peggy Williams, who introduced the 2011 officers: Sheila Robertson, Vice President/Programs, and Donna Nicholson, Treasurer. Secretary Margaret Rose was absent.

Paige Everett announced the Quilt Symposium of Alabama (www.qsai.org.) would be June 9 – 11 at St. Bernard Retreat and Conference Center in Cullman. Good teachers are lined up, and Paige encouraged everyone to mark their calendars for this event.

8 visitors were welcomed – Denise Boshell, Nancy Ariail, Terry Andrews, Betsy Batson, Dana Jones, Jane Wilson, Aline Gardner and Linda Jimerson.

Terry Ware stated our website (www.friendshipquilters.net) had been brought up to date.

Jackie White said anyone having news for the newsletter should contact her or Irene Dison.

Beth Staples is making pictures of everyone to be included in a pictorial directory, which should be ready in February.

Peggy reminded everyone annual membership dues of \$30 are due in January, with members over 65 not required to pay unless they wanted to. In lieu of the \$30 at one time, members could opt to pay \$3.00 per month, for a total of \$36.00 per year.

Minutes of the December, 2010 meeting were on the website and included in the January newsletter. When asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes, Jackie White stated Irene Dison's name should be added to the newsletter committee. Carole DeGrenier made motion the amended minutes be accepted, Shirley Sargent seconded, and membership voted to accept.

Treasurer Donna Nicholson reported we ended the year with \$4,591.53. Committee chairmen were encouraged to get income and expense figures to Donna the early part of February, as she plans to present the new budget in February with a vote by membership in March. Copies of the Treasurer's report were available. Donna Crow made a motion to accept the report, and it was seconded by Florence Kerr. Membership voted to accept.

Peggy reported a quilt was presented to Pell City Mayor Hereford at the craft fair. He was very appreciative of the beautiful quilt and made a donation to the guild. Peggy said a special thanks was in order for Terry Russell. She stated Terry was helped by Donna Nicholson and Margaret Rose, and guild members had been generous in donating fabric. Peggy also reminded us the mayor has been gracious in letting us use the present building whenever needed without charging us rent.

Per Donna Nicholson, the tentative dates for our quilt show this year are Saturday, October 29, and Sunday, October 30, and she hopes the gym and an additional room at the Pell City Civic Center can be used. In 2009 we had almost 100% participation from guild members, and she hopes everyone will be able to help again. Anyone interested in being on the quilt show committee should contact Donna. A planning meeting will be scheduled soon to work out details.

Donna also stated she had shared 5 quilt designs with the Executive Committee for an opportunity quilt. They narrowed the choices down to two, and later in the meeting, the membership chose the quilt design and decided on a fall color scheme. The members voted to use one design for 2011 and the other design for 2012.

Carole DeGrenier reported on our charity quilts, including prayer quilts. Terry Russell will be helping Carole. She stated we will continue to make prayer quilts for our immediate guild family members experiencing life difficulties. She also suggested this year we make quilts to be given to foster children through the St. Clair County DHR. There was discussion among the members regarding sizes, etc. Carole said the guild would furnish batting and be responsible for getting tops quilted. She hoped everyone could make at least one quilt to be displayed in a group at the quilt show, then later they would be given to DHR. The guild made 75 Project Linus quilts last year, and there are a few leftover. These will be given to Carole for the new DHR project. Carole said she would accept orphan blocks, fabric, or any other donations from members.

Judy Boozer, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, explained a new, temporary raffle idea in lieu of the 50/50 as a means of raising money. Several new items would be displayed on a table, and members could purchase \$1 tickets and choose which item they might like to win. Each item would be raffled off. All proceeds go to expenses for our sew-in days. Anyone can donate items. We raised \$94 today.

Shirley Sargent explained the BOM for this year. All blocks are kept by the individuals who made them, and quilts will be displayed at our December Christmas party. A sample of all blocks for the year was displayed. Anyone not receiving a list should check the February newsletter.

Jackie White reminded everyone of the monthly magazine sale. Bring in quilt magazines you no longer want and they will be sold at the meetings for 25 cents each.

Shelia Robertson suggested our guild "hands" symbol be changed this year to a friendship star block. After discussion, Shirley Sargent made a motion that a friendship star in blue and yellow colors be used as our symbol; Donna Crow seconded motion. With a majority vote, the motion passed. Sheila challenged everyone to make a small friendship star block in blue and yellow as a nametag.

Antionette MacMurdo gave information about a new quilt bee that meets on Mondays and is doing Dear Jane blocks. Anyone is invited to join, any colors can be used, and there are no fees. Florence Kerr can order books if anyone wants one. Their goal is 13 blocks this month. The purpose of the bee is to learn and be supportive of each other.

Betsy Batson announced there is a 20 quilt display at the RSA Tower in Montgomery January 14-March 18.

Brenda Franklin gave information about the Spring Retreat at the Sunset Inn April 14-16. 20 members can be accommodated; reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis, and the retreat is for our members only. Cost is \$165 and includes all meals, snacks, etc. A \$50 deposit is due in February with the remainder due at the March meeting. She said as of now there are 7 spaces remaining.

Sheila Robertson said our first "sew-in" of the year will be at the normal meeting place (Glen Community Center) on February 24-26. Saturday morning Nancy Allain will be teaching a Gordian Knot class and a minimum of 15 is required for the class. Cost is \$20, with the guild paying \$10 per member, and members paying \$10. Upon receipt of the \$10, members will be given a class preparation list.

Shirley Sargent said anyone who did not receive a list of fat quarters for the monthly drawing should contact her. FQ for February will be batik pink. Shirley won 15 Civil War blue prints this month.

Jackie Crumley stated there were 15 participants in secret pals this year. Cost of gifts should be around or under \$10.00.

Jordan Huey helped everyone retrieve their show and tell quilts from the wall where he had displayed them.

A birthday gift was presented to Jordan Huey, and door prizes were won by Denise and Terry. New fundraiser items were won by Beth, Jordan, Denise, and Jane.

Information on our anniversary party planned for the February meeting was shared by Sheila, Jackie and Peggy. Previous members will be sent written invitations. Everyone is encouraged to bring at least one show and tell, even if previously shown, and finger foods. Anyone wanting to help set-up that day can come in @ 9:00.

Since the meeting had run longer than expected, Sheila suggested she do the appliqué program she had planned another day.

Carole DeGrenier made a motion the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Jackie White.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Dison