

Minutes of Friendship Quilters meeting held March 12, 2011 at Glen Community Center, Pell City, AL

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by president Peggy Williams who welcomed 32 members and 3 visitors: Beth's granddaughter Elizabeth, Peggy Williams' daughter Franny and Deb Saska who came with our Jacksonville members.

Shirley Sargent gave an inspirational reading from "Things I learned from God while Quilting" about a jacket found at a store that had been made from a friendship quilt.

January and February minutes were approved as posted on the web site and in the newsletter.

January and February treasurer's reports were approved.

Donna Nicholson presented the budget again. It was amended to include money for web site if needed. Budget was approved as amended.

We voted to name the Opportunity Quilt "Harvest Splendor"

Margaret Rose presented information about making quilts of valor for the 180 bed veterans home being built in Pell City. Examples included

a blue & white 9-patches and snowballs quilt with military airplanes quilted in the snowball blocks and stars quilted in the borders and 9-patch blocks made by Margaret.

a scrappy red, white and blue divided 9-patch pieced by Irene Dison which Margaret will quilt with stars.

a just can't cut it done with army fabrics pieced by Jackie White which Margaret will quilt, but hasn't decided on a quilting pattern yet.

Other suggestions include a purple heart quilt, quilts using the colors of campaign medals, civil war fabrics or even an Alabama quilt. It was brought up that veterans might prefer non-flaglike quilts while they are alive because their coffins are draped with flags. Quilts should be approximately 60 inches by 90 inches to cover an adult twin size bed. Margaret has received money from the American Legion Post 170 in Ashville and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 27 in Pell City to help defray some of the costs and has purchased batting and backing fabrics. Margaret moved, Celesia seconded that we make quilts for this project. The guild voted unanimously to support this project.

Terry Russell discussed prayer quilts and project Linus. Terry moved that we keep an inventory of 3 adult quilts and 2 baby quilts for our prayer quilts. Terry has an inventory of quilt tops that need quilting. Margaret seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jackie White mentioned the DHR, President Peggy had checked the minutes and noted that DHR quilts were never voted on and DHR was never contacted.

Shelia moved, Margaret seconded that we have Sew-ins quarterly to work on our charity projects for Quilts of Valor, prayer quilts, or other projects the guild decides to work on. Motion carried unanimously.

Shelia discussed upcoming programs that we will have at future meetings.

We have 7 spaces available for our April retreat.

Peggy Williams discussed that the Cottage has been sold and read a note from the former owner, Diane.

Margaret read other communications: a thank you from Tommy Sue Goodwin and from Terri Andrews.

Show and Tell for all the beautiful Gordian Knots and few others:

Sally Day's Alabama quilt and Mary Casey's baby quilt, Terry Ware's pieced jacket, Esther's quilt tops, and Judy Goodwin's quilts from 2002 and 2003 that she's finally finished. All were lovely.

Paige Everett discussed the Cullman quilt show and classes that is coming up.

Peggy Williams mentioned the Birmingham Guild's show at Oak Mountain Middle School June 4 and 5.

Florence passed out Birthday gifts to members having birthdays.

Shirley Sargent discussed the block of the month for April.

Brenda Franklin called for assistance with refreshments. The list was filled and members were encouraged to sign up for fill-ins.

Secret pal gifts were distributed.

Donna Nicholson did a paper piecing demo and meeting adjourned.

p.s. The white elephant sale did well. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Rose, Secretary.

