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Blankenship

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& Cathy Gramling

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT DIANE CERNY

Hello Quilters!

Are you busy this fall? My days are full quilting for others, caring for my aging parents, and dreaming of quilts I would like to make. It is such a blessing to be busy!

I am honored to serve as your President during 2020 and 2021. We have a great team of officers and are working together to build quarterly meetings and programs that all members will be excited to attend. Please help us out with any thoughts and ideas that you have for programs and activities. My email is cernydm@gmail.com and I would love to hear from you!

Each of our meetings will include a segment entitled "How Do I Quilt It?" Please bring a quilt top to share with the group and gather quilting ideas from our brainstorming session!

You may bring your Same But Different quilts to one of our next two meetings – either January 18, or April 18. It will be sew much fun to see how we each choose to quilt! Also remember your quilts for Positive Tomorrows – let us each strive to bring at least one finished quilt each meeting, and take home at least one kit. The work that you do is a blessing in someone's life.

My wish for you this holiday season is lots of fun, food, and laughter with your friends and family. See you in 2020 – January 18 – 10 a.m. at Journey Quilts!

Diane

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING**OMQA Minutes of October 19, 2019 Recorded by Deb Gilmore**

1. Meeting called to order at 10:00 by Diane Cerny, Secretary filling in for the President. 11 members were present and no guests.
 2. Minutes from the July meeting were emailed and posted to the website for all to read prior to this meeting. Joyce Curtis made a motion to accept the minutes as written and this was seconded by Karen Candler. Motion carried.
 3. Treasurer's Report – Colleen Billen emailed the treasurer's report to all members and Kerry Fisbeck made a motion to approve the report and Joyce Curtis seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Newsletter – please send all newsletter items to Audrey Gramling by 10/31.
 - b. Library – no items were discussed
 - c. Membership – Nancy Griffin stated that so far only 11 members have paid their dues for the new year.
 - d. Small groups – Nancy Griffin and Audrey Gramling updated the two current small groups and the one that meets at Beth's will meet again 1/13/20 at 1 pm and the cost is \$5 each for the use of the room, the group that meets at Nancy's home will not meet until January due to the holidays.
 5. Old Business:
 - a. Officers were voted on for the new year and will serve for one, 2 year term. Motion made by Joyce Curtis and seconded by Colleen Billen to accept the following as officers.
 - i. Diane Cerny – President; Anna Liese Blankenship – Vice President; Colleen Billen – Treasurer; Annette Bean – Secretary. Nancy Griffin will chair Membership, Audrey and Cathy Gramling will serve as co-chairs for the Newsletter, Rita Torneten for Library.
 - b. Updates on the donation quilts to Positive Tomorrows by Joyce Curtis. They are very grateful for the quilts and will have even greater needs in the future. There are plenty of quilts that are in need of machine quilting for any who are interested.
 - c. Thanks to Trish Maxwell at Journey Quilts for allowing us to use the workspace for our quarterly meetings. She is need of someone to work in the store and quilt customers quilts currently, please contact Trish if you are interested.
 - d. Same but Different – Anna Liese Blankenship distributed the kits to those who were interested in participating and extra kits are available if those unable to attend want to join.
 - e.
 6. New Business: Ideas were discussed for how to attract more members for our group including advertising in some of the local guild newsletters, sending out emails to former members and letting them know our program topics, possibly having a mentoring program.
 7. Show and Share
 8. Door Prizes
 9. Business Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.
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A note from Nancy:

As your new Membership chairman, I have a request. When I first joined this group everyone was encouraged to bring something for door prizes each meeting. Lots of times this was partial cones of thread or something else you had in your studio you no longer used. We don't have anything in the budget for door prizes, so would appreciate it if we could continue this practice. Thank you for your help in this matter.

*Nancy Griffin
Membership*

Remember to renew your membership before Jan 1, 2020. Membership forms can be printed from the webpage: <http://okmqa.org/Member%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

Mail to:

Nancy Griffin
P.O. Box 642
Newalla OK 74857

*Mark your calendars for our **2020** meetings and tell your quilting friends!*

Saturday, January 18, 2020 [10 a.m.]

Saturday, April 18, 2020 [10 a.m.]

Saturday, July 18, 2020 [10 a.m.]

Saturday, October 17, 2020 [10 a.m.]

Journey Quilts

16516 North Pennsylvania Avenue

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

*Thank you
Trish Maxwell and
Journey Quilts for
sharing your time
and incredible space
with us!*

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*Thank you
Colleen Billen for
presenting such an
informative and
interesting program at
our October meeting!*
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*Thank you
Anna Liese
Blankenship
for organizing and
preparing the
materials for our
“Same But Different”
challenge!*