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***Next Meeting:
Saturday,
May 12, 2012
1pm***

***St Johns United
Methodist Church
1755 North Meridian
Oklahoma City, OK***

***Our Program:
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***Also don't forget your
latest quilts for
"Show and Tell"***

From Your President:

Cameron Potter

Happy Spring, everyone! It's officially here, and my tulips and daffodils are blooming like crazy – kind of like their owner! I hope that everyone enjoyed our St. Patrick's Day meeting as much as I did. It was also National Quilting Day, which I completely forgot to mention – sometimes my brain wanders off and forgets to come back. Anyway, we had a very good meeting, quick and to the point, followed by a marvelous program presented by Donna Skvarla, Certified Quilt Appraiser from Norman, who showed us some of her wonderful antique quilts and taught us a little bit about how quilts are appraised. I know I

learned a lot!

Our next meeting will be on May 12, so as not to conflict with those of you who are planning on going to MQS this year. If you've never been, I encourage you to do so – it's a fabulous show, with stunning quilts and classes from the top teachers in the world. Our very own Marilyn Karper will be there taking photos of the quilts and selling DVD's, which contain not only a photo of each quilt, but also many close-ups, so you can see the incredible amount of detail in each quilt. These are a wonderful resource for quilting ideas, or just to sit at and look at all the beauti-



ful workmanship and drool a little (or is that just me?). No, Marilyn didn't pay me to say that, I'm just a happy customer who has several of her past DVD's in my collection.

Well, enough from me. I hope that everyone has a beautiful and blessed spring, and I look forward to seeing you all in May!

Warmly yours,
Cameron Potter,
President

From Your Librarian:

Peggy Gibson

We are working on a list of current items and it has been discussed to "retire" the VHS tapes as most of us don't have the equipment to watch these. If you are going to check out a DVD, you will give the Librarian a check that will

cover the cost of the DVD. When you return the item, you'll get your check back. If you don't return the item, we'll cash your check.

If you have suggestions for items to purchase for the Library, please let us know. Thanks!



Publicity:

Sandy Gard

hey quilters,

sorry i had to miss the last meeting. we had family vaca in branson. sad to say the quilt shop had been hit by tornado and wasn't open. i did shop at the little shop in silver dollar city. it was a cute little shop and of course i had to drop some change there. i am passing out or quilters list but also when you go to the quilt shops just leave your cards. i am sure you all do that but there are times we forget. our business seems to not reflect the economic times. seems like quilting is a feel good thing and keeps people happy so we will quilt even if we have to use old clothes just like



grandma did. keep quilting and smiling. hope to see everyone at the next meeting

piece out,
sandy

Hobart Quilt Show:

May 25th & May 26th 2012
Western Technology Center
1000 S Bailey
Hobart, OK

Friday 9 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm

- **\$3.00 Admission**
- **Door Prizes!**
- **Free demonstrations**
- **Merchants Mall!**
- **Raffle for a Quilt!**
- **Quilt displays**
- **Free goodie bags**
- **Quilts for Sale!**

From Your Treasurer:

Brenda Esslinger

TREASURER'S REPORT – AS OF March 17, 2012

Balance as of January 21, 2012	3181.30
Deposits:	
2/3/2012	2012 Dues – 108.00
Total Deposits	<u>108.00</u>
Subtotal	3289.30
Expenses:	
3/13/2012	Cameron Potter, magnets for nametags 96.98
Total Debits	<u>96.98</u>
Balance as of March 17, 2012	3192.32

Minutes From the Last Meeting:

Secretary: Shirley Waters



Minutes for March 17th, 2012

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Cameron Potter.

Guests attending meeting were Alex and Annie of Texas and Leslie; all grandchildren of guild members.

The January 21st meeting minutes were read by Shirley Waters. A motion to accept the January minutes was made by Marilyn Karper and Paula Santillan seconded the motion.

Vice-President Report – Debbie Croft reported on the 2012 Same

But Different Quilt project. A sample will be shown at the May meeting and members will be able to place prepaid orders for the SBD quilt supplies.

Treasurer Report: The report was read by Cameron Potter. The March balance was \$3192.32. The motion to approve report was made by Nancy Griffin. The motion was seconded by Al Coster. The proposed 2012 budget was review by Cameron and a motion to allot \$1305 for expenses was made by Al Coster, Sue Cook seconded the motion.

Membership Report: Allison Vaccaro reported the membership list is up-to-date and Sandy Gard is distributing the list to the Oklahoma quilt shops. There were 26 people at today's meeting.

Web Master: No report.

Activities Chair: Peggy Grinsteiner and Kathleen Whelan had members stand and show off the name tags they had made for the March meeting activity. The May meeting activity will be to bring a catalog/

Minutes Continued.....

sample of background fillers that could be shown to prospective customers.

Program Chair: Kay Herriott will accept any suggestions for programs.

Newsletter: Marilyn Karper would like newsletter articles to be sent to her as soon as possible.

Historian: No report.

Publicity: No report.

Librarian: Cameron report several items have been checked out for an extended period of time and need to be returned. All members are asked to return any items they may have checked out. A system for collecting deposits is being worked on.

Old Business: Cameron presented the results from the survey she sent out and will be sharing the mem-

bers suggestions for programs with the Program Chair.

New Business: A list of shows and workshops will be given to the Webmaster to be added to the guild's website.

Allison is creating a tri-fold membership list for Shirley and Mike Waters to handout at the Oklahoma Quilt Network meeting that is being held on April 14th in Guthrie OK.

Cameron brought St. Patrick's Day cookies for everyone and members drew for door prizes. New members Linda Eiseman and Lea Alspaugh were introduced.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by Marilyn Karper and the motion was seconded by Debbie Croft.

The meeting was followed by show and share and the program was given by Donna Skvarla an AQS

Next Meeting

May 1 2th

Certified Quilt Appraiser.

Submitted by Shirley Waters

From Your Membership Chairman:

Allison Vaccaro

We are growing! There were three new members this past month and we had three guests join us at our last meeting. The new name badges for the guests were great. It was wonderful that everyone made such creative name tags. I'm trying to learn everyone's name so please, don't forget to wear

your name tag at our next meeting, too. Thanks to Nancy for helping me with the sign-in table and with the door prizes. We always welcome donations for door prizes!!! See everyone in May!

Allison



Name Tag Magnets will be available for \$1.50 at the Meeting!

Activities:

Peggy Grinsteiner & Kathleen Whelan

Notes from the Activities directors from the March 17, 2012 meeting

Several members brought their newly constructed personal nametags and guest tags. As we had new members and guests in attendance, several new guest tags went to work. Amazingly, the workmanship of the tags were varied and unique, attesting to the diverse talent of our membership. Members who were absent or not able to bring in their nametags, please continue to bring

your nametags to the May meeting. It's amazing how this one small project, stirs interest and appreciation from our members.

The background fill is the first fat quarter challenge. Kathleen and I brought their own projects with various background fill for members to view. This challenge will be a long-lasting benefit to those who participate. Providing your customers with an "in-hand" example of background filling stitches wins

over a "page in a book" everytime.

Kathleen and I are eager to see your creations at the May meeting. We will unveil the next fat quarter challenge at that time. Remember: Members don't have to do their activities, they *get to*! Then sit back and watch the excitement and inspiration.

Respectfully submitted
April 29, 2012.
Peggy Grinsteiner
Kathleen Whelan

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**Please join our *Yahoo Group* to
ensure that you receive
communications about upcoming
meetings and events.**

**Also, you can contact and
exchange information with other
OKMQA members through our
Yahoo Group.**

**Check our website for
instructions or contact
Dolly Hawkins for assistance
activities@okmqa.org**

The Oklahoma Machine Quilters Association

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*A state wide guild established by professional
machine quilters for the promotion, educa-
tion and enjoyment of machine quilting.*

Meeting Dates for 2012

May 12 , 2012

July 21, 2012

September 15 , 2012



OKMQA PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2012

3/17/2012

<u>INCOME:</u>	PROPOSED			OVER/ (UNDER)
	<u>2012 BUDGET</u>	<u>2011 BUDGET</u>	<u>2011 ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Member dues 70 @ \$12	840.00	840.00	720.00	(120.00)
Library Late Fees	30.00	30.00	0.00	(30.00)
Activities	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(100.00)</u>
Total	970.00	970.00	738.00	(250.00)

<u>EXPENSES:</u>	PROPOSED			(OVER)/ UNDER
	<u>2012 BUDGET</u>	<u>2011 BUDGET</u>	<u>2011 ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Church Rental	375.00	300.00	300.00	-
Library	200.00	200.00	24.96	175.04
Website	35.00	35.00	35.00	-
Postage	10.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Copies	10.00	125.00	0.00	125.00
Stationary/Office Supplies	10.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Winter Quilt Show	-	-	-	-
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-
Programs	500.00	-	-	-
Activities/Door Prizes	<u>200.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total	1305.00	960.00	359.96	600.04
Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit)	(335.00)	10.00	378.04	