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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT **DIANE CERNY**

Hello Quilters!

We learned so many Tips & Tricks from our October program with Trish Maxwell, owner of Journey Quilts! Trish was so informative and entertaining with samples to demonstrate all she shared!

We had several visitors who learned about our group from the marketing postcards that were available during September and October at quilt shops and guilds. It was fun to meet new quilting friends!

We are planning to add lots of information to our Members section of our website. The new Membership Form will ask you to indicate your specialties. This

information will be available on the website, and in promotional flyers that we will distribute at quilt shows. Annette Bean is updating the membership form and we ask that everyone fill out the new form, even if you paid dues at the October meeting.

The wonderful idea to inform potential customers about the areas of expertise of the quilters listed came from discussion during our meeting. As always you may be a member of our organization and choose to not be publicly listed. You will indicate on your renewal form whether or not you choose to be listed publicly.

Our next meeting is January 14. If we have inclement weather we will meet the following Saturday. Let's plan for a beautiful January Saturday ☺

I wish you cozy and happy holidays! See you January 14, 2023 – 10 a.m. at Journey Quilts!

Diane

OKMQA Minutes of October 29, 2022

1. Meeting called to order by President, Diane Cerny.
2. Those in attendance introduced themselves and shared where they lived and on what machine they quilted. Members signed a card of encouragement for Michelle Lynch.
3. Previous minutes:
Printed copy of July 23, 2022 minutes provided to members.
-Joyce Curtis moved to approve the minutes with the amending of the spelling of Vonnie Meritt's name.
-Lea Alspaugh seconded the motion.
-Motion was approved by member vote.
4. Treasurer report:
Printed copy of Treasurer's Report & 2022 Budget was provided by Colleen Billen
[2022 income and expense report: Balance as of 10/29/2022 - \$2,784.99;
2022 proposed budget - \$1,092.00 for an income loss of \$492.00]
-Lea Alspaugh moved to approve the financial statements as presented.
-Annette Bean seconded the motion.
-Motion was approved by member vote.
5. Committee reports:
 - a. Same But Different: Discussion-quilts could not be displayed in the Edmond Guild Show because of space constraints. They will be stored by Diane Cerny and discussion will continue concerning using them in booth space rented in a future show to promote our association, OKMQA.
 - b. Newsletter-Audrey asked submissions to be made as soon as possible for this quarter's newsletter.

c. Membership-Annette Bean reported that we have 23 current members. Dues (\$15) are now being accepted for the 2023 year.

d. Positive Tomorrows: Joyce Curtis gave a description of what Positive Tomorrow Quilts are and the students to whom they are presented. She shared a sample top and gave a brief description of how the kit prep, piecing, quilting, and binding process works. She has a group that also provides batting when needed. She presented 90 quilts to Positive Tomorrows in September, one per enrolled student at the time.

6. Old Business

Marketing discussion – Diane Cerny had 500 cards printed and distributed them to quilt stores and local guilds.

7. New Business

Discussion of extending the information included on our website to include quilting specialties, basic longarm/quilting vocabulary...etc. Also discussed including this information in a flyer to be available when representing our group at quilt shows.

8. Guest Speaker: Trish Maxwell, owner of Journey Quilts, shared tips and tricks for quilting T-shirt quilts. Trish shared her quilting history that led to the establishing of Journey Quilts which just celebrated it's 8th birthday!

9. Show and Share

10. Announcements: Next Meeting January 14, 2023, at Journey Quilts. In the case of inclement weather we will meet the following Saturday - January 21, 2023

11. Door Prizes

12. Adjournment

13 present - 9 members, 4 visitors

Minutes recorded by Audrey Gramling



Renew your membership and tell your quilting friends about our group.

Membership forms can be printed from the webpage:

<http://okmqa.org/Member%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

Mail to:

Annette Bean

OKMQA Membership

PO Box 720651

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73172





Thank you Irish for sharing your knowledge and expertise with us. We appreciate you and your Journey Quilts' staff for all you do for us!





**Add January 14, 2023 (10 a.m.)
to your calendars!**

Bring a friend!