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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Al Coster

Hello everyone, I think the last meeting was one of the best we have had in a long time. Despite the fact we didn't have time for the program, we settled an awful lot of business. Everyone seemed to have some very good input for each subject discussed. This is the way I like to have participation at meetings.

Our next meeting in April will be a social meeting where everyone has the opportunity to complete any of their open sewing projects. We will start at 9AM at the church and sew all day with a break at 1PM for our business meeting. We will order out for lunch. Everyone attending the sew in should bring their sewing machine and any project they are working on.

I will need a count of how many plan to attend so I can have the church set up enough tables for all of us. You can also bring hand work to do if you want.

I think that everyone will enjoy this meeting, so I'll see you there.

I would also like to remind everyone that the October meeting is when we elect new officers. If you are interested in an office check the By-Laws on the web site (OKMQA.ORG) to check the duties. We need new ideas and thoughts for these positions, so please plan to run for an office. The association really needs your help. Help is always available to you and we all work together.

Al Coster

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FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

We have almost 70 members to date! I want to personally welcome all new members and welcome back all returning members! We have such a great group!

Please take a moment to check the website (OKMQA.org) for your information if you want to be listed on the web. Is it

correct? Are you on there and don't want to be? Do you want to be and are not listed? Please contact me for any corrections. (membership@OKMQA.org)

I also want to thank Rena Powers for her contribution to the door prizes! For the second meeting in a row, EVERYONE received a door prize! Don't forget, you can contribute too! We all love to get a door prize!

Marilyn Karper , Membership

REMINDERS

Next Meeting: Saturday, April 18, 2015 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Business meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Program: Social Meeting



MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Secretary Rena Powers

Oklahoma Machine Quilting Association

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Al Coster

Visitors: 6 visitors were introduced and we introduced ourselves to them.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved .

Committees: The President and the Vice- President's offices are open for election in October. Committee persons are also needed. Please consider how you could help.

Programs Chair : Vacant at this time. Rena Powers volunteered to cover this, as we make plans for the year's programs.

April 18, 2015 - program -- Sew from 9 to 1 then have our meeting, then continue to sew till 4:00. Great chance to work on the Same but Different Kit, to be delivered on that day.

July 11, 2015 - program --Our own table-top sale. Pay \$10.00 to rent a table and sell your stuff....

October 17, 2015 – program – Video Show

We were reminded that we have 2 sites: Facebook- Oklahoma Machine Quilters Association and website- www.okmqa.org has several tabs and much information.

Activities Chair: Peggy Grindsteiner

reminded us what is done as a reward for participating in activities planned from meeting to the next meeting. When we participate, there is an immediate reward, and for those that bring them late, a "Sooner or Later" a late chance to win a little something in the future..

This month we were to do a short report on something you have used from our library. 3 people told what they used and how it was helpful.

Cheater panels- from past- one shown to the club.

Al's challenge for Peggy- Trapunto. Peggy showed her trapunto Faux and Shadowed.

New Challenge- we need MORE tags that say "Visitor" for them to wear at meetings. Make and bring them to next meeting.

Newsletter: Nancy Griffin—we need more stuff to put in the newsletter. Please do right away, as the longer we wait, the more it slips our minds.

Treasurer: Les Alspaugh --- The 2014 budget was brought up to date. The 2015 budget was discussed. Noted was changes in some expenses as copies and office supplies. The motion was made by Cameron, and seconded by Brenda, to accept the new 2015 budget. The motion passed with a group vote.

Membership: Marilyn Karper -- Currently we have 69 members.

Small Groups – SOUTHSIDE : We have met only one- in November, with 23 members. Peggy Grinsteiner did a "Trunk Show" of present and past "Same but Different" quilts. Starting in January 2015, we will be begin a trapunto medallion. This will take a few meetings due to the fact we want to do most of it together. Our meeting is Sat. Jan 24 and Monday Jan 26. We meet every month. February will start making whole cloth together.

OLD BUSINESS: We need to plan for new officers in October. The Vice President chairs the SBD quilts, Needs to be yearly now because of the Winter Quilt show.

1. Small group at Blanchard meets once a month

2. Same but Different quilts are scheduled for several quilts shows.

3. Pins for us. Check w/ local sources. For all members. Shirley Sims did old pins. She will check w/source. A motion was made by Susan Rich and seconded by Cameron, to purchase these pins at or below the cost of \$ 720.00. for up to 300 pins. The motion passed by a group vote.

New Business:

Officers: By April meeting, will need a declaration and the Voting will take place in October.

1. Same but Different quilts: Sammie Jestor made the motion to have the quilts made every year. Brenda Esslinger seconded the motion. The motion passed by a group vote. B. Esslinger volunteered to help.

Sign up now for a kit to be available to you at the April meeting and Sew-in. Cost to be determined.

2. Nancy Griffin- community projects - Joyce Curtis - Positive Tomorrows School for Homeless children; Volunteers are helping w/quilting of the quilts. (B) Fat quarters for Clinton , if you would like to donate.

3. Wearables- Peggy Grinsteiner -- class done by a guild – we may be able to share teacher. T-Shirts/ Sweatshirts – torn into art.

4. Peggy- Traveling SBD trunk show – at Prague Retreat , then to Blanchard Quilt shop

5. Winter Quilt Show Volunteers were recognized and given appreciation certificates.

6. Peggy Grinsteiner was recognized as Outstanding member for 2014.

Show and Tell- Daybreak by Marilyn Karper

The meeting was adjourned.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Kathleen Whelan

(News/info from Kathleen or Peggy G.)

Same But Different Quilts

Status as of January 2015

Our Same But Different Quilts were welcomed by the Heartland Quilter's group in Prague. There were 39 SBD quilts shown, in a Bed Turning style, to about 15 members, during one of their 3 day quilting retreats. They were most appreciative and grateful for our presence in their hometown.

Our second Bed Turning event was at Beth's Quilt Shop in Blanchard on November 15th and 17th. Again we were welcomed by their members. Many thanks to Al and Carol Coster, and to Brenda Williams, and especially Beth of Beth's Quilting Quarters, for their assistance with the quilts. (This is a great shop and group – treat yourself to some small town, big heart hospitality!)

Our SBD quilts have grown to 22 and were displayed at the January 2015 quilt show in OKC. The display did make quite a visual impact. Kudos to the ladies, and gentlemen that made this possible.

The next event for the SBD quilts is the Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild show in Lawton on February 13 – 14, 2015. Johnnie Cloon has volunteered to take them to the show.

The July 2015 COQG has confirmed our SBD display for their show.

The Oklahoma Harvest Quilt show in Guthrie will be early October – I will be contacting them about our SBD display.

At this time there are no other scheduled bed turnings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Grinsteiner

ACTIVITIES :

OKMQA Activity Chairperson's notes from the January 2015 meeting.

There were two enthusiastic responders to the "I Found This in Our Library and I Just Got to Brag About It". Both had discovered helpful resources in our group's library. Find fresh inspiration in our collection, soon.

- Nancy Griffin
- Rena Powers

Michelle Lynch responded to the earlier challenge of Cheater Cloth or Pre-printed panels.

Our next challenge for the Prompt Responders, is due at our April 2015 meeting it is Trapunto. Any method is welcome. Tell us a bit about the process used.

For the benefit of our members, below is a list of our past challenges:

- I Found It in Our Library – January 2015
- Background Fillers – October 2014
- Tools – July 2014
- Pre-Printed Panels (cheater cloth) – April 2014
- Guest Name Tags – January 2014

Respectfully submitted by

Peggy Grinsteiner

Activities Chairperson

From Brenda Esslinger

Due to the increased number of opportunities for displaying the Same But Different quilts in and around the Oklahoma City area it was decided at the January meeting that we will start doing this project every year instead of every other year. It was also agreed that each year's quilts will be intended for a particular charity. You are by no means required to donate your quilts, but many of us have no use for them after we are done displaying them and thought this would be a good option. The designated charity for the 2016 quilts will be the VA hospital in Oklahoma City.

The quilt for 2016 has been designed and kits are being cut for it now. The finished size of the top is 42" x 53". If you signed up for a kit at the January meeting it will be waiting for you at the April meeting. If you did not sign up for a kit and want one, please email Brenda Esslinger at blee0115@aol.com to have your name added to the list. Cost for each kit will be \$25 which can be paid in cash or by check. Checks should be made out to Brenda Esslinger. If you wish to have your kit mailed to you add another \$6 for postage. For early receipt of kits please send your checks to Brenda Esslinger at 3428 NW 26th St, OKC, OK 73107.

We will start collecting completed quilts at the July meeting and need to receive all quilts no later than December 1.

