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Librarian: Rita Tornaten

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT SANDY GARD

Hey Quilters,

So sorry if you missed our last meeting. We were in a bit of a pinch needing to find a new meeting space and get new faces to take offices this October. We had a great meeting and made a lot of decisions. We will have a slate of officers to present at the meeting on July 20. We also have a list of upcoming programs for the next year.

We will meet at Journey Quilts at 16516 North Pennsylvania Avenue. The phone number is 405-340-0444, if you need help finding it.

This group has been a strong group but have had issues filling offices and having programs. I feel confident that we are heading in a great direction and am excited for this upcoming year. Please plan on attending our meeting.

July 20, 2019

10:00 am

Journey Quilts

16516 North Pennsylvania Avenue

Piece out,

Sandy

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Secretary Diane Cerny



OKMQA Minutes of April 27, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 10:43 a.m. by Sandy Gard, President. 13 members were present.
2. Minutes – no January Minutes to approve. January meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Minutes of October 2018 meeting were approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Colleen Billens handed out a Treasurer’s Report and held a discussion of the various items. She presented a proposed budget. Motions to approve both the budget, and the Treasurer’s Report were approved.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Programs and Activities – no reports
 - b. Newsletter – please send newsletter items to Audrey Gramling at audreylms@yahoo.com
 - c. Library – Rita Torneten reported that 2 new Natalia Bonner videos have been purchased. Rita asked about the location of the Library materials. Sandy will call Al Coster to find out.
 - d. Membership – no report
 - e. Small Groups –
 - i. Nancy Griffin reported her small group meets Friday afternoons at 2 p.m. They have had a few meetings and have used her longarm to practice on a Dream Big panel. Nancy is in Newalla, her number is 405-306-3724.
 - ii. Colleen Billen reported the group that meets at Beth’s in Blanchard has 2 new members. Recently Al Coster has taught trapunto. Beth charges a \$5 fee per person to attend the meetings. Colleen’s number is 405-323-0044
5. Old Business: none
6. New Business:
 - a. Sandy Gard led a discussion of the requirements of each office and stated that several of our officers have held their positions for many years. For our organization to survive other members are needed to step up and serve. Officers will be voted upon at the October meeting. These officers will serve for one, 2 year term. Colleen read from the By-Laws – we have 4 elected positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary). The rest of the positions are appointed by the President.
 - i. These members volunteered to serve, and will be voted upon at the October 2019 meeting: Diane Cerny – President; Annaliese Blankenship – Vice President; Colleen Billen – Treasurer; Annette Bean – Secretary. The following members volunteered to host a Program: Rita Torneten – July; Kerry Fisbeck – October; Megan Lundgren – January; and Joyce Curtis – April.
 - b. Trish Maxwell at Journey Quilts has offered her workspace to us for our quarterly meetings. Sandy will call Trish to verify, ask about rent, and make arrangements.

- c. At the next meeting Annaliese Blankenship will provide 2 choices for Same but Different Quilts. We'll vote for one in October and prepay. She will bring the kits to the January meeting.
 - d. The group discussed the Activities that we have had in prior years. The members present felt Activities were an important learning opportunity. Instead of having one member create all the activities we will allow members to present. Contact the President prior to a meeting to be on the agenda.
 - e. Sandy led a discussion about our need for a business card. She will have some made that we can hand out, and that can be placed in quilt stores, and other businesses.
7. Meeting adjourned 12:05 p.m.
 8. Show and Share

Library News:

We have two (2) new additions to our library that will be available for members to check out at the next meeting:

- 1) Next Steps in Machine Quilting: Free-Motion & Walking-Foot Designs by Natalia Bonner; and
- 2) Visual guide to Free-Motion Quilting Feathers by Natalia Bonner.

Please keep in mind that members can suggest/recommend books/DVDs, etc. for purchase, so if you find something new and exciting that would be a good addition, your input is welcomed!

With the change in meeting location, the contents of our current library were a topic of discussion in April. Since we don't know for certain if there will be a space for our cabinet, we talked about pairing down items that were dated to make the contents more portable. No final decision was made so please give this some thought and come prepared to share ideas on what we want to do with older items (i.e., offer to members, donate, etc.).

If you have questions or need to discuss, feel free to give me a call!

Rita Torneten

405/436-4554

REMINDERS

*Next Meeting: Saturday, July 20, 2019 [10 a.m.]
Journey Quilts
16516 North Pennsylvania Avenue*

Notes from “Small Groups”

The Newalla Longarm small group has disbanded due to lack of participation.
(per Nancy Griffin)

The small group that meets at Beth’s Quilting Quarters in Blanchard has a collection of “Wall Hangings” being displayed in the classroom area during The Road to Oklahoma Shop Hop. Guests to the shop are encouraged to vote for their favorite. Look for them if you visit Beth’s in June.