Rohan Quilters

April 25th, 2017 Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 8:50 by Beth.
2. Secretary report: minutes from March were approved.
3. Membership report by Kelly: currently we have 33 members and the 2017 membership cards are available from Kelly if you haven’t received yours yet. Membership quota is set at 40 due to space of room so if there are folks you would like to invite there is still an opportunity to join.
4. Treasurer report by Lori: our current balance is $2,059.16 . The garage sale brought in $646.50. Name tags are in. If you would like to order one contact Lori Kroupa. Guild shirts are now available with the new logo on them.
5. Vice Presidents/Program committee – Guild:
6. Lynn reported that there are fliers on our display board for upcoming programs. The flyer for 2018 programs is still available to mark your preferences for next year’s programs until the end of the meeting today. The QGOTV website also has detailed information on upcoming programs. Also consult our Rohan Chapter website for our Chapter information.
7. The Guild as proposed to set-up a scholarship fund. Funds from Market Place will be seed money with a goal of $1,000. The Scholarship Fund would be open to seniors in high school for college or trade school.
8. The Alex Anderson program on March 28th was attended by approximately 500 guild members.
9. July 4th is on Tuesday so there will be no guild meeting. July 5th will be an Open Sew at Rohan and there will be a 2pm Guild meeting.
10. Market Place: presented for Bonnie by Marge:
11. This every other year event will be held January 19th and 20th 2018 at Rohan Recreation Center on Friday and Saturday. Entry fee is $5 for non-members per day. Entry fee includes chance drawings, demos, and sewing, quilting stitching vendors. For more info go to [www.qgotv.org](http://www.qgotv.org). Current needs for the Market Place are the following: name of graphic artist(s) who could do an excellent job on our program; names and e-mail addresses of contacts at other communities, such as Del Web, Stonecrest, Top of the World, Plantation, etc., as well as contact in The Villages who have association with fabric art groups that we can include in an informational email about Marketplace 2018. (Dawn is a member of the Modern Quilt group and others) (Annette is a member of the Art Quilt group). If anyone can provide any of the above information, please contact Bonnie Davis.
12. The Steering Committee will be contacting and scheduling times to visit each of the Chapters to share their progress.
13. **Then next Marketplace meeting is Tuesday, June 6, 6 pm at Laurel Manor.**

**Bonnie needs one more member to assist her in overseeing this event and attending meetings when necessary. At the present time, no specific duties have been assigned to our Chapter. Contact Bonnie at 301-481-6983 or Cfd21398@comcast.net.**

1. Chapter Committee Reports:
2. Fund Raising: The October Boutique will be here soon. Discussion regarding what projects our chapter would like to do for the boutique included multiple items such as table runner, mug rugs, wine bottle holder and/or kits to make items, Christmas and Florida decorative items, Christmas ornaments with medallions fabric. Dawn, Susan and Marge offered to bring wine bottle patterns that they currently have on hand. It was discussed that there are also many available on line.
3. After discussing pros and cons of each idea it was voted on to start with Wine Bottle holders and kits to make them. Kelly Sanders offered to bring the pattern and picture of Christmas ornament made from medallion fabric for the membership to consider at our next meeting. Other ideas are welcome.
4. Chapter Planning Retreat present by Bunny
5. Bunny explored multiple options for a 2-4 day retreat at the Life Enrichment near Leesburg. She looked into packages with overnight stays, no overnight stays, food provided or not provided with all costs of each option. She presented available dates at this center. At this center our machines and supplies could be left there overnight and room would be locked.
6. Other locations were discussed by other members as options such as the Life Event Center that is golf cart accessible for day time use only. Dawn and Paula suggested a Church in Leesburg that was 500 per day.
7. The members then discussed “What is the goal of the retreat”? Did we want to work on our own projects or charity items or have mini teaching classes or a major teaching class of making one project?
8. After an interesting and lively discussion the group decided that we would like to start with a 2 day, day time only retreat that would be focused on our own projects with maybe a mini education class of a new skill or review of a newer technique.
9. A motion was made for a two day, day time only, retreat February 12, 13. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership.
10. The Manatee Chapter is having a retreat and has invited us to join. More information pending.

C. Hospitality Committee

1) The members of the committee have begun welcoming the members as they enter the room and encouraging everyone to wear or make a name tag for each meeting.

2) The committee will also identify or pass around a

Sign-up sheet for who will bring breakfast at our business meeting.

D. Charity Committee

1) Our chapter has currently made 20 quilts for charity that includes Honor Flight and a Women’s Shelter. The guild still needs 9 more quilts for Honor Flight

2) Marge presented a potential charity for our group to support called Hands of Mercy Everywhere that is a home for Teen Mothers and their children. The goal of the home is to provide a Christian based home for teen mothers and their babies. There are currently two homes and the founder is Diane Schofield and she and has been in business for 13 years. The home teaches independent living skills, parenting, provides educational services and helps teen find paying jobs to support themselves and their children. The girls continue high school and day care is provided for the babies. The girls age out of the home at 21 yrs. The home currently has a Federal grant for one millions dollars a year.

The home has many donors of goods and there are multiple needs. Our potential service to this home could be twin beds quilts (18), crib quilts (5), toddler quilts and (3), table runners. The goal would be to have these items ready by Christmas as gifts for the residents.

Discussion by the group concluded that we would like to support this Charity for this year. A motion was made and passed to support the Hands of Mercy Everywhere Homes. To find out more information about this charity go to their Facebook page: Hands of Mercy Everywhere.

1. Beth reported that the Guild is supporting the “Ryan’s Case for Smiles which is an organization that makes pillow cases for seriously ill children. A pillow case was shown to the membership that Bonnie had made and flyers were instructions were passed out to each member that was present on how to make the pillow case.
2. We also discussed that as a chapter we support our Chapter and Guild approved charities as well as our as own personal charities. It is helpful to support our Guild and’s Chapter when we can but there are no exclusions for personal interests. All donations count for the good of those in need.

E. Programs: Cynthia presented for the committee

1) A trip to the Suwannee Valley Shoppes in Trenton, Fl. was discussed. It is about 1 ½ hours away to the north. We could car pool as before or explore using a small bus service. Another option is a trip to Mt. Dora quilt shop. There was a lot of interest in the Suwannee Valley trip so Cynthia will proceed to check out bus availability and fares.

2) It was also suggested that at each meeting we gather to go over information and check in with each other. This might be hard to do as people come in and out during our meeting times.

3) May 16 will we have bring your favorite tool and demo it day! This is a great way to see what other tools are out there that can maybe make a project easier for you.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30

Minutes submitted by Marge Barnett

April 26th, 2017