

## SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Lori Abbott-Herrick. She wished Sue and Bill a happy birthday. The raffle quilts will be introduced at today's meeting.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed in the newsletter. Cerise Haas gave the treasurer's report which was approved and will be filed on the guild website. The board has voted to roll over the six month certificate of deposit that is due for another six months. They have also voted to complete the payment for the 1856 Society membership to the Virginia Quilt Guild.

### **New Business**

*Retreat:* The guild retreat in Lancaster, Pa. was great fun. Several new members were introduced to the guild at the retreat, and there was a special guest. Fran Miller was the mystery quilt instructor. Carolyn Shank showed Fran's demonstration samples of the mystery pattern, and they were presented to Denise Rudolph for the hospice programs. Lori expressed special thanks to local stores including Sew Classics, Patchwork Plus, Ragtime Fabrics and Wal-Mart for favors and prizes. Sandie Hammel talked about her special guest who attended the mystery workshop. She was the recipient of relief quilts and blankets as an orphan in Belgium after World War II, and she is very active in a quilt guild in Pennsylvania.

Amy Meck presented a gift to Lori from the retreat participants in appreciation of all her efforts in organizing the retreat.

*Raffle Quilt:* Lori asked for ideas from members about who should be the recipient of funds raised from the raffle quilt. It is important that the receiving organization be able and willing to sell raffle tickets. Please send suggestions to her or bring them to the next meeting to be voted on. Lori expressed a special thank you to Mary Carlton for the design and organization of the raffle quilt project and to Connie Broy for quilting them.

*Brag Jar:* Guild members were given an opportunity to brag and donate to the guild.

### **News from Bees**

*Small Blessings,* the miniatures bee, held their second meeting with a guest speaker who taught about paper piecing. Their next meeting will be the second Thursday in June.

### **Committee Reports**

Program Coordinator #1, Connie Broy. Today's program was cancelled due to lack of participation. The June program will be a mystery led by Mary Carlton. Participants were asked to note that the fabric requirement is 2 ½ yards of light *and* dark. In July

Karen Sievert will do a workshop on prairie points, "Bear Paw with Claws" and the program will be her trunk show, "If These Quilts Could Talk."

Service, Denise Rudolph. Thank you for all of the hospice quilts donated. A thank you note has been received from Augusta hospice.

Ways and Means, Amy Meck and Thurston Bechtel. There will be a raffle at today's meeting.

Newsletter, Sandie Hammel. The deadline for the May newsletter is May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Membership, John Hammel. There are 96 members currently enrolled.

Nominating, Vicki Graham. The two elected positions that remain to be filled for next year are President Elect and Secretary. Also volunteers for Ways and Means, Hospitality, and Historian are needed.

Bylaws, Lori Abbott-Herrick. The bylaws committee will meet after today's meeting.

UFO, Diana Norman. The number for July is 5.

### **Birthday Party**

Mary Carlton unveiled the 2014 raffle quilts, Sue and Bill. She expressed thanks to Jan Hood, Connie Broy, Pauline Messier, Molly Toth, Joan Leffel, and Bill Millett. Those who contributed by appliqueing one or more blocks were entered in a door prize drawing which was won by Cerise Haas. John and Sandie Hammel provided special birthday cakes in honor of the quilts, and Sandie read a humorous story she had written about the history of Bill and Sue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Crockett, Secretary