

Comox Valley Schoolhouse Quilters

Minutes of General Meeting held Thursday, April 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at: 6:30 p.m.

President's Opening Remarks – Janis Davis

Janis opened by thanking Florence Labrecque for making sure that the paper copies of the newsletter are picked up while Hope is away. She also thanked Margaret Yells and Florence for working on a new system of organizing the books in the library. Janis welcomed everyone for coming and introduced former member Maureen McCannell, visiting from Nova Scotia. She also introduced two guests; Stephan White (Daniele White's husband) and Louise MacDonald, visiting from Pemberton.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the General Meeting held on March 1, 2018

Moved by: **Nerissa Thomas** Seconded: **Bev Michaluk**

Treasurer's Report – Sharon Latham

Sharon reported that there had not been a lot of activity during March to report. We added two new members, the rent and newsletter fees were paid, as well as Camp Homewood and ½ the catering cost for HAW. She reminded Community Quilts that they have until mid May to spend the money from last year's quilt show.

President's Report –Janis Davis

- 1. Hall Closure April 19 and 26** – she reminded everyone of the hall closure this month and said that there would be two additional quilting days to make up for this. She requested some input from members as to when we should have these 2 extra days, whether at the end of this year or next fall. She also pointed out that every time we have an extra day on a Wednesday

the Brownies have to find an alternative location to hold their meetings, so to keep that in mind when giving suggested dates.

2. **Membership Numbers** – although we are a growing guild, we still encourage new members. Janis reminded everyone to please use the sign-up sheets on Thursday's that will enable the Executive to determine when the busy times and help with planning in the future.
3. **Nominations for Vic-President, Treasurer and Program Committee** – Janis reminded everyone that we are still looking for these positions to be filled for the coming year. She outlined the functions of these positions and their importance. She mentioned that the Executive had been looking at ways that would make the treasurer's job easier, such as moving the bank accounts to Cumberland maybe splitting the job between two people; one person to do the bookkeeping and one responsible for the actual banking function. Janis also mentioned that she had found websites that had lots of program ideas for quilt guilds and that she hoped that someone would volunteer for this position.
4. **Volunteers for Quilt Canada in May** - they are looking for volunteers and anyone who is interested should look on the CQA website for information.
5. **Fabric Sale** – Janis announced a fabric sale by the Grandmothers for Africa that will be held April 14 at St. Andrews Church in Sidney.
6. **Nautical Days** – we will not be participating in Nautical Days this year, since a lack of a coordinator made it difficult to organize.

Committee Reports –

1. **Community Quilts – Nerissa Thomas and Barb Bocking** – Nerissa gave a brief explanation of Community Quilts did and the groups that they supported and mentioned that more information was available on the bulletin board. She stressed that although any quilt donations would be very welcome, there was no obligation to participate in any of their projects. Barb Bocking will be taking over from Verna Power, although Verna will still have her stash of fabric and look after quilts for The Views. There are kits available for making breast cancer bags and pillows in the storage room. Nerissa spoke about our recent support of Quilts of Valour.

She introduced Stephan and Daniele White, both former members of the military and recipients of Quilts of Valour for their service to Canada. Daniele is also guild member.

2. **HAW – Mary Lou Morden** – Mary Lou was looking for 8 more hostesses for HAW, and during the coffee break 8 people had volunteered. She also reminded members that the Challenge should be finished for the June Pot Luck. Diane Cave will be taking registrations and money for HAW – June 15 is the deadline. Pat MacEchern clarified that the prize given out by The Wyldeflower B&B in Qualicum is for a retreat for sewers, quilters and scrapbookers and to check the B&B's website for details.
3. **Placemats – Sharon Latham** – Someone is needed to coordinate Placemats next year, as Sharon will no longer be doing it. Placemat kits are available in a basket in the storage room and completed placemats can be returned to the same basket. There will be a prize awarded at the June meeting for completed placemats.

Member Announcements – Karen Ross – She reminded everyone of the talk being given at the hall by Gloria Loughman on June 4 at 7pm. Although 80 have already signed up, space is still available until the May meeting.

Program – Shake It Up – We were divided up into 8 groups and each group was given a quilting related question. Each group was to decide on a spokesperson and discuss various answers, with a consensus of about 3 answers to be decided on. The groups came up with lots of interesting answers and comments.

In-house Raffle – 1. Winner - Raelene Robertson

2. Winner – **Eva Hansen**

Bonus (donated by Maureen McCannell) – **Sandra Longland**

Word Search Raffle – Rita Gouthro

Show and Tell Draw– Daniele White

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:11