

Comox Valley Schoolhouse Quilters

Minutes of General Meeting held Thursday, February 1, 2018

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

President's Opening Remarks – Janis Davis

Janis welcomed everyone including a guest, Bernice from Edmonton, and new member, Christene Evanochko. Janis thanked the members of the Workshop Committee for all their hard work in organizing the various workshops we have throughout the year.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the General Meeting held on Jan. 4, 2018

Moved by: **Daniele White** Seconded: **Joan Johnsen**

Treasurer's Report – Sharon Latham

Sharon reported that she received 2 membership and some drop-in fees in January. The General Fund now has enough money to pay for the rest of this year's rent and there is almost enough in our investments to cover next year's rent. The outgoing payments this month were to Community Quilts for batting, the rent and for the newsletter.

Secretary's Report- Myra Shearer

Myra read out a thank you from the Royal Lepage Christmas Hamper Fund that thanked Schoolhouse Quilters for their donation of placemats. She also read a thank you card that was sent from Meals On Wheels, thanking the guild donating placemats to them.

President's Report –Janis Davis

1. A name tag draw was held for those members who were wearing their Schoolhouse Quilter name tag and **Sharon Woodland** was the winner. Janis

encouraged all members to make and wear their name tags at meetings and on Thursdays.

2. The guild has 12 white tables that we use to set up our sewing machines. With the increased number of members that we now have, these tables will have to be shared – 2 at a table which lets 24 people set up machines. She encouraged everyone to start out Thursdays sharing, especially with new members.
3. There will be an early hall closure on Feb. 15. The members who usually close up the hall on Thursday evenings will all be away at retreat that day. Sandra Forsayeth has volunteered to stay until 4:30 to lock up. If there are only 1 or 2 people left sewing, she may close up earlier. This applies at other sewing days as well - when the number of people in the hall is down to just a few it should be closed before there is just one person. No one should be left alone in the hall, for safety reasons. The lock-up procedure is listed on the bulletin board.
4. **Challenges** – Trend Tex, Post Cards, and HAW – Janis encouraged everyone to participate in the both the challenges for CQA and HAW. The CQA Trend Tex challenge has an April deadline (details on the bulletin board). The Post Cards made for the CQA Quilt Show will be sold for \$5.00 and the proceeds will be donated to The BC Children’s Hospital. To be eligible for judging, post cards must be mailed by May 1, 2018.
5. **Executive Meeting Discussion** – Janis outlined some of the topics that were discussed at the January Executive Meeting. The executive is considering moving our post office address from Comox to Cumberland. One of the options that are being considered is to let our current post box expire when our rental is up in August, and rent a new box in Cumberland. We will have to notify the various organizations of our address change. **Coby Sherstone**, part of the Baby Group, had a concern over the timing of the address change. The Baby Group (part of Community Quilts) has labels printed up about once a year that have the address on them. She is going to check and see how many labels they have left and get back to the executive. A final decision on the post box address change will be made in the future.

6. **Letters from Judy Morrison** – Janis outlined the two topics that the letters were concerned with. One was about Workshops. Janis explained that the Workshop Committee have contracts and processes in place for this year that includes payment of teachers and responsibilities of class supplies. All the workshops for this year are in place. The Workshop Committee may approach the Executive for some changes for next year. The other area of concern for Judy was the charity donation that was made in December to the Christmas Hamper program. Janis commented that the donation was made as a kind gesture, because the donations to the Hamper Fund were down considerably from previous years. She pointed out that a motion was passed by the guild in 2004, to spend funds up to \$200 at their discretion and that this Executive knows what they can and cannot spend money on.

Committee Reports –

HAW – Mary Lou Morden

Mary Lou reminded everyone about HAW in September and requested that more pedal pads be made before then. She is also looking for music themed fabric for HAW.

Retreat – Beverly Luck

Beverly had several things to remind those members who were going to attend the upcoming retreat. Those included final payment, arrival time, quiet times, and prohibition of alcohol recreational drugs. She mentioned that the R.L.C. game is changing to 10” squares with a spring theme.

Library – Sandra Castiglia

Sandra announced that the library has received a lot of donated books. The library had a sale of these donated books last Thursday and will do it again next Thursday, Feb. 8. She also showed 2 new books that are now in the library, one about charm squares and the other on machine, walking foot quilting.

Membership – Carol Metner

Carol announced that the guild now has 161 paying members and 2 life members, bringing the membership total to 163.

Member Announcements – Carol Metner

Carol wondered if anyone had a certain kind of pillow that she could borrow and several people offered her one to try.

Program – Carola Russell, owner of Carola's Quilt Store, gave a trunk show and demonstration of new quilting products. She also had lots of items from her store for sale.

In-house Raffle – 1. Winner- Colleen Barker

2. Winner – **Sharon Hansen**

Bonus- **Mary Lou Morden**

Word Search Raffle – Pat McEwen

Show and Tell Draw– Barb Bocking

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:28p.m.