

Comox Valley Schoolhouse Quilters

Minutes of General Meeting held Oct 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

President's Opening Remarks – Janis Davis

Janis Davis welcomed all members and guests and mentioned that this was the second year that the general meetings were held at 6:30pm. She felt that most members liked the 6:30 start time and she thanked the refreshment committee for coming in early to set up the goodies and beverages so that members could enjoy dessert before the meeting.

Motion to adopt the Minutes of the General Meeting of September 7, 2017

Moved: Nerissa Thomas

Seconded: Daniele White

Treasurer's Report – Janis Davis

The treasurer, Sharon Latham, and the back-up treasurer, Terry Essery, were both away, so Janis gave a brief financial summary. All the bills and the rent have been paid and everything was doing well. This year since we have some extra money in our accounts, the guild is giving back to the members with membership pins and extra quilting days. She stressed that this was a one time offer and that the financial situation might be different next year.

President's Report – Janis Davis

Janis mentioned that in previous years there has been a President's Challenge for the guild, but since there are several other challenges this year, CQA Trend Tex, Postcards, and Haw, a President's Challenge wouldn't be necessary. All members are encouraged to participate in all or some of these.

Committee Reports:

Workshops – Eva Hansen

Eva thanked all the members who have taught workshops in the past and outlined all the workshops that are planned for the coming year. The upcoming fall classes are: Bags (full), Paper Piecing (3 spaces) and Lettering (1 space). There are four classes planned for the spring:

February – Carola from Sechelt, 2 days

March 17 – Mystery Class, instructor Janis Davis

April 7&8 – Pet Portrait's, instructor Anne Mathers

May 4&5 - Bark and Branch, instructor Susan Painter

Eva pointed out that it has been several years since the guild has brought in guest teachers and those previous classes with guest instructors had to be cancelled because of poor registration. The workshop committee would really like to have full classes for these guest speakers, since all the classes scheduled have been by members suggestions or requests. If the workshops aren't full, the committee will have to reconsider bringing in outside instructors. There was a draw for a gift certificate for a class (not with guest instructors) and the winner was Jill Lesley. Since she is an out of province member, Eva will contact her and maybe have another draw if she is not able to use the gift certificate.

Retreat- Beverly Luck

Beverly gave an update for the upcoming retreat to Camp Homewood. The balance of fees was due this evening. The retreat spaces were full with 43 planning to attend, so space will have to be shared. She pointed out the new check-in time and stressed that it is not before 11 am. She outlined some of the planned activities, such as strip poker and a silent auction and advised that a first aid kit will be available.

Others:

Northcott Challenge – Barb Bocking

Barb wanted to thank everyone for supporting the challenge and also for voting for the quilt that she submitted. She came 4th.

Quilts of Valour - Lynda Hackney and Chris Longmore

We had as guests Lynda and Chris who are the Northern Vancouver Island Coordinators for Quilts for Valour. They explained that the donated quilts are “hugs” for injured and disabled veterans, and have been in operation for 12 years. They said that the Comox Valley needs about 30 quilts per year and all the quilts made in the valley will stay in the valley. They asked if the guild would be interested in taking on Quilts of Valour as a project. Nerissa Thomas and Barb Bocking indicated that Community Quilts would be interested in taking this on, and will coordinate with Sandy MacDonnell who is the guild contact for Quilts of Valour.

Program – Jessie Schut

Jessie gave an interesting talk on “Working in a Series”.

In-house Raffle – this month there were 3 draws because an additional prize was donated by Lorraine Corman and Quilter’s Connection Magazine. The winners were Bonnie Smith, Lorraine Corman and Shirley Woodbeck.

Word Search Raffle – Tina Mathers

Show and Tell Draw – Lynda Reid

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.