

Sagebrush Quilt Guild
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September 12th, 2016 Meeting Minutes
Minutes taken by Bev M., Acting Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Lorraine B. @ 7:05 p.m.

Welcoming remarks by Lorraine, President. She out-lined an exciting year ahead & noted there are several changes coming up.

- Our insurance bill is due now. It will be paid, and Lorraine will check to see if extra insurance is needed and/or available for guild functions outside our meetings.
Our rent for the year is \$990.
- Lorraine mentioned our list of meetings, & noted that we will continue to have our meetings when they fall on statutory holidays.
- There is a new introduction on our web-site. If any changes or additions are needed to the web-site, please let Lorraine or Pat M. Know.

Welcome Program:

- Geri-Lou presented an interesting mixer for members to get to know each other. As well, she obtained some ideas to activities.

Committees:

Budget – Monica W. reported we have a bank balance of \$11691.37 as of Aug 31st. Our insurance bill is \$275.63, and our rent to the end of Dec. is \$500.00. As the executive is in the process of changing signing authority, at present we are using last year's signatures for immediate expenses. Committee chairs are requested to keep all their receipts.

Library – Doffy reminded us of the Vernon quilt show coming up Sept 23rd & 24th. Several new magazines have arrived & are available to take out.

Membership – Barb K reported there are 41 members present (3new) and 1 guest. There is a new membership package available for new members.

E-Blast – Ann G is also doing the e-blast, & Barb reminded us to get items in to her one week prior to our meetings. Also, check the web-site for news & up-dates.

Work-shops & Quilt-til-you-Wilt – Sandy reminded members about Dianne's workshop on Nov 26th & 27th and will be the "Gypsy Wife" to be held at TRU. There are QTYWs Oct 08, Feb 18 & Apr 08. These are all-day affairs & are held at the Japanese Cultural Center.

Program:

- **Program Update** – Geri-Lou gave a brief run-down of what to expect: plans include more demo's, magazines can be donated on program nights (for a small donation you can pick one or more up), bucket raffle, Christmas exchange, theme nights, block exchange, & a red & white challenge for Canada's 150th birthday.
- **Mystery quilt** – Cheryl D. Is presenting a quilt by Sharon B. It will come by e-mail, & starts Oct 15th & will run every 2 weeks until Apr 15th. Quilt size is 66" x 82".
- **President's Challenge** – Lorraine has issued a 9" x 9" challenge. This will be a monthly challenge, & this month we should make a basic 9-patch.

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Hospitality – Gretta sent a sign-up list around to bring goodies to meetings. Members are reminded “no nuts”.

Community Quilts – Jeri B read several thank-you cards from patients who had received cancer quilts, one of which included a donation. We will be making our quilts this year for the cancer ward & the Women’s shelter. Quilt sizes are 40” x 60” for children’s quilts, & 50” x 70” for adult quilts. She reminded us that if we are making a quilt top to be quilted, please make & include the binding for the quilt.

Retreat – the Fall retreat is full.

Coffee break.

Committee for Change – Julie O. Reported on the several of the committees have made changes.

- Membership will not be giving out door-prizes—instead there will be monthly birthday gifts. As well, there will not be a membership booklet printed, but a membership list will be e-mailed to members (it will not go on the web page). There have been several enquiries on our web-page.
- Long term funding: the possibility of doing a shared quilt show was looked into, but that results in a very small profit. The committee is leaning toward having quilt show, with a quilt as a door-prize. This would be a smaller quilt show than we have had in the past, and a reduction in the number of merchants. There would be a smaller sales table. There would be a different system for quilt display. If the guild is in favor of holding a quilt show, it would be in the spring of 2018. Several of the quilt show committees already have chairpersons, & the remaining committees were quickly filled.

MOTION: Julie moved that we hold a quilt show in the spring of 2018. Seconded by Marie Allen. Motion carried.

- We are looking for ways to make our guild more visible to the community i.e. brochures, posters, newspapers etc.

Other Business:

- Lorraine noted that on program night, any business to be dealt with would be limited to 15 minutes. Budget night will be the only exception, as the budget will be presented the 2nd meeting in October because of Thanksgiving.
- Doreen F. is looking for volunteers to make a quilt for a fund-raiser for M.S. The first get-together will be Sept 17th at Kamloops Seniors’ Village.

Show & Tell was followed by meeting adjournment at 9:20 p.m.