

## Sagebrush Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes January 23, 2023

President Sue O-Call to order 7:01pm

Membership Sandy M- 34 members in attendance. Get to know your fellow quilters activity- Joy G, JanW, Sandy M , Brenda E.

Secretary Judy N- One correction to last minutes, Retreat fee for **Friday** to **Sunday** is 295.00 not 285.00,

motion to accept corrected minutes by Leanne S, seconded by Margaret S.

Treasurers Report Lynda M-Lynda gave a budget update. Our income received is higher than budgeted for as we have had more new members this year. Our expenses are on track with budgeted amounts. To date we have had no donations sent with Thank you cards, typically we receive some small donations throughout the year.

President Sue O.-While we are on track with our income and expenditures this year, we must remember that we approved a deficit budget and if we continue to operate with a deficit budget each year, we run the risk that the guild will not have sufficient funds to continue to operate . At the executive meeting. (**January 15, 2023**) our treasurer Lynda M said we have sufficient funds to continue for about 4.6 years,

There were a few questions- Can we increase dues? – our dues would need to almost double to cover the deficit (based upon our current membership), Do we have money in the bank – Yes but when you take away money that is put aside for retreat, fundraising (such as quilt show) and other expenses there is enough for a few years.

Suggestion was made that we discuss this further at our next meeting. Possible solutions could be.

- Strike a fundraising committee- undertaking a large event like a quilt show will generate revenue but will take time and effort to plan
- Increase dues.
- Find ways to reduce costs.
- Defer action at this time as we can safely operate for a few years.

Quilt Til you Wilt Monica W.- Will be on **March 11, 2023** at the Japanese Cultural Society Refreshments-Monica W- Coffee and Tea was **available tonight** using supplies that were purchased for Quilt Til you Wilt day. We should have enough supplies for the remainder of the year. Monica will go through the supplies and discard coffee/ sugars etc that have been purchased 2 years ago.

Coffee -Thank you to Marg J for the baking **goodies tonight**. Marg suggested that an informal system of bringing treats to meetings be adopted. Lynda M will make a sign-up sheet for the next meeting. Julie O will bring goodies for the next meeting. Monica will write instructions for making the coffee/tea in the event she cannot attend the meetings. Please bring your own mug if possible.

Block Lotto Julie O- Julie won the blocks **tonight**. Next months blocks will be brown and yellow.

Community Quilts Cheryl D.-One card read, Larry is still on break from quilting, please use this time to work on your own projects and please save any community quilts that need to be quilted for now.

Free Table- Judy N and Cheryl D brought items for others to take if desired. Cheryl will have more fabric scraps that she will bring in. Tables will be set up at the back if you wish to bring quilt related items that you wish to “rehome”. If you bring something for the table and it remains at the end of the night, then you are responsible to take this item home again. Nothing is to be left behind at the end of the night.

Dog Beds Lesley B- Pillowcases are available tonight if anyone wants them for putting scraps in to make dog beds. Fill with fabric scraps, batting scraps, bits of thread. Lesley is dropping these off at the humane society and they are happy to accept them.

Show and Tell, followed by a break for coffee/tea and visiting.

Program Doffy - Group was divided into 3 groups for fun game of strip poker ( Left right and Centre game)

Meeting adjourned