

August 24, 2023 MHQG Board Meeting

Present: Susan Ainsworth Smith, Julie Hale, Debra O'Donnell, Tricia Crockett, Barb Junor, Raye Ann Yapp, Debbie Stoffer, Liz Prom, Pam Hunt, Delleen Kompkoff, Donna Taylor Lorie Oathes, Ann Marie Rears, Janet Larson

Susan opened the meeting at 6:35 pm

### **1. September Meeting tentative agenda:**

Speaker/Program: Tricia will introduce speaker Cynthia Brunz, who will present "Turn Your Scraps into Head Turning Quilts"; Ms. Brunz' program will feature using scraps and orphan blocks.

UFO is ending; Lori will address and award prizes.

Community Outreach/Delleen and 24's a Charm/Virginia O'Donnell are ongoing; Sue to mention membership renewals

Break

Announcements

Birthdays

Show & Share: We should reach out to members who entered and ribboned in the Clackamas County Fair and have them present their quilts; Donna will post something on Facebook, and Deb O. asked Tricia to post something in the newsletter; Deb also offered to help new VPs in their newsletter page write up. REMINDER...Tuesday at 8:00 pm is the deadline for the newsletter; send it to Deb O.

### **2. Retreat Update: Deb Stoffer**

Date & Place: November 12 – 14, 2024 (LIMIT 56 people), The Oregon Garden, Silverton, Oregon

Registration (must be a guild member to participate): Begins in January, and ends in July (NO REFUNDS after July)

Fees: To Guild: \$75 deposit, \$150 total (Sewing Space/Catering)

To Oregon Garden: \$129/night (Hotel Room – 2 Queen Beds) possible continental breakfast

Check in November 11

Discussion among members:

Bear Creek Quilting in Lebanon emailed 70 pattern samples to Deb Stoffer to give in a goodie bag to retreat participants.

Several people suggested a shop hop in the area.

Susan brought up a reciprocity agreement with other guilds in case we don't have a minimum number of reservations.

Delleen said to be clear about stipulating transfer of reservations between parties; the guild should not be responsible for reimbursement or transfers.

### **3. Willamette Valley Quilt Guild – Info Overview: Deb Stoffer**

Deb and Donna attended the WVQG meeting recently and had some info and suggestions for consideration:

Met during the day (Debbie thought this would be good for senior members)

Had welcoming signs posted which made wayfinding easy

President invited all officers up front

Committee people all wore identifying T shirts

Board members showed all Outreach quilts made; four people took about five minutes

Already planning 2025 Opportunity Quilt Raffle

Small groups include a Landscape group.

Sang Happy Birthday song as a group

Raffles are entered by purchasing tickets at entry to meeting vs. getting tickets for knowing password, wearing ID, etc.; considered a fundraising activity with donations from E. E. Schenck, others

Last September, they chartered a bus for a day trip in January to the Latimer Museum, a Quilt Shop, and the Tillamook Cheese Factory. Tickets were \$40 each.

Other noted items from the visit to the meeting:

- Free Table is the last stop in the meeting room vs. near the entry door
- Consider moving Fabric Sales and Skip-A-Week to the front...Lori O. likes her table where it is for the wall for showing BOM

#### **4. Storage of Guild Items: storage unit or where? Julie Hale**

- vacuum cleaner: yes to storage unit
- leftover coffee, tea, cups, etc.: donate coffee & tea to church, store cups etc. in tight lidded bin in storage unit
- electrical goes back to storage unit
- microphone – where? President's home? Make a policy that pres stores and passes on?

Discussion ensued about the need for an organization committee & Policy and Procedures Manual; Raye Ann offered to help write a PPM.

Misc: Donna paid the storage unit bill so we're paid for another year.

#### **5. Paypal Increase: Donna Taylor**

There was a 2.29% increase in PP fee; this is .10/\$35 of use.

Ann Marie noted Square is cheaper; Deb O. noted that the website has an indicator for PP or Square. Delleen suggested encouraging members to use Square to save guild money.

Conclusion: Keep PP, encourage Square and payment by cash or check.

#### **6. Organizational Committee: Susan Ainsworth Smith**

Susan and Julie Hale have been thinking about the need for, and formation of an organizational committee. They recommend making a Strategic Plan, but enact incremental changes.

#### **7. Semi-annual Meeting: Susan Ainsworth Smith**

Susan wants to schedule a meeting ASAP. She notes that the normal time would be December 21, but the present group thought December 14 would be better, despite having the usual membership meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Julie H.: notify members well ahead of time, and ask business members to be more engaged in sponsoring classes. She adds that our monthly fee paid to the Church includes the Family Life Center, and six classrooms.

Missing Items: Susan and Linda Shaull are still missing a table and wagon/cart, respectively. The group agreed that Ann Marie would contact Linda and give her the black one that was apparently left in her wagon's place unless hers is found, to make up for her loss.

## **8. Community Sew: Delleen Kompkoff**

Delleen has made arrangements (at no cost!) with First Baptist Church on Powell Blvd. in Gresham for an Open Sew on the second Wednesday of each month, from 10:00 am – 3:00pm. Delleen would like for someone to take this over as coordinator and will take names of anyone interested at the meeting.

Liz Prom: concerned that new members can't join already 'closed' small groups; should there be a rotating membership? Delleen asked how new members sign up.

AMR: Mystery Mavens meets on first Mondays and is not closed.

Deb O.: Debbie Johnsen (Small Group Coordinator) may need representation at our meetings until she can return to regular attendance.

Delleen: Get small group coordinators to take turns announcing their groups at meetings to promote; she'll contact Deb Johnsen to let her know of the new Open Sew group.

Julie: People are waiting to be invited and some may start their own group?

## **9. Teddy Bear Parade: Delleen**

Will be held Saturday, September 30 in downtown Gresham; do we wish to participate? Do clean up or march and carry quilts? Cost is \$50 to enter (the guild will pay; deadline to sign up is September 18).

The present group agrees on marching with quilts and signs.

Julie: Have a sign up at the September membership meeting.

Delleen will put something in the newsletter that the guild is participating.

Misc.: Get sign(s) made, T-shirts for marchers, car?

## **10. Element3Health: Deb O'Donnell**

Deb was contacted by Element3Health recently; they pay for 'club' memberships (dues) and for healthful activities for those who do or do not have a Medicare Advantage plan. This is at no cost to the guild and is to encourage social interactions for seniors. The guild would receive \$1 per month (up to a limit of \$10) for every acceptable activity an enrolled member logs; there seems to be a wide variety of what is an acceptable activity. Deb wasn't able to get the info about which plans are accepted as the representative said we'd have to join E3H first. Deb said she sent an email to board members with links to E3H info.

Donna: As treasurer, how would she know whose dues got paid?

Raye Ann: Would E3H have to know my insurance info?

Liz: Would they do a presentation to the guild, possibly by Zoom? Deb said they do have social media, too.

The members present agreed that more info is needed but the plan sounds like it could have a positive financial impact for the guild.

## **11. Fabric Donation Help: Delleen Kompkoff**

Delleen would like to have guidelines emailed out to the public (and guild members) who wish to donate fabric. These would include standards for cleanliness, wear, suitability, etc. She had a template on our agenda which could be on the website.

She also suggested a group who would take in donations, sort, and store per category: possible backs, sales, free table. This group could coordinate with AMR for storage.

Misc: Approach members personally and ask to join this group; Patty Salvey-Sunde was mentioned and AMR will talk to her at the meeting. Raye Ann has a list of the Summer Sale volunteers and will give to Delleen at the meeting.

Susan ended the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Raye Ann Yapp, MHQG Secretary on August 30, 2023.