

MT HOOD QUILT GUILD BOARD MINUTES

October 1, 2019

President Donna Taylor called the meeting to order with a discussion on pulling together ideas in case a speaker doesn't show. Last month went very well, but in the future it would be a good idea of have some ideas in place. Debbie suggested a half-square triangle demonstration like Jenny Doan did at Fabric Depot. She just had a whole selection of half-square triangles and showed some of the many ways to put them together. This would be easy to put together or store. Laura suggested gathering favorite tips, sewing gadgets etc. Staci mentioned sewing games like 'Liars dice.' Other suggestions were more mingling, and other educational stuff about batting, gadgets and / or games.

Donna also suggested a social hour prior to the meeting. Other Guilds do this, so volunteering, sign ups etc. could be done before the meeting and skip the break. That way the volunteers actually get to participate in the meeting.

All this would require that volunteers need to have access to the building by about 5:30 p.m. to do set up. What can we do for those volunteers or people with a lot of set up, to help get them ready by 6:00, especially those already hurrying in from work? It was decided that we start the social hour and see how many problems we have. We need to change the website to reflect the social hour time of 6:30. We need to let Skip-a-week and any vendors know to get there early.

How would this change if there was a chance of us moving to the Church of the Nazarene? A vote was taken and it was decided that we pursue the possibility of changing locations.

It was mentioned that Clark Co. Guild also has greeters for new members or visitors. The greeter would take the person around, introducing them to the different sign-ups, groups and activities the guild has going plus introductions to current members. They would be a buddy for the night. It was suggested that we get about four greeters that can switch off having two each month.

Debbie said that we are now up to 161 members. Forty have not renewed with five actually mentioning that they are not renewing. The others have just not responded. She will also have a printed carpool sign up at the next meeting.

Lori noted that October is the last month to buy into the UFO Challenge. November will be the last month to turn them in for the drawing. The November drawing will be done after Show & Share. She has suggested starting a block of the month, maybe in January. Members would turn in the monthly assigned block with one or two winners (depending on the number of entries) drawn from the participants. Winners take the blocks home. Different methods of communications were brought up, including Facebook, Newsletter, email or meeting handouts.

Staci noted that she is still confused about ads in the newsletter as this month's newsletter has three ads. It was passed that the fee from here forward will be \$5 per month for any ad placed in the newsletter. Business members get one small ad each year. New member packets are also now available on the website.

Staci is also going to look into Google Suites for non-profits. This would include email addresses for board member positions and possibly a free website. She will also look into which of the Board members are getting the MHQG google gmails to make sure it is up to date.

Delleen announced that we are 15 quilts away from 1000 donated quilts.

A very quick explanation of how the October meeting quick gift demonstrations would work. Each person would do the demo 8 times as members rotate around the room viewing each one.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.