

Swamp Quilt Guild Minutes
October 12, 2023

President Denise Beck called the meeting to order. The following guests were welcomed: Kathy Folck, Colleen Florkowski, Kay Highfield, and Laura Hoffman.

A motion was made by Rose Ackerman and seconded by Kim Armstrong-Brooks to accept the August minutes as published.

Treasurer Kathy Hassink reported the following as of 9/30/23: Regular Funds \$7,578.28, Retreat Funds \$8,702.02 and Quilt Show Funds \$7,953.82 for a total of \$24,234.12.

Alisha Frankfather reported that 11 people enjoyed the workshop given by special speaker Brian McCoy in September.

Sarah DeCola of the nominating committee reported that Carol Hicks has accepted the nomination as president of the guild for 2024 and Jeanne Langendorfer as member-at-large. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

The Christmas Brunch will be Dec. 2 at the Bowling Green Country Club. Door will open at 9:30 with brunch served at 10:00. The cost is \$14 which can be paid to Wendy Jenkins at the November meeting.

A discussion was held about donation quilts. Calista Grogan and Sarah DeCola agreed to chair this mission. We donate to: St. Vincent Hospital which will take any size, The Cocoon which requests twin size, Veteran's organization which request lap size, Children's Resource Center which request baby and lap size, and the Cancer Center which prefers large lap size. Further information about sizes is available on the guild website.

The Quilts and Needle Arts Festival wrap up was given by Rose Ackerman. Over the 3 days there were 743 paid admissions, and 66 entries used by quilt exhibitors. 313 quilts were displayed and 15 demos were given. There were 36 vendors. 122 volunteers helped with the show. Much positive response was received.

At the Retreat scissors sharpening and massages will be available. Members may bring items for the free table, garage sale, and snack table. For the demo, 2 12" squares are needed.

The guild is conducting a survey requesting input about the retreat, quilt show and the guild in general.

Surveys may be turned in at the retreat, next meeting, or sent to Denise Beck.

The guild received a large donation of fabric and quilt items from a quilter in Fremont

who passed away. After much discussion, a motion was made by Calista Grogan and seconded by Sharon Bishop to have a drawing at a meeting in 2024 to give the items to members. Motion carried. It was suggested that the guild should have an ongoing system to disburse items donated to the guild. A committee of Judy George, Kathy Haver, Sarah DeCola, and Donna Davio was formed to work on this.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Kessen