

Black Swamp Quilt Guild Minutes for January 11, 2024

Call to order and Welcome – Denise Beck representing Carol Hicks

Minutes – November minutes were passed by members after a motion from Kathy Hassink and a second by Dale Burnett.

Treasurer's Report – Regular \$5526.07/Retreat \$3487.83/Quilt Show \$8208.79/Total \$17222.69.

*See page 3 for the budget

Membership - \$20 for 2024. This can be submitted in cash or check to Kathy Hassink by the March meeting to appear on the roster. Someone is needed to do the membership job. Until then Alisha Frankfather is managing the membership list. Let Carol Hicks or Alisha, know if you are interested.

The December Brunch - 45 members attended. Next year's brunch will be December 7, 2024. Wendy Jenkins is in charge of this. She suggested we make a quilt for the waitress who has served us for at least the last 20 years. She would like everyone to make a 9" (finished size) block (unfinished this will be 9.5") to bring to the February meeting. She will then put them together and get the top quilted and bound to present to the waitress in April at our Birthday party meeting. If you have questions, contact Wendy.

A **historian** is needed. If no one volunteers, Carol will assign someone in March.

Newsletter - Renee Ball is now doing the newsletter. Email her anything you would like in the newsletter (stories, shows, etc.)

QANA - Ellie Grabarczyk shared that they had 9—admissions to the show; 86 quilters; 305 quilts submitted, 75 demos participants, 122 volunteers; 2 classes; and \$874 raised by raffle baskets to donate to the Wood County Library for quilting related books. 19 people returned surveys in November. She went over them and the surveys the 9 vendors returned. For more information about survey info contact Ellie. The following people volunteered to be on the committee to help plan the next quilt show: Ellie, Nancy Curtis, Barb Lemon, Becky Strayer, and Gretchen Schultz volunteered for the next Quilt Show Committee and Wendy for the Hospitality part of it. More volunteers are welcome!

Website - Carol Harper wants to give up the webmaster job and since no one has stepped up to do it, the executive board has decided to have a webmaster be a line item in the budget to design and maintain the website. (A paid outsider probably.) Jeanne Langendorfer will chair this committee, and Marty Berry volunteered but other committee members are needed to help select what info is needed on the website. Let Carol Hicks or Jeanne Langendorfer, know if you are interested in helping.

The April Birthday Challenge for 2024 is "Name That Quilt In So Many Notes". Due at the April meeting.

Create a quilt centered around your favorite song. Your quilt must have the following:

- *A musical note (could be fabric, an applique, whatever)
- *Batik fabric of some kind along with any other fabric you like

Your quilt can be any size and needs to have three layers, be quilted, and finished by the April meeting.

Judging categories:

- Easiest to identify song title
- Viewer's Choice
- Most creative use of musical note
- Most visual impact – eye catching
- Have fun and be creative, use any style or technique you like

Quilt Retreat exploration sub-committee – board liaison is Alisha. Cindy Hoffman, Lynn Kuznicki, and Miranda Sterling volunteered to be on this committee.

2024 AccuQuilt Block of the Month (BOM) – Cindy Huffman will bring the AccuQuilt machine and dies at 6:00 before our meeting for anyone wanting to participate. She will post what is needed in the newsletter. It will be 2, 12-inch blocks per month for 9 months. You may do as many of them as you like or as few. She did say the blocks turned out accurately. Barb Lemon said she has the 8” dies if people prefer, she can bring those too.

Donation Quilts - Sheila Painter and Sarah DeCola investigated other places for us to donate quilts. Sheila said Quilts of Compassion wants any lap size, but no holiday or sports specific motifs as they go to disaster areas and don't have time to sort quilts. Also, no rag quilts or quilts with the seams on the outside. Sarah said the Victory Center in the Perrysburg Mercy Hospital will take any lap sized quilts for any age or gender. They support those going through cancer and survivors of cancer. They got varying answers from the pregnancy center about if they need or don't need tcharit quilts, so someone is checking on this. 3'x3' square quilts may be needed to cover baby carriers when carrying babies to the car.

Next year's VP Challenge is “Back to the Basics”: Due January 2025

I want you to make a project that uses HST (half square triangles). This project must contain more than half of the blocks as HST, it must be quilted, and can be any size project. Pinterest has a great cheat sheet Alisha will share in the newsletter to help

The program was the VP Challenge for 2024- Lets get uncomfortable. Several people showed quilts made with various rulers they had not used before. (Forgive me if I get names or rulers wrong as things moved pretty fast here!) In no particular order:

Denise Beck –

Diana Wittman – Double Diamond Ruler

Alisha Frankfather – Twister Ruler

Joanne Kesson – Petal Ruler

Dale Burnett – Spiderweb Ruler

Brenda Gilly – Slotted Trimmer

Sheila Painter – Judy Hopkins Scrap Saver Ruler

Kathy Hassink – 10 China plate used as ruler

Diane Warren – Size? Ruler

Kathleen Bradley – Double Wedding ring

Sara DeCola Pineapple Ruler

Miranda Sterling – Rulers by 180 Degrees including V Block, Large Square Squared, and Diamond Rex

Wendy Jenkins – Wedge Ruler

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Budgeted Expenditures 2024

Simpson building rental	650.00
Printing	300.00
Monthly programs	1,200.00
Historian	50.00
Webmaster	1,000.00
Hospitality	250.00
Membership	150.00
Treasurer	50.00
Quilt donation supplies	300.00
Community donations	1,000.00
Special speaker	2,000.00
Birthday challenge prizes	150.00
Lending library	<u>1,000.00</u>
	8,100.00