

Minutes of the January 15, 2021 Beachplum Quilters Guild Meeting

At 6:35 p.m. President Dona S. welcomed 26 participants to the first meeting of 2021. She hoped that sending emails reminding everyone of the meeting, earlier in the week of the meeting, was helping people keep track of the log in info. She'll try to send reminders (for Sit 'N Sews too) ahead of time so people can mark their schedules, and then the week of so the info is at hand.

She asked are there amendments/corrections needed to the minutes as published in the newsletter? Laurie S. said there was a typo. Since it did not alter the content or meaning of the minutes, Dona called for a motion to approve them as written. Said motion made by Laurie S. and seconded by Ginger C. Motion approved with show of hands by members.

Debbie P. read the Treasurer's Report. Ending balance was \$8,625.79. Motion to accept the report was made by Pam Q. and seconded by Ann B. Motion approved with show of hands by members.

Dona updated us on meeting at the church- no change. She does not anticipate any status change happening until after the mass vaccinations are completed.

• **Programs-** Dona announced we have a Sit N'Sew coming up on Saturday, February 13th. An email invitation has been already sent. Another email will be sent the week before as a reminder. Dona went on to announce the March Workshop: Debbie Kalenty will be teaching the Hunter Star pattern, "Masquerade". Our class will start on March 20th at 9:30 am. An email will be sent with the supply list. Each student MUST HAVE a copy of the pattern the Rapid Fire Hunter's Star Petite tool. Debbie is offering a guild bundle special of \$35.00 for the pattern and the Hunter's Star Petite Tool. Purchased separately, they would be \$40.50. To get the bundle special, you will need to purchase both on Debbie's website, <sales@quiltersobsession.com > and enter 'Beachplum' in the coupon box on the payment page. The pattern gives you the choice of two different sizes of a wall hanging or a table runner.

To reserve your place for the March workshop, send your check for \$20.00 (**made out to Beachplum Quilters, NOT Laurie**) ASAP to: Laurie Schnitzer, 20 Sunrise Court, Toms River, NJ 08753

Laurie S. continued to discuss programs. There are no others scheduled at this time with considerations of our budget. Marcia G. pointed out it is very hard to produce an online workshop because of all the technicalities. Laurie agreed and said that is why she is advocating joining the Sit N'Sews. There is no cost, you can work on your own projects, you can ask for advice and suggestions from the participants in a fun, casual atmosphere. Dona S. interjected that she knows some guilds are adding themes to their "Bee" meetings, like 'Quilts of Valor' or 'Placemats', but she likes the work on your own projects meeting. Laurie suggested we could always use the time to work on Charity Quilts.

Laurie asked if we should schedule a Sit N'Sew for March since we have the Debbie Kalenty Program. Mary P. suggested we schedule one after so we could all continue to work on our Hunter Stars from Debbie, which everyone liked but ran into Easter and Passover date conflicts. For now there will be a Sit N'Sew March 13, a week before the program with Debbie.

April there would normally be no meeting, but we will have one on Friday, April 16, with a Sit N'Sew on Saturday, April 17th.

The date for our May meeting is the 21st. Also, there is another Garage Sale in the works, date TBA.

The date for our June meeting is the 18th. Many people expressed a desire to gather in person. Donna D. suggested Whispering Pine Parks in Berkeley Township has a large, open sided pavilion with picnic tables, as a possible option. She will look into the details about reserving this space.

Dona again thanked member for the emails stating where prizes or guild assets are stored in your home. If you find more while cleaning please let her know.

• **Block of the Month-** Dixie M./Marcia G. Dixie had some audio issues but we could all see her hold up the piece of paper that said Ginger C. won the 18 "Larkspur" blocks submitted. Marcia showed a picture of the blocks and they were quite interesting to see.

Emilie S. took over Zoom hosting duties for the meeting and talked about her involvement with the **Department of Environmental Protection 50th Anniversary Quilt**. (The DEP is her employer.) She showed a You Tube video <The Making of the DEP50 Quilt > . The finished quilt will be hung in a display case at the Head Quarters. And, in response to a question, Yes, the quilt is labeled!

Marcia G. has quilted many Charity quilts, and is getting down to the end of the pile, but she has two with no

names attached, does anyone recognize them? Emilie S. was the one who dropped them off.

Ginger C. said she had leftover donated charity quilt fabric after finishing her quilts, what should she do with it. She was advised to keep it in her stash for future use. Ginger also suggested a workshop on "Iris Folding", a technique using thin strips of fabric as a good way to stash bust.

• **Charity Quilts-** Barbara E. took over Zoom hosting duties for the meeting to show pictures of all the Charity quilts the Guild donated to Dottie's House before Christmas. A few without donor names were found to be from Dona S. Barbara still has some lap size quilts to donate, so if you know of an charity who is in need of such items let her know.

• **Show and Tell-**

- Barbara E. is working on a dinosaur quilt for her grandson.
- Ginger C. showed her disappearing nine-patch sampler (from the December Brita Nelson workshop) and is also working on a black/white/red charity quilt.
- Mary P. displayed her disappearing nine-patch sampler top and expressed what a great workshop it was.
- Laurie S. had a baby quilt made from the 'Three-yard Pattern', and showed her Red and White disappearing nine-patch sampler which included vertical sashing.
- Dixie M. displayed "River Rocks", a quilt made from a pattern by Deb Kalenty.
- Jeannette M. showed she's been in mask-making mode.
- Sherre M. had been very busy working on her own projects-since Christmas she' completed seven quilts.
- Dina N. said that her latest package from 'The Fat Quarter Shop' contained a card "You can't buy happiness but you can buy fabric". She also showed a charity quilt with an airplane motif.
- Ann B. had a 'Crazy Quilt' from Alice M. She had just picked it up that day and hadn't had a chance to look at it closely, but it looked like there was a lot of clothing fabric, hand stitching and embroidery work.
- Pat O. had a paper-pieced 'Celtic Heart' a go-to design for when her friends children get married. Plus, she created one of the blocks that was on the DEP 50th Anniversary Quilt–Sun Solar Panels–made at the request of her husband.
- Janet P. took a break from all the charity quilts she made to work on a tote bag pattern 'Twister Tote'. She said there is so much iron on fusible inside it that it will stand up on it's own.
- Liz H. gave an update on her Mom. She is doing well and is about to start radiation treatments.
- Kathy C. is settling in and found lot's of UFO's. Besides finally finishing her 80x80 Quilt show Quilt, she found a load of flying geese squares she is working into a large charity quilt.
- Emilie S. displayed a Christmas tree Wall Hanging with a Cardinal perched in the branches.
- Marcia G. showed the Merry May New Year's Eve Mystery Quilt, a floral panel with a second panel cut and appliqued onto it, and a Lady Bug quilt. We also got a quick tour of her work area with lots of space!
- Juanita G has been making masks.

Dona S. wished all the January and February Birthday celebrants a Happy Birthday.

In response to a query she said that no membership directories will be printed until we are meeting again in person.

It was stated that Marge F. is responding to treatment and we all wish her the best.

Ginger C. said that Jerry Houser, a gentleman who was selling his deceased wife's quilting stash, has found MORE fabric to sell, plus has a Serger and Featherweight to sell.

President Dona S. declared the meeting closed at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna DeAngelis
Recording Secretary

