

Minutes of the October 16, 2020 Beachplum Quilters Guild Meeting

President Dona S. welcomed everyone to the September Zoom meeting. The meeting began at 6:23 PM and there were 27 members present plus our guest speaker Jody Beck.

The agenda was to have a business meeting first and then at 7 PM Jody Beck would start her presentation

Dona S. asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the September Meeting that were posted on the website. Hearing none she asked for a show of hands and the September minutes were approved.

Debbie P. read the Treasurer's report, and the ending balance was \$7,276.34.

Jackie P. updated everyone that there are 50 members who have paid their dues for 2020-2021. That includes new member Pam B. Welcome Pam!

Dona S. reminded everyone that Crafty Fabrics has Charity Quilt Kits. She's picked up three that are ready to distribute and other quilts have been distributed as well.

There's no change in not being able to meet in person at the church at this time.

Dona thanked everyone for the emails they sent with information about the Guild Assets that they have in their possession.

• **Block of the Month-** (Dixie M. and Marcia G.) Marcia let everyone know that so far 26 kits have been bought for the 2020-2021 block of the month series. For the November meeting the "Watercolor Log Cabin" will start the new series. Dixie had the drawing info for the last block of the month for 2020 "Sailboats" and the winner of the sailboat blocks was Karen M.

Dona asked if members of the Guild would perhaps be interested in a secondary monthly "Guild Bee" Zoom meeting where we could see our friends, chat, ask questions—informally just get together. Somebody would need to host that meeting (which would be taught to them). So, if you want to volunteer to host the Zoom Bee meetings let Dona know

Dona also wanted people to email her to let her know if they would be interested in being zoom volunteers—helping other Guild member get set up to attend Zoom meetings.

A big "Fabric" Yard is going to be held on Saturday, October 24 from 9 to 3 at Dona's house in Toms River. You must wear mask and social distancing will be enforced as much as possible. Dona said she cannot even get into her garage with the thread, material, patterns, books and various items that are in there! An email will go out about this event.

At 6:56 PM the presentation started: Jody Beck spoke about "**The Art of Quilt Design**". One of her first bits of advice was that she often records a video of herself doing something, just for herself, so she can refer back to again if she needs to remember how to do things. Another important thing she likes to do is to keep a notebook handy at all times to jot down ideas that come to her. She even keeps a note pad by her nightstand. One of her biggest tips was to **always** test of a pattern with scraps before you cut into \$200 worth of fabric—you might just find that you don't like doing the pattern and you certainly don't want to waste that much fabric! She showed many of her patterns which are available on her website (Jodysjemsquilting.com) and if BPQ members order in next week she will give you a discount of 10 to 20% depending on whether you want the pattern mailed or downloaded.

Pres. Dona S thanks Jody for her presentation which ended at approximately 8:05 p.m. A few questions were asked about different things and Jody readily agreed that she was available for any questions and would love to come and work with us at a workshop, guaranteeing that we would get something finished in a weekend.

• Show and Tell

-Laurie S had a "Galaxy Quilt" from the February 22 workshop which was the last workshop held before Covid halted everything.

-Toni G. got a bag of fabric from the gentleman who's quilter wife passed away. In it was two completed quilt tops that were about 88"x88". She called the gentleman back to return them but he said keep them. Toni plans on getting them quilted.

-Dianne W. had a "Quilt as you go" purple block quilt finished-she even patched bits of batting in it.

-Jackie P had already had her charity quilts sent out to Oregon for help with wild fires relief.

-Kristen A. had two quilts to show and said how much she likes zooming, she misses everyone!

-Erma H. had a machine appliqué tabletopper which was pine trees and star in the middle-very festive for the Christmas holidays

-Terry P. is continuing her UFO sorting and finishing and found a wall hanging that might be 20 years old. The image is Tuxedo Cats and will be a good gift for a friend now who has a Tuxie.

-Ginger C. showed off the cardinal block of the month from last year, and apologized to whoever won because she never turned her block in! Instead she made a pillow with it because she's partial to Cardinals.

-Ann B. had a quilt with various blocks and lovely bright colors that she made on her Quilt Retreat.

-Marsha G. has quilted a number of quilts for Richard L. for charity quilts that were sent to Oregon.. She also showed us a quilt she made "Warm Wishes" quilt.

-Barbara E. displayed three different stuffed dinosaurs that she made for her grandson but wasn't sure if he was going to get them because they were so cute!

President Dona S. adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted

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Recording Secretary

