

Pine Needlers' Quilt Group - Business Meeting, Sep 12, 2022

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The meeting was called to order by President, Brenda Clark, at 9:35am. There were 30 members present, including all Board Members.

New Member, Mayre Walker, was welcomed to the group.

The group stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, in remembrance of 9/11.

A moment of silence was observed in response to prayer requests made from the group.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved following a motion by Karen Kramer and a second from Karla Desrosiers.

There were seven cards sent out in August and no new correspondence to share.

Happy September Birthdays to Janet Gibson, Nancy Hirst, Nikki Woley, Renee Arrigo, Donna Ayers, Karla Desrosiers, Judy Inskeep and Linda Scoles,

Lesley Buechel presented the Treasurers' Report. We ended August with a balance of \$8,364.08. This does not include proceeds from the Quilt Show, which will be reflected in next month's report.

Standing Committees/Old Business:

Quilt Show Recap: Karen Kramer led us in a recap and discussion of the Show. There were 71 quilts entered in the show, maybe a new record. Based on admissions, there were over 500 attendees, not including ourselves.

Setup went smooth and the new hooks worked out great. However, the banners didn't all hang well, as they are not heavy enough. A suggestion was made to add curtain weights.

One unexpected vendor showed up, but we were able to be flexible and accommodate them. Odegaard's may not be able to come back if Charlie's father retires. Quilts by YaYa, Simple Modern Quilts and Quilter's Haven look forward to coming back. The wooden bowl couple were not successful; they didn't have adequate inventory with them and left early. Mad B's from Mesa may be included next year.

It was noted that the Challenge Quilts needed to be pointed out. Many people couldn't find them or didn't know what to look for. The layout may need to be changed to improve visibility. Also, many smaller quilts were hung quite high, it was suggested that we invest in more chains to lower them to eye level (not tall man eye level). Another note on the layout was that many people appear to not want to enter the 'dead end' areas.

The display of Vintage Quilts and Machines was well done and well received.

Lunch was excellent, and many thanks to all those who contributed salads, they were delicious. The overall budget for lunch and pizza's was \$700, however, which is a lot. We may consider for next year having more salads, crock-pots of sloppy joe's, bar-b-que, etc. to reduce costs. We will discuss this more next year.

The Bake Sale went well and was well stocked. Judy, if possible, would like to note what each person brings in, so she can find you if there are questions. Please label each item well, for example, is this fudge or brownies? Also, smaller quantities work better. For example, one dozen cupcakes is too many - four to six would move. It was suggested we also sell water.

It was noted that we need a way to stabilize the black curtains behind the Boutique. They looked fabulous, but it was not conducive to hanging items. (Hermann and Paul may have figured it out already for next year.) Also, the black net strips worked well, but some thought the clothespins didn't look good. Are there better ways to hang small items to easily put up and take down? Also, we should think about possibly having two cashier tables. It was not readily apparent where buyers were to go and many began to wander off with goods.

Martha reported that we sold 33 community quilts. Sixteen were contributed by Carol Barton, a friend of Barbara Birdsell. After the show, another 9 quilts were given to Project Linus and 12 were taken to ShowLow for Safe House and were greatly appreciated.

Edna stated that we didn't sell as many patriotic quilts as we did last year, but that she now has 14 in stock for next year's presentation, which is a good position to be in. The embroidered hoops donated by Jenny Grotberg were raffled off and raised an additional \$271. Thank you Jenny.

Break down of the show only took one hour and fifteen minutes. We may consider sign-up sheets for specific roles to better organize the break down process.

Lesley presented us with a break down of income and expenses for this year's show and a comparison to last year. Overall we netted \$5,872.65, which was \$3,013.78 less than last year, but we all expected that would be the case.

Judy Inskeep updated us on **Project Linus**. Another 54 quilts/blankets were distributed in August. There were also two more places added to their list of possible recipients.

Karla Desrosiers updated us on upcoming **retreats**. The dates for 2023 will be provided by Carol Webb late October. If you know now that there is a month you would like to attend, please just call Karla at any time to have your name put on the list. You don't need to be up here to make that happen. If the dates don't work out, there is almost always a waiting list, so the seat won't go empty.

Classes/events: Linda Pfeifer noted that there is a sign-up sheet for the Quilt Studio Tour scheduled for Sep 21st and there is still room. Also, she is asking that you talk to her if you have ideas for classes you would like to see offered, or if you are willing to teach a class. We would like to put together a roster for 2023 soon.

New Business:

Lesley presented some ideas to increase revenue. There was a motion made by Judy Inskeep and a second by Karla Desrosiers to increase annual dues from \$20 to \$25 (an increase in total revenue by around \$300). The motion was passed. Another motion was made to change the Boutique split from 85/15 to 75/25 (25% to the club). After much discussion, this motion was voted down. A second motion was made by Renie Arrigo and seconded by Judy Inskeep to have the new split be 80/20. This motion was passed.

Two possible Mystery Quilt Alongs were presented for those interested. Andi Williams is participating in one that makes a patriotic quilt titled "Long May She Wave". If you are interested, let her know and she will add you to the email list as well as a Google Group. Brenda Clark also spoke about the Mystery Quilt that she has already emailed to all members. It will run from September to April and would make a great Military/Patriotic or Community Quilt.

Upcoming Events:

This Saturday, September 17th is "National Sew A Jelly Roll" challenge day. Brenda will email out some free patterns to give you ideas for using up those jelly rolls in your stash. Since this isn't a group event, Andi invited those interested to join her and Nancy at Mountain Stiches to sew together. There are already 4 or 5 work stations available, and when the shop closes at 2pm, some additional ones could be set up.

Upcoming Quilt Shows:

Sep 23-24 and Sep 30 - Oct 1 (two weekends) **The Material Girls Quilt Guild Show**, Winslow Elks Lodge #536, 315 W 3rd St. Winslow, \$5.

Oct 21-22 - **Autumn Splendor Quilt Show** - College Park Church Comm. Bldg, 1990 Jagger-son, Kingman 9-4, \$5.

Our Monthly Challenge for the October meeting (should you choose to accept) will be to make and bring a homemade Christmas Ornament to exchange.

Following Door Prizes and Show and Tell, the meeting was concluded at 12pm on a motion by Karen Kramer and seconded by Karla Desrosesiers.

Our next business meeting will be Monday, October 3rd, 2022. Doors will open for snacks at 9:30am and the meeting will begin at 10am.

Respectfully submitted by

Marilyn Giblin
Secretary