Pine Needlers' Quilt Group - Business Meeting, Nov 7, 2022 www.pineneedlers.weebly.com

The meeting was called to order by President, Brenda Clark, at 10:01am.

Guest, Joyce Davis, formerly from Overgaard, was introduced to the group as she & her husband have returned to the area and now reside in Linden. She is a good friend of Candy Kelley (they taught school together).

Pastor Schmeltz said a prayer in response to prayer requests made from the group.

The minutes as printed were found to have no corrections needed. The motion was made by Karen Kramer and seconded by Karla Desrosiers and was approved by the membership.

There were three cards sent to Pine Needlers in October. Thank You notes were received from the Community Center, the Food Bank, Just for Kids (formerly Santa's Kids) and the library to show appreciation for our donations. DJ Strauss shared how special it is to receive a card from the Pine Needlers, they are so thoughtful and appreciated.

November Birthdays: Martha Castillo, Sue Doty, Patty Holme, Trudy Janes, Barbara Jones and Karen Kramer.

The Treasurer's report was emailed to the group by Lesley Buechel and there were no questions concerning this report. Our ending balance was \$10, 40825.

Standing Committees/Old Business:

Military Quilts: 18 quilts are completed and in storage. You may mail completed BOM quilt blocks to Edna Kemp at PO Box 2213, Overgaard, 85933-2213 Brenda Clark passed out muslin quilt squares to be used from patriotic crumb blocks that will be made into a patriotic quilt for the April Military BOM. There are two patriotic Jelly Roll kits from Bonnie K. available for purchase for \$25. We will continue with BOM patterns starting in May as Edna has provided blocks to the group from Nov through April & Brenda emailed those patterns to the membership, as well.

Community Quilts: Martha Castillo reported that there are 7 or 8 completed community quilts. There are also a few tops in need of quilting.

Project Linus: July Inskeep reported that in the month of October 27 quilts were donated by members of the Pine Needlers. Project Linus had a need for 95 total. Another 86 blankets (fleece, knit, or crocheted) were compiled by the Project Linus team. There is now an additional need for 14 primarily for teenagers.

Retreats: Dates for 2023 are ready and will be up on the website and emailed to everyone by Brenda Clark. From April through September there will be two dates available each month. Starting in January, you must pay for your spot at, or by, the Business Meeting for that month. You will be allowed to sign up for only one of the two dates each month, so that everyone has a chance to take part.

Education: Linda Pfeifer passed out a survey with a list of possible classes. Everyone is asked to mark Yes/No/Maybe and return to Linda.

Karen Kramer shared information about an EPP (English Paper Piecing) class to be taught by visiting instructor Naneen Boyce from New Mexico. EPP is all hand work using shapes like hexagons, triangles, diamonds, clam shells, etc. The class will be held on June 5th and again on the 7th and will cost \$50 each, which includes the kit fee. Class size will be limited to 10 people. We will also extend an invitation to the Forest Lakes Piecemakers.

The Pine Needlers will be hosting an **English Tea with the Piecemakers** on June 6th with a trunk show by Naneen Boyce.

Mystery Qiult-A-Long: Brenda will send out the next two emails on November 14th and the weekend following Thanksgiving.

Karen Schuller shared with us that there was one vendor who had to pull out of our 2022 Quilt Show at the last minute due to a medical emergency. The vendor (who sells wooden quilting tools) has asked if their deposit can be applied towards the 2023 show, since they would really like to come. The group voted to approve.

Karen Kramer has asked for a committee of 3 to discuss a Featured Quilter for next year's show. Karla Desrosiers has agreed to chair this committee.

New Business

UFO/PHD/ or New Project List: Brenda Clark passed out a sheet on which you can list 11 projects, new or unfinished, that you would like to have completed in 2023. Each month, beginning in December, Brenda will roll the dice to determine the random item number on your list. If you are able to finish the task associated with that number on your list and bring it to the next business meeting, your name all go into a drawing for a prize. You alone are the owner of your list, there are no quilt police!

Upcoming Quilt Shows:

Nov 10th-12th - Tucson Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival at the Tucson Expo Center, 3750 E. Irvington Rd. Hours on Thursday and Friday are 10-5 and Saturday 10-4. Free admission and parking.

A **Member Interview** was given by Marilyn Giblin. Marilyn was born in Port Washington, Wisconsin and moved to Arizona when she was four, after beginning her third bout of rheumatic fever. She has been married to Von for 53 years and has three children and six grandchildren. Marilyn began sewing at a young age and was a garment sewer for many, many years. She began quilting (sort of) in the 70's, but didn't get serious about it until about 20 years ago. After retirement 10 years ago is when she was able to tackle free motion quilting. Marilyn retired from Avnet after 21 years (HR and as a Business Analyst), with prior work experience in HR at a printing company and before that various positions at both radio and television stations.

Our next member to present was Sharon Mominee (Marilyn's sister). Sharon was also born in Wisconsin and was only 13 months old when the family arrived in Arizona. She stated that she was a 'troubled' child who quit high school twice (but did finally finish). It was until the age of 33 that she was diagnosed with Bi-Polar disorder. Now, with the help of medication, she feels that she is her true self. She shares this information so that if there is anyone else who is dealing with it themselves, a friend or relative, she is more than happy to lend an ear. Sharon also began sewing early. She brought some show and tell to demonstrate her progress.

Sharon worked in real estate and as an accountant. She and her first husband were also cross-country truckers for four years. He drove during the day and she drove at night. After being single for awhile and happy to stay that way, her best friend finally (after years of trying) managed to have her meet Dave Mominee. She and Dave were married for nearly 25 years before he passed away in early 2021. She got the quilting bug in 1997 with help from her Mother, Valice Warner. In 2005 she got a long-arm and was in business until Dave became ill. She now lives here in Overgaard in a newly built home, and is glad to not be living in a camping trailer anymore!

Christmas Cookie Exchange and Potluck will be at 10am at Mary Slogar's home on December 12, 2022.

The homemade PotHolder Challenge was well-accepted by many members, and they were exchanged by drawing of names. All the potholders were wonderful!

After door prizes were awarded, Show and Tell has held, with projects shared by Brenda Clark, Karla Desorsiers, DJ Strauss, Joyce Davis, Carol Smith, Sharon Mominee, Gail Brandon and Karen Schuller. The group has been busy!

Our next business meeting will be Monday, January 2nd, 2023. Snacks at 9:30am and the meeting will begin at 10am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm following a motion by Karen Kramer and second by Renie Arrigo.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Giblin Secretary