

Pine Needlers Quilt Group
Business Meeting June 12, 2023
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The meeting was called to order by President, Judy Inskeep, at 9:30am with 34 members in attendance.

There were no new members or guests present.

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

Before the meeting officially started Judy Inskeep suggested we do Show and Tell then instead of waiting until the end of the meeting. Everyone agreed and it seemed to work out well. Karla Desrosiers, Marilyn Giblin and Trudy Janes all showed beautiful examples of what they did in the paper piecing class. Marilyn also showed a UFO quilt she did many years ago. Karen Shepard showed and told us about a cookbook that was done by Pine Needlers from years ago.

Minutes: The minutes as emailed were found to have one correction: Edna, not DJ, has been to the gym to measure and prepare for racks and drapes behind the Boutique area. A motion was made by Karen Kramer to approve the minutes as amended, Renie Arrigo seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved by the membership.

Correspondence: There a postcard from Yuriko telling us a little about her trip to Germany. A thank you card was sent from Deb Bradford on behalf of The Food Bank for donations we have made to them. We also received a letter of thank you from the Rim Country Senior Center for the donation we made to them.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Bradford discussed the Proposed Budget for 2023/2024. A motion to accept the proposed budget was made by Deb Bradford and unanimously accepted by the membership.

The ending balance for May, 2023, was \$3,408.21

It was mentioned that the 85/15 agreement we have for selling items at the quilt show has been changed to 80/20. All were in agreement.

Karen Kramer suggested adopting an unbalanced budget. It was decided to discuss that at a later date.

Karen Kramer also asked the membership to put a monetary value on anything they donate, whether they want reimbursement or not, as a way to show how much members contribute to the community and the Pine Needlers.

Standing Committees/Old Business:

Military Quilts: Edna Kemp reports that there are 28 quilts are completed and in storage for the upcoming presentation. She indicated that the current BOM patterns are on the back counter. You can either make a large block or several ½ square triangles.

The presentation will be at 10am on Monday, June 26th, at the American Legion. If you can, please be there by 9:15am to help set up. Please bring snacks, cookies, fruit, nuts, etc.

The following are scheduled to help: Marilyn Giblin, Photography; Martha Castillo & Lila Escalante, Refreshments; Registration, DJ Strauss & Shelly; Holders, Karen Kramer & Patty Holme; Folders, Candy & Barb Birdsell; Decorations, everyone; Opportunity quilt, Brenda Clark; Greeter, Leslie Buechel

Community Quilts: Lila Escalante reported that there are 35 completed community quilts and 3 rag quilts for the quilt show.

Project Linus: Judy Inskeep reported that 100 quilts have been donated. Kay Hunter donated a beautiful knitted baby blanket.

Congratulations Judy Inskeep on winning the Project Linus raffle quilt.

Retreats: The upcoming retreat dates for this month are June 22nd and 23rd. The 1st Retreat is full and the 2nd Retreat has plenty of room. In order for Carol to not hold a retreat, we must have no less than 10 members attending. Only if there are no members willing to take one or the other Retreats, then Karla has a list of those who don't mind attending 2 sessions. Please contact Karla Desrosiers promptly either after today's meeting or via phone call. Same goes, if you find you are unable to attend any upcoming Retreat spot. REMINDER; Retreat fee is due no later than the Business meeting in which the Retreat date is being attended by you.

Education: Linda Pfeifer reports June's classes are: June 19th. Bonnie Kouskouris will be teaching rope bowls.

Quilt Show: Karen Kramer / Candy Murray / DJ Strauss report:

DJ reported there is approximately \$1,400 worth of merchandise in the Raffle Basket and has, so far, brought in \$400 worth of tickets. She also asked for volunteers to man the ticket sales at the show.

Candy Murray said there would be a meeting Wednesday to update all forms and they will be ready for the next monthly meeting.

Karen Kramer suggested the flyers and bookmarks be handed out with the tickets. She said everything is up to date and sign-up sheets will be available soon. Marilyn Giblin said our add is on page 14 of the Country Register.

We still need quilts and table runners for the show, boutique and patriotic booth.

If you want to display a quilt at the show but don't want it voted on by the public, a number will not be assigned. Only members can vote on the Quilters Choice.

There will be a class category for projects made in a class. They do not have to be finished.

We were over budget on the meal we served last year. DJ, Candy and Karen suggested members make crock-pot meals and salads this year for after set-up. All members present agreed.

Renie Arrigo is in charge of the boutique and says SEW, SEW, SEW. Lots of items are still needed. Ask Renie, Leslie or Karla for 80/20 forms. Item cannot be for more than \$599.00.

There will be a place outside for people to sit and drink coffee, etc., and eat treats from the bake sale.

If there is any empty wall space available Featherweight machines may be displayed.

Brenda Clark needs volunteers to help sell tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. Some scheduled dates are July 8th, August 4th and August 19th. Tickets will also be available at Bear Cabin on June 23rd and at ACE on July 1st.

There will be an event at Tall Timbers Park on July 17th at which the Opportunity Quilt will be displayed. \$400.00 has already been collected in ticket sales.

Marilyn Giblin discussed the 2024 Opportunity Quilt. She showed a revised picture of what it will look like. She has already finished the center block and has kits for the other blocks with pieces already cut out. Full directions are included. The blocks are 12". She would like them returned to her by July 10th.

UFO/PHD/ or New Project List: Judy Inskeep reports that last month's #6 are here for viewing. Marilyn Giblin, Bonnie K, DJ Strauss, Judy Inskeep and Linda Pfeifer all had amazing pieces to show.

Winning participant of the monthly prize is DJ Strauss with her beautiful Chandelier Quilt.

Next months UFO Project is #5.

Judy's Group Challenge for next month is: Up cycle something for your sewing room or sewing needs. There will be prizes.

New Business

Upcoming Quilt Shows:

August 10th – 11th - Card Tricks Quilt Show

Member's Interviewee: Jenny Grotberg was our interviewee this month.

Jenny was born in Wisconsin and is one of five children. She made her first quilt in 1962 and didn't make another one until 2004. Jenny met her husband on a blind date, married 3 weeks later and he was sent to Viet Nam 2 weeks after that. 57 years later they have two sons and are still going strong. She moved to Yuma in 1975 where she went to community college and became an accountant. When it came time for her husband to retire she wasn't ready to, so after they bought a place in Overgaard she commuted from Yuma every Monday and back to Overgaard every Friday. After she did retire and was in Overgaard full time, she found the winters very boring. Then one day she saw an add about a quilt group in town. In 2004 she became a Pine Needler. She became the treasurer right away and stuck with it for several years. She has been a chairperson for three years. She gave a brief history of the Pine Needler's that everyone found fascinating. We started out at the Senior Center until it burned down, then went to a strip mall on 260 from April to September. After that we met at a building on 277 across from the water company, then to Bear Country RV park on 260, and finally found a resting place here at the Lutheran Church. Jenny won an award for the Lutheran Seal Quilt. It took her five months to figure out how to make the pattern. She then gave an bit of history on how our Military Quilt program came to be. Trudy Janes suggested Jenny write out the history of the Pine Needlers and the Military Quilts so all can read about it.

Next month's Member Interviewees are: Candy Kelly & Carol Smith

Additional New Business from the floor: Andi Williams announced a Buy, Sell, Trade event at Mountain Stitches Quilt Store on July 3rd from 10am to 2pm. She also said she knows a lady who makes t-shirts and will make some for the Pine Needler's if we are interested. She will bring more information to the July meeting.

DJ requested that when any of us go to a quilt store to please identify ourselves as Pine Needler's to let the stores know we are recognizing them and appreciate the fact that they are here for us.

Door prizes were awarded. Andi Williams, Trudy Janes, Barbara Jones. Lila Escalante and Paula Zillmer volunteered to furnish door prizes for the July meeting.

Our next business meeting will be Monday, July 10th. Snacks at 9:00am and the meeting will begin at 9:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm following a motion by Karen Kramer and seconded by Karen Schuller.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Adair, Secretary