

Niles Piece Makers Guild Minutes

June 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Robin English at 7:00 p.m.

Robin introduced the Board Members: Treasurer Beth Raker, and Secretary Sally Hanson. Absent: Sara Shrock.

There were 48 members in attendance.

There were four visitors, Tracey Krueger of Dowagiac, Angela Longieliere of Elkhart, Lori Danis of Edwardsburg, and Barbara Chestovich of South Bend.

There were three new members, Cindy Mehaney of South Bend, Judy Earnst of Buchanan, and Barbara Chestovich of South Bend.

Old business:

- Newsletter minutes and treasurers report were accepted as written.
- The bank account is \$3,004.74.
- New Officers—Nominations for President and Secretary will be take in July.

The July 24 meeting will be held at Sew Happy with Dale and Sean.

Quilt Show

Marilu Franks asked a question about funds from vendors. Discussion followed. The question was deferred to the Quilt Show Committee.

Annette Blaschuk reported on the Quilt Show. The layout was indicated to the members. She asked us to hand out bookmarks and posters at places we frequent.

The Boutique raises money for the Guild. Please contact Pam Holt if you have items.

Committee Reports

- Newsletter: Please call or email Beth Raker if you do not receive your newsletter by the 12th or 13th of the month.
- Charity: Please pick up kits and take quilts home for quilting.
- Venue: The Senior Center will not host any groups for the foreseeable future.
- Port Pillows: Kits are available
- Compassion: Virginia Kraft sent out 1 get well card and will send out another one this week. Patty Volmer asked for prayer for a medical condition. Mary Lou Hessey had a fall this week. Valerie at Stitch in Thyme is having a struggle with her husband's cancer and the shop. Keep her in your prayers.
- Website: Lisa Schmidtgoessling is updating the website and taking pictures of members.
- Secret Pal gifts were handed out.

New Business:

Sue Counts asked permission to get a rolling cart for her Hospitality boxes. The Board approved the purchase.

Annette Blaschuk asked that the Guild get 75 valance hangers, 20 poles with bases, and 66 crossbars for \$2500, to have enough for the quilt show display. Beth Raker moved that we raise the money. Sue Counts seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Upcoming and Community Events

- Check out the newsletter for Shop Hops and Retreats.

Door prizes were given to Virginia Kraft, Judy Watson, and Laura Koenigshof.

Charity Quilts were donated by

- Nancy Breidenbach
- Jenny Chapla
- Kristi Warmoth
- Beth Raker

Show and Tell:

- Lola Woolett
- Virginia Kraft
- Jan Holderman
- Deborah Brechtel
- Marianne Davis
- Sally Hanson
- Betty Green
- Julie Koch

Remember, if you finish an Unfinished Object, you can give your name (on a piece of paper) and \$1 to Robin English, and we will have a drawing at the Picnic in August!

The meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

Program: Beth Raker, Annette Blaschuk, Julie Koch, Glenda Lamont, Elaine Lee, Carolyn Ernsperger, Marilu Franks, Bettye Green, Debbie Givan, Carole Partlow, Kristi Warmoth, Robin English and Melinda Anstead shared memories and quilting stories.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Hanson

Secretary