

## RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD BOARD MEETING March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

This meeting was called to order at 10:35 am by Carla Mewhinney, President.

Carla opened meeting with a discussion on dates for the 2017 Quilt Show as the Convention Center is not available in February. The date currently booked is in March but this conflicts with a major quilt show in Dallas and the departure of the Winter Texans. The Center has the dates of January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> available with set up of the main hall available all day Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup>, but the classrooms and lobby would not be available until after 5 pm on Thursday. The only other days would be through the week and this does not seem feasible. After much discussion, especially as it conflicts with some local RV Park shows a motion was made by Renee Darkis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Blackburn that we change the dates to January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of 2017. Motion passed. Renee will contact those in charge of the local shows to advise them. Quilt Registration for the show would close January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and members would be encouraged to enter their pieces by mail or e-mail, especially those who do not get to the Valley till January.

A motion was made by Karon Jacobson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Jo Havertape that all future guild show dates be the last of January . Motion passed.

Carla Mewhinney introduced Judy Brown and Elaine Muzichuk as the new Bee Keepers for the lower and upper Valley. They asked for clarification on what their jobs called for them to do and were given many suggestions.

Evelyn Fincher presented a list of applicants for the College Scholarships that her Committee had made and asked for some assistance in who was best qualified. The Board suggested that Valeria Leal and Nicole Castaneda would be their choices. It was explained that the student must register for school and show proof to Evelyn and at that point Karon Jacobson will issue a check to reimburse them.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in Checking account is \$36,594.78. As show board treasurer she rec'd \$786.24 in credit card sales and will have further information on funds from Quilt Show at the Guild Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month after paying outstanding bills. Taxes for 2015 have been completed and filed at a cost of \$250.00. The Quilt Show items have all been moved to Port Isabel, all other items are now in storage in Weslaco (to include the Military Quilt items).

Carla introduced and gave those present their new Logo Pin. A discussion was held on the fact that several Guild Members were upset that the Logo was changed without their voting on it and that it no longer represented the RGV. Renee Darkis will explain to the membership at meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> why the logo was chosen and what it stands for. The members will be eligible to get their pins at the break after Renee has explained above.

Carla then showed us some shirts that a possible new vendor would make with our guild logo on it and wanted the Board's suggestions on how to handle the selling of these items. Discussion followed. Renee Darkis then made a motion, seconded by Karon

Jacobson that those who are in a quilting related business may purchase a single table only, for \$5 at the monthly Guild Meeting. This must be requested and prepaid one month in advance of the meeting and due to limited space will be on a first come, first serve basis. Motion passed.

Janome would like to make a presentation to the guild on their machines and in return give away a sewing machine.... It was discussed that this may become a problem with other vendors requesting the same time. A decision was made that Carla Mewhinney would discuss this with the General Membership at the meeting.

Janome is also talking about doing a 2 day workshop on embroidery here in the valley next winter. It was brought up that some members are placing ads on facebook and was this ok, especially if several more start doing this. No action taken at this time.

Quinta Matzalan would like to have a Quilt Show in November 2016 in conjunction with the Butterfly event and want to know if the guild would like to participate. A letter will be sent saying that we will advertise in newsletter if they in return, will allow us to sell opportunity quilt tickets and guild info at the show. It is believed they want items entered in the show from guild members.

Membership: Bonnie Hall requested that everyone write up a procedure for their position with the guild specifying their responsibilities etc. This would then be put in the cloud for eternity and those who are new to these positions will have something to follow. She would also like to hold classes for those who can enter items in the cloud.

Programs: All programs are set thru February 2017. Alice Gibson will do a program in April, but otherwise no programs set at this time for summer months. We need a chair for the "Friendship Day" and also a place to hold this event.

Schoolhouse: All classes for next year are set and will be announced shortly.

Sunshine & Shadows: Sharon DeGarimore's husband has passed, Carol Hover is recovering from surgery. Sharon Chapman is to be moved to rehab shortly if not already.

Newsletter: Items due on the 15<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that we feature a "Bee of the Month" and that the Bee Keepers encourage the Bees to send info for the newsletter..

QUILT SHOW 2017: Karon Jacobson, Show Chair announced that the dates for the show will be January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> with set-up on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the show will be "YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW". The Challenge will be "A Salute to the Beatles" as it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Band. The quilt must be a "Beatles Song" and the label on quilt must name the song.

Military Service Quilts – two sew days were held recently with a lot of tops made and bundles sent to the quilters. Greengate Grove Bee has been the most supportive Bee to this project. Deb Blackburn and Mary Jo Havertape will work on getting the criteria on who qualifies for a quilt and present this to the Board and Membership asap.

Retreat: Karyn Heaney reports that everything is a go for the first retreat next week. The Cotton Boll is going to set up a sales table for each retreat.

Debbie Blackburn and Florea Flores are working on setting up a program to encourage and promote quilting in the children of the Valley and will start with the 4H programs..

A major discussion was held on the need for more communication with the General Membership on what the Board is doing and the need to involve them in certain items. Part of the problem is the current By-Laws and these are to be revised over the summer. Carla will try to address some of the members complaints at the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> and assure everyone that our meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

The Board meetings will continue through the summer months unless otherwise notified.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary