

RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD –Board Meeting, January 11th, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Carla MeWhinney at 1 pm.

Secretary's Report: Renee Darkis reported that we had received a letter from Alie Hiles telling us that she is adjusting to life in Honolulu and that she misses the Guild.

No additions or corrections to minutes from December Meeting, therefore they were adopted as posted on web site.

Treasurer's Report: The balance in the checking account is \$5,130.89. Karon also showed the banner she made from the blocks turned in last year with the island theme.

Membership: We now have over 300 members. Members must renew before the break at the February meeting to be eligible for the scholarship drawings.

Carla Mewhinney reported that Terry Davis is taking over as Bee Keeper for the Lower Valley in Judy Brown's place. Judy is now our Program Chair.

Subie Redd reports that in order for the "Bobbin Buddies Bee" to continue they will need more participation. Carla will announce this at the General Meeting.

Community Service: Mary Jo Havertape has met with Rick and Subie Redd and turned over all Community Service items. A discussion was held as to how to handle the paperwork necessary for hours of credit, locations the donations were going to and, in particular, the paperwork on the Military Quilts. All donated Military quilts will go to Deb Blackburn and Laura Nunn and papers to Community Service. A list is being used to tell where the items are going and to get a signature of who receives them. This is necessary for tax purposes.

Programs: Judy Brown is working on current and future programs to be sure contracts etc. are in order. She would like to be able to have everyone enroll on the web site to take the load off at the meetings. Also, she is working on putting the Credit Card to use and the possibility of using Pay Pal in the future. Please see Programs on the web site for further information on classes.

Schoolhouse: Karen Dill reports that there is no enrollment for the class in March, therefore it will be cancelled and hopes to have another class set up by the meeting on Saturday.

Sunshine & Shadows: We are sorry to report on the passing of two long time members, Pat Brothers and Nila Layman. Maggie Putney and Judy Heineken are recovering from illness or surgery and Sharon Crosswhite had a fire which did major damage to her quilting studio.

Newsletter information is due by the 15th of the month.

Military Service Quilts: Two tentative sew dates are being worked on and will be announced soon. Deb Blackburn sent an e-mail to Pres. G. W. Bush explaining about our program and invited him to attend our Quilt Show to see the presentation of quilts to the Military Veterans in the Valley.

Retreat: As far as is known, is full.

Library: Vicki Guerra reports she has one new book.

Publicity: Carla reports we need a new publicity person and will ask at the meeting for volunteer.

FQ Drawing: Subie and Rick report they have purchased over 50 yards of fabric while it was on sale.

Karon Jacobson reminded Carla McWhinney that Installation of Officers is to be done at this next meeting.

Quilt Show:

Great News: Alice Gibson will be our Show Chair for 2018.

There will be 29 vendors.

More participants are needed in order to have our Fashion Show.

More Volunteers to work are needed.

There were 12 Challenge Quilts entered and Pat Skye has over 75 mini quilts entered in the Mini Quilt Competition. There are over 300 items entered in the show.

Meeting adjourned, respectfully, Judi Swanda, Secretary.