

RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD –Board Meeting May 10th, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Carla Mewhinney at 8:50 am.

Military Service Quilts: Chris Cowan, Carla Mewhinney and Renee Darkis took an inventory of the quilts in the storage. Following are the results: 128 finished quilts, approx. 30 sandwiched quilts, over 35 tops only and approx. 40 wheel-chair quilts.

Linda Garcia will be contacted to see how many quilts the Veterans Center/Prosthetic program will need. Renee Darkis spoke with the Activity Director at the VA Nursing Home in McAllen. They have 167 beds and currently 137 Veterans and would love to do a presentation on July 4th to the patients who are veterans. There is also a list of 18-20 who have been nominated and will require quilts. There are also 3 quilts with names on them who have not been given out. Labels will need to be made for all the quilts.

Carla has been in touch with Deb Blackburn and read an e-mail from her to the Board in which she objected to the large disbursement of quilts to the VA Nursing Home.

After much discussion on the above, it was decided that Renee Darkis will look in to screen printing the labels and a motion was made by Karon Jacobson that we donate quilts to all Veterans in the Nursing Home in a Ceremony on July 4th. Seconded by Rick Redd. This motion passed unanimously.

A Sew Day will have to be organized to sew on all labels and finish quilts etc.

Quilt Show: A request was rec'd from Ricky Tims management asking if we would advertise his Luminarium Class in return he would have several items to give away. He is also advertising our Show on his site. A motion was made by Rick Redd and seconded by Karon Jacobson that this be done. Motion also passed unanimously.

We continue to need a 2019 Show Chair.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$3,898.37 in the checking account. Taxes have been completed and submitted - cost \$250.00. One scholarship has been paid and one will be given to Rene Gamboa on May 16th for \$2050.00.

Membership: We have 286 paid members.

Community Service: For the month of April there were 133 items rec'd for a total of 929 hours and a value of \$6,735.25.

Programs: Renee Darkis and Carla Mewhinney presented a proposal as follows: Cindy Roth, Long Arm University may be coming to Valley to give a class to them on Long Arm Quilting in June. They suggest opening the classes to the membership. Two days of classes would be held, each day would be a different program with a maximum of six students. Cost would be \$225/person/day. No cost to Guild for this program, but if they would like her to present a program (Continuous Curved Quilting) to the June Guild meeting the cost will be \$250. There is also the possibility of a lecture on how to do business as a Long Arm Quilter after the main meeting. She is paying her own transportation/hotel etc.

Karon Jacobson made a motion that we obtain Cindy Roth as a Speaker at the Guild and classes and seconded by Rick Redd. Motion passed unanimously. Carla Mewhinney will contact Judy Brown.

Schoolhouse: Joy Paugh reports that schoolhouse classes are doing well and no problems have been encountered.

Friendship Day continues to need a Hostess and we still need a Publicity Chair.

Elections: The following positions are open for nominations: President; 3rd Vice-President/Programs and Secretary.

A call was received from Deb Blackburn via speaker phone who said she had rec'd an e-mail from STC, Jess Luna asking if the Guild was continuing with the Military Quilts and stating that there were two nominees who had still not rec'd quilts. She advised him that these nominees had been set up to receive quilts at the 2017 Quilt Show but did not attend. She will contact him and advise him to contact Chris Cowan to get these quilts given out. Deb was also advised of the decision by the Board to go ahead with giving

quilts to the VA Nursing home, those already nominated etc. She advised that Winter Ranch had set of December 1st, 2017 as a Sew Day.

New Business: The Policies and Procedures of the Guild need to be reviewed and changes made. Proposed changes were read and a decision will be made at the June Board meeting on these proposals.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary.