



Minutes

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Quilting Guild of The Villages was held at Laurel Manor Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order at 2:00PM by President Ardie Wood who welcomed all attendees. Roll call was taken and all chapters were represented. There were 51 attendees including the President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Secretary Report

Minutes have been posted to the QGOTV website for all to view. Reminder that all communications with the Chapter Presidents will be done via their QGOTV Gmail account.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nancy Miller asked several chapter reps to see her at the end of the meeting.

Programs

Vice President Yvonne Wecker was not present, so no Programs update was provided. As always, all information on Programs is current on the QGOTV website.

Committee Reports

Charity – Maureen Huntley asked all attendees if there was interest in providing support for the November Salvation Army fundraiser. The Guild has done cozies in the past for their soup dinner and Pixie Wilder let everyone know that these were most appreciated. Maureen left it up to the chapters to determine what they wanted to provide. Maureen asked everyone to discuss this with their chapter members and let her know by the end of the month of their interest in supporting this event. Send your replies to her at QGOTVcharities@gmail.com.

It was also mentioned that the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch needs 500 pillowcases for their Summer Camp which includes boys and girls. They would be due by mid-May.

Cornerstone – Pixie Wilder picked up at least ten (10) quilts. She didn't have any medallions with her but send her a message and let her know how many you want. She let everyone know that Paul Farineau is still undergoing treatment for his tumor and was able to get into a cancer trial program.

Honor Flight – Julienne Brodrick announced that the Honor Flight is going this evening – April 18. There will be 74 vets attending and she has 80 quilts to provide. There is one more flight in September, but we will be supplementing quilts provided by local church groups.

Denise Kuziw asked why the Guild does not support the Flightless events. Julienne said that they are given crocheted blankets but would check with her contact to see if any quilts could be provided.

Children's Home Society – Claire Creamer delivered several quilts to Larry at CHS this week. She picked up a large bag of pillowcases at the meeting. Claire will check with VP Wecker to see if she would like to redirect these to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch given the request made today.

Membership – No report was given but President Wood reported we are now at 1,214 members.

Nominating Committee – Ruth Strocchia has sent a message to all chapter representatives letting them know that the first meeting will be held at Rohan Recreation Center on May 5 at 9:00AM.

Scholarship 2023 – Lynn Klucynski reported that the committee reviewed 15 applications for the annual scholarship and 4 very qualified individuals were selected. They will be notified this week and will be invited to the June 6 Guild Meeting to receive this recognition. Each winner will be awarded \$1,000.00 which will be paid to the college they are attending. The names of the winners will be posted on the QGOTV website on June 2 under the "Charities" tab.

Marketplace 2024 – Julie Woith and Claire Creamer provided the update in Victoria Grace's absence due to an unfortunate fall. They indicated that they need the names of the chapter coordinators as soon as possible. The jobs have already been assigned to all chapters. Given that the number of chapters has increased since the last Marketplace, they were able to assign some chapters as "floaters" to help as needed. Notification will take place by the end of the month to all chapters with their designated roles. The May coordinators meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on June 6 at 5:30PM prior to the monthly Guild meeting.

Long Range Planning Meeting – This group will be meeting on April 26 at 7:00PM at Moyer Recreation Center. Pam Pike will be chairing this meeting which has been tagged a "Bring Your Ideas" meeting. Given the growth of the Guild and The Villages (6 new chapters in the last 6 years), it's time to discuss opportunities to manage the Guild to make sure all members benefit. It would be nice if each chapter could have a representative at this meeting to provide input. Carol Thurston from Piecemakers asked if minutes could be taken. That is typically not done as the intent of this group is to brainstorm ideas to present to EBoard if necessary.

Paypal – Effective Thursday, April 20 a new platform will be available on the QGOTV website for payment for all classes. Called STRIPE, the web committee feels it will be easier to use than Paypal as it facilitates the use of credit cards. This platform DOES NOT replace the current process for paying for classes by members who do not use their credit card. That will remain the same. At some point, they may be able to provide both Stripe and Paypal as options for use.

Other Business

President Wood reminded several chapters that they need to update their Member at Large email list. This is the list used to send the monthly EBoard agenda.

President Wood thanked the chapters that stepped up to host Camp Villages this year namely Lake Miona (6/13), Rohan (6/27) and Riverbend (8/1). Khakis and Sterling Stitchers both indicated that they had submitted to do this as well. There is still an opportunity. They just need to select a date and provide that to President Wood to request from the Recreation Department.

The final tally is now in for the charity selection for Showcase 2025 charity quilt proceeds. President Wood will be sending the top 5-6 that received 4 votes or more. Each chapter is to vote for no more than 2 from the list which will be provided this week. The chapter can cast 2 votes for one charity or 1 vote each for 2 charities. Votes should be sent directly to President Wood at ggotvpresident@gmail.com. All votes are due by the Guild Meeting on May 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15PM.

The next meeting of the Executive Board of the Quilting Guild of the Villages will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 2:00PM at Laurel Manor Recreation Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janis Kloeffler – QGOTV Secretary