



Minutes

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Laurel Manor Recreation Center

President Ardie Wood called the meeting to order at 2:04PM. All chapters were represented except for Mulberry. There were 53 people in attendance including the 4 Guild officers.

Secretary's Report

Minutes have been posted on the QGOTV website for all to review.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nancy Miller introduced the incoming treasurer – Patti Hendrix.

Vice President Report

VP Yvonne Wecker reported that the November visiting artist and M2M class information are posted on the web. The December classes will be posted soon.

Committee Reports

Charity – no report from Maureen Huntley

Cornerstone – Nanette Fahler was on hand to collect any quilts, but medallions are not yet available.

Honor Flight – Julienne Brodrick reported that she currently has 105 quilts but will need 140 for the April and May 2024 flights. Reminder that they are to be 40x60, red/white/blue and service specific quilts are appreciated.

Children's Home Society – Claire Creamer reported that she will be delivering donations this week valued at \$4,000.00.

Fidget Mats – The Guild members have really stepped up on creating these mats for the upcoming Coping with Dementia conference at the end of October at the Savannah Center. The current count is 309 with commitments for 75 more. Alice Nicholas from SeaBreeze reported that one of her members – Donna Sinrod – made 100 mats. VP Yvonne Wecker spearheaded this initiative for the Guild, and we are confident they will be appreciated by the attendees.

Membership – Nanette Fahler reported that membership is currently at 1,277 members. She and Penny Rice will be hosting a meeting this Friday, October 20 at Laurel Manor Recreation Center for all chapter membership managers. The renewal process is starting with a December 1 launch date and it's important to provide some refreshers for membership managers on how to enroll their chapter members. The meeting will start at 9:00AM and it's important for each chapter to be represented.

Fall Craft Show – Lynn Kluczynski reported that there are 21 chapters represented with 52 tables at this event being held at the Savannah Center on Saturday, October 28 from 9:00-2:00PM. She reminded the group that this is a Villagers only event. Cash and check are the preferred modes of payment though some crafters may be able to take credit cards.

Marketplace 2024 – Julie Woith reported that the committee is on track with this January 2024 event and all information is current and available via the QGOTV website under Marketplace.

2023 Stocking Challenge – Theresa Ierardi reminded the group that each chapter can enter 2 stockings for the contest. These need to be handed in at either November event – Guild meeting on 11/7 or EBoard on 11/21. If you have collected within your chapter, have your treasurer write a check made payable to QGOTV when you hand in your stocking. All stockings and monetary contributions will be given to the Children's Home Society.

Other Business

President Wood asked the attendees if all of the chapters are full. No one made any comments, but if you are NOT full, you should let the web team know so that this can be noted on the QGOTV website. Also let the web team know if you are increasing your dues in 2024 so this can be noted as well. If you need to change the information in the Recreation News for your chapter, send a message to qgotvpresident@gmail.com.

Charities for 2024 – Two charities were presented to the group by the Piecemakers Chapter. This information as well as the information on Big Brothers/Big Sisters which was presented in October is included at the end of these minutes. There was much discussion around charity work and the Guild. Some chapters feel pressure to provide charity support. President Wood made it very clear that charity support is NOT mandatory. Treasurer Miller also explained that the reason that charity tracking is done is for Federal Tax purposes. There is no magic number of charities for the Guild to support. Many chapters support their own charities, but in order to be tax compliant, we need to track the in-kind donations for the charities though this does not impact the tax return. The Chapter Presidents need to have their chapters vote on the following: How many charities do they want to support on a Guild basis? Which charities do they want to support? There will be six options presented (on the attached charity information sheet). The vote will be taken at the November 21 EBoard meeting.

4H – President Wood received a request from the Basics and Beyond 4H Sewing Club who is looking for a few volunteers to assist them on any third Saturday of the month to help with sewing projects. All projects are planned out ahead of time. There are ten (10) children in the group from ages 8-14. They enjoy all types of projects from sewing, crocheting, embroidery, quilting and crafting. They also do several community projects including Operation Shoebox stockings. They meet at the Oxford Community Center from 10:00-3:00PM. If any members of your group are interested, contact Barbara Andrews at 352-427-2442 or Andrewsbarbara410@gmail.com

New Guild Structure Proposal

President Wood introduced this segment by providing her thoughts on the Guild and the growth that she has seen in her 2-year tenure as president. It is obvious that in order for the Guild to keep up with the growth it has experienced, current processes need to be restructured. Simplification is at the core of this plan with the goal of having the Guild thrive and not just survive. There has been a feeling that the intent was to “make the EBoard smaller.” Though that could be a result of the proposed change, attendance at EBoard was never limited to only Presidents. Any chapter member has always been free to attend these meetings. It becomes more of a space limitation depending on the number of attendees. The chapter presidents will continue to receive the monthly EBoard agendas and are free to still attend though it will be mandatory for their liaison to attend as the representative.

Attendees were free to voice any and all concerns about this new structure which were addressed. Several indicated that their members still were not bought into the concept and felt there was too much of a rush to implement. President Wood offered to visit those chapters and speak to their members to address their concerns. The incoming President – Deb Silva – also voiced that she was supportive of this initiative and would remain committed to getting this setup during her tenure as president. Nancy Bowen moved for the group to vote on the proposal which was seconded by Sharon Warner. The vote resulted in 45 yes, 7 no and 1 abstain. The measure to move forward with the restructuring passed. The five chapters which voted against the plan should contact President Wood directly to set up a time for review. One chapter did that at the end of the meeting.

The Long-Range Planning Committee will continue to move forward in developing this structure. They will be meeting on October 25 at Moyer Recreation Center at 7:00PM. As always, any Guild member is free to attend.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be Tuesday, November 21 at 2:00PM at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Kloeffler

QGOTV Secretary

Charity Recommendations for 2024

The Villages Honor Flight (existing)

Cornerstone Hospice (existing)

Children's Home Society (existing)

Big Brothers/Big Sisters (new)

The Big Brother/Big Sister program pairs adults with children who are missing a positive role model. They begin pairing children with "Bigs" at age 5 and go thru 13. The children may stay in the program until they graduate high school if they wish. The program in this area serves several schools, including the charter schools. They would like to serve more schools, but don't have enough volunteers.

With that said, I'd like to help them as I know best, with quilts. BB/BS has a high volume of matches at the beginning of the school year, and slows down after that. At the beginning of the school year they make an average of 5 matches a month, and it slows down to 1-2 matches a month after that. Nancy says they'll take any size but I'm thinking 45 x 60 is the smallest we should go. They need boy and girl quilts. Or just generic. Many of these children don't have something like that of their own.

Liaison is Nancy Larger
Enrollment and Match Specialist
NancyL@bbbstampabay.org

Hands of Mercy Everywhere (new)

Hands of Mercy Everywhere, Inc. works together with the community to provide teen mothers and girls at risk of sex trafficking with needed resources, including education, parenting classes, life skills, career development, programs and support as they transition into adulthood. Located in Belleview, they have been around for 19 years and currently have 3 homes for housing up to 24 teens. They are opening a vocational center this year to help with job training skills. Their request is for twin sized quilts and blankets for children and adults as well as clothing, house supplies, gift cards, educational craft supplies and medical supplies. Contact is Tina Talton, 352-966-7515 or info@handsofmercyeverywhere.org.

Christian Care Center (new)

Ruth Assaid from Piecemakers Quilters is the contact person for additional information. They are looking to receive quilts for adults and children. Website is <https://www.christiancarecenter.org>. They are a shelter for homeless families.

