

Decatur Quilters Guild Business Meeting

August 11, 2021

Helen Parker called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

There were 21 members present.

Minutes: Rita Ham reviewed July minutes and made a motion to place on file as presented. Seconded by Sy McElvain and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sy McElvain reviewed the July Treasurer's Report and made a motion to place on file for audit.

Membership Report: With the passing of Audrey Maurice, we now have 52 members.

Committee reports:

Caring and Sharing: Judi VanMatre took a Sympathy card to Audrey Maurice's service for her family.

Judi's email address is judikmac64@comcast.net. Her phone is 217-433-0872. If you have any information on members who should receive a Thinking of You or Get Well card, please contact her.

Education: We will be having a Trunk Show at Tanglewood Village, 1293 S. 34th Street on Wednesday September 8 at 1:30 p.m. Any member wanting to bring a few quilts or projects to show the residents, contact Sharon Thompson.

Hospitality: Hostesses for the meeting were Carol Dressen and Judi Van Matre.

Newsletter: Anyone wanting to share a photo of their project or place an advertisement, send info to Jeanette Devereaux. (jskaar@me.com)

Outreach: With the passing of our coordinator for the neck pillows Audrey Maurice we need a new volunteer coordinator if we continue this project. Linda Boles has delivered 7 hospice quilts to DMH and 5 Veteran quilts to Traditions. Anyone wishing to make a fleece quilt for the Cancer Chemo Room, Linda Boles will bring her donated fleece to the next meeting.

Programs: August 25: Helen Parker will be demonstrating Paper Piecing. Everyone should bring a sewing machine, Add a quarter ruler, small rotary mat, Rotary cutter, grey or neutral thread, scissors, index card or postcard, mini iron, and small ironing mat or towel.

On September 22, Illene Tucker will be doing a hands-on project of Precision Piecing. Everyone will make a block and we will sew them together at the end of class and have a quilt to donate or sell at our Quilt Fest. Everyone should bring a Fat Quarter either a Darker shade of Yellow or Blue, Sewing machine with quarter inch foot, sharp straight pins, a stiletto, small cutting mat and Rotary cutter and Ruler.

Quilt Fest: The dates for Quilt Fest 2022 are April 8 & 9.

New Business: Mary Traxler made a motion to approve the amended By-Laws. Sharon Steinhart seconded. Approved unanimously. They will be printed in the new Membership book.

Mary Traxler made a motion to print 50 Membership Books at a cost of \$160.00. Seconded by Sy McElvain. Passed unanimously.

During Show and Tell Brenda Hoyt presented a Love Bug pillow. It's a stuffed pillow given to children who are experiencing stressful situations. There is a pocket to include a note with words of encouragement and support. Moda Fabrics has a free pattern on their website, <https://modafabrics.com/inspiration-resources/sew-little-love-bug>. They have partnered with the Creativity Shell to make and donate Love Bugs through the Sew a Little Love Bug campaign to children in need. Brenda and her daughter will be making them for autistic children through her daughter's workplace, Springfield Clinic. Another example of quilters using their skills to benefit others.

Upcoming meetings:

Craft Bazaar Sale: The Guild has reserved a booth at Mt. Zion's Harvest Fest Craft Show on Friday Aug. 27 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up for work shifts at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m. on a motion by Mary Traxler.

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