

GULF STATES QUILTING ASSOCIATION
General Meeting
April 22, 2017

The quarterly general meeting of Gulf States Quilting Association was held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Community Center, Amite, LA. President Renee Hoeprich called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. President Hoeprich asked for all cell phones to be silenced. Charles Berry opened the meeting with a prayer.

President Hoeprich thanked the host, Queen Bees Quilt Guild. She recognized guests, first meeting attendees, and new members. There were 149 members and 21 guests present at the meeting.

Minutes – Recording Secretary Mary Ellen Leingang read an abbreviated version of the minutes of the January 28, 2017 General Meeting. Sheryl Bordelon made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Jill Whipple seconded the motion which passed by a vote of the membership.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Loretta Webre read the treasurer's report covering the period January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017.

President – President Hoeprich recognized the following outgoing board members who were not in attendance at the January 2017 General Meeting:

Fran Fletcher, Kay Guillot, Jane Ramee, and Cindy Baucum

President Hoeprich also recognized GSQA member accomplishments including Susan Mogan who was a winner at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY and numerous members who participated in the Bridge Over Troubled Waters distribution. Renee also announced that there will be a memorial for GSQA members who passed away in the past year. She asked for members to submit names to be included in the memorial. President Hoeprich also announced the title of the Opportunity Quilt. Cheryl Armstrong submitted the winning name, Dancing Gardens. The blocks were selected at seminar and the completed quilt will be displayed at the October General Meeting.

President Hoeprich also announced that the General Meeting Minutes are now included in the newsletter and are available on the web site. The Board Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report are available upon request.

President Elect – Roberta Wilson reported on the status of completed and in process charity sew quilts.

Past President – Cindy Champagne announced that she is in the process of creating a nominating committee for upcoming open board positions.

POE – Paula Matthews announced that the next POE is May 6, 2017 in Gulf Shores. Another POE is scheduled for August. Details will be available in the next newsletter and on the GSQA webpage.

Seminar – Gaye Smith reported on the recent seminar. There were 119 students registered with four cancellations. There were seven teachers and six vendors. The nine opportunity basket

ticket sales reached almost \$1,000. Gaye is also asking for suggestions for teachers for the next seminar.

Retreat – Cindy Champagne announced that the winter/spring retreat is February 2018 at Beckwith. She is looking for a place in Mississippi or Alabama for the fall retreat (September) which can hold about 50 attendees.

Quilt Show – Laura Broders announced that there are many opportunities for volunteers for the Quilt Show and Rosebud Luncheon. The show is April 13-14, 2018 and the luncheon is April 7 at the Crown Plaza in Kenner. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Ways and Means – Glenda Spikes announced that she has patches, pins, and thimbles for sale. Throws are \$12 and bags are \$10. Glenda is looking for a quilt guild to volunteer for the next Lotto Blocks.

Marion Maerke – Candy Bergeron announced that she is seeking nominations for the Marion Maerke scholarship. There will be one winner and one alternate. The deadline for submission of nominations is July 31, 2017. The Marion Maerke committee members are Judith Wheeler, Carolyn Carte, and Kay Guillot. Information on submitting nominations can be found on the web site.

Membership – Cena Harmon reported on the number of new members, and member and shop renewals over the past three months. In total there were 36 new members, 163 member renewals, 2 new shops and 5 shop renewals resulting in 661 members and 20 shops. There are 48 member guilds. Cena reminded all to sign up or renew for two years.

The Reading is Quiltamental exhibit is going to the Bay Oaks Quilt Show in May. It is available for display until September at which time it will be dismantled. The special exhibit for the 2018 Quilt Show will be Name That Tune. Submissions should be a small quilt no larger than 8” in diameter representing a song. Contact Cena to submit an entry. There will be a limit of 42 songs.

The Traveling Teacher Program for 2018 is Gail Garber. She will be in the GSQA area for two weeks. April 23, 24, and 25 are the dates still available for guilds to schedule a class.

Circuit Teacher – Liz Linebrink reported on the number of circuit teacher classes scheduled this year. Liz also announced that effective July 1, 2017, the price for a class will be increasing to \$25 for members and \$50 for nonmembers.

Lotto Blocks – Rose Corder drew names for the Lotto Blocks. The winners were:

1930's – Loretta Webre

Sports – Roberta Wilson

1800's – Mary Ellen Leingang

Amethyst – Louise Porter

Patriotic – Dan LeBlanc

Workshops – Gaye Smith reported that there will be two workshops with Annette Ornelas prior to the July meeting in Columbia, MS. There are limited spots available on July 20 and 21, 2017. The price per class is \$45.

Newsletter – In the absence of MaryAnn Caruso, Cindy Champagne requested information for the newsletter and reminded members to utilize the GSQA Facebook page.

Media – Cheryl Armstrong asked for information from guilds to be shared on the website. Cheryl is also handling parts of the publicity position at this time. Renee Hoeprich informed members that there is an opening for Publicity Director and asked if anyone is interested to contact her.

Historian – In the absence of Angie Madden, Renee Hoeprich reported that GSQA information is now going digital. Historical information will be stored on an external hard drive in an attempt to streamline storage of information.

Program – In the absence of Therese Springer, Roberta Wilson reported on programs. The July 22, 2017 general meeting will be in Columbia, MS. Annette Ornelas will be the speaker. She does Dimensional Curved Patchwork or Peeled Back Applique. The October 21, 2017 meeting will be held in Covington, LA. Rhonda Dort from Texas is lined up to be the presenter. She creates quilts with vintage linens and laces.

Door prizes were distributed.

Gaye Smith introduced speaker, Sandy Turner. Sandy presented an interesting display of her quilts utilizing large print fabrics.

At the conclusion of the presentation, announcements were made regarding upcoming quilt shows in Leesville/Ft. Polk and Baton Rouge. Charlene Berry of Holy Trinity Triple Negative (HTTN) Foundation thanked The Giving Quilt for over 30 quilts donated to the foundation.

There being no further business, Loretta Webre made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bettie Frisbie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 followed by Show and Tell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen Leingang
Recording Secretary