

GSQA
Meeting Minutes 1/27/18
Baton Rouge, LA

The quarterly general meeting of the Gulf States Quilting Association was held on Saturday, January 27, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by President Renee Hoeprich. Joyce Perry, a member of The River City Quilt Guild, opened the meeting with a prayer.

President Renee Hoeprich welcomed and recognized host guilds: Cajun Country, River City, Remember Me, The Giving Quilt and Wasted Women's Quilt Bee. Thanked Joyce Perry and St. John's United Methodist Church. Recognized members, guests, and first time attendees.

Abbreviated minutes of the meeting was read by Mary Ellen Leingang. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Candy Bergeron and seconded by Lenni Stickles.

Gaye Smith read the Treasurer's report.

President Renee Hoeprich recognized the outgoing Board Members: Glenda Spikes, Ways and Means; Liz Linebrink, Circuit Teacher; Loretta Webre, Treasurer; Mary Ellen Leingang, Secretary. Cindy Champagne was presented with her Presidents charm. Also recognized was Gaye Smith, outgoing Seminar Director.

Installation of new officers by Cindy Champagne: Roberta Wilson, President; Alesia Williams, President Elect; Gaye Smith, Treasurer; Connie Day, Secretary; Paula Matthews, POE, Glenda Copeland, Circuit Teacher; Charlene Berry, Program Chair; Ways and Means; Margie Bumm, Seminar Director.

President Roberta Wilson presented Renee Hoeprich with an outgoing quilt. Roberta reviewed the Charity Quilt Project and announced there is a need for a volunteer to keep track of quilts donated to charity. Also, share patterns that are not copyrighted on the website.

President Elect Alesia Williams gave a brief introduction of herself and asked for volunteers to help with the Opportunity Quilt.

Membership – Cena Harmon

November 2017 – 2 new members and 15 renewals. Deposits for the month totaled \$420.

December 2017 – 2 new members and 21 renewals. Deposits for the month totaled \$580

January 2018 (thru Jan 22, 2018) – 10 new members and 25 renewals. Deposits for the month totaled \$860.

Summary: 14 new members and 61 renewals. Deposits of \$1860.

Total expenses were \$260.20

As of 1/22/18: Membership in Good Standing is 646, with 81 members-at-large, 6 junior members, and 18 current member quilt shops. There are 45 guilds with 5 or more current GSQA members. (There are 15 guilds with fewer than 5 members represented in our general membership.

Total membership attendance in 2017: Gen members:532 + Board Mbrs: 54 = 586

Total guest attendance in 2017 (Jan-16, April-21, July-14, Oct-17)	+ 68
Total	654

For an average of 163.5 members/guests per meeting

For the year 2017, there were 31 GSQA non-board members who had perfect attendance at the four quarterly meetings (9 board members also had perfect attendance). The Winners for Perfect Attendance are Mae Fowler, Laura Robertson, and Nancy Newman.

There were 121 members signed in today and 13 guests for a total of 134.

Virginia Moody of Island Quilters Guild is collecting 6 1/2" squares that must contain the color pink for Breast Cancer Project. Please bring squares to April meeting and Cena will collect.

Gail Garber will be teaching Scrumptious Stars hosted by River City, Sensational Stars hosted by Remember Me, and Little Goose hosted by Cajun Country. Check the newsletter for info on classes.

Name That Tune – collected the last 3 quilts today and will begin painting on the Canvas.

Historian-Angie Madden

No report

Quilt Show Director – Laura Broders

Karla Maxfield passed away Monday. A moment of remembrance was observed.

Janet Bailey has 316 quilts entered into the show. The transfer to on-line registration was new and will continue. There is room for 9 more XLarge quilts. XLarge is 96" or greater. Judging is on Monday and Tuesday and can use more volunteers. Rose Corder is chairing the door prize table. When you get your ticket, you will be able to immediately identify if you have won. Prizes will correspond to the ticket number. Prizes are still needed and do not have to be quilt/sewing related. Rose also needs volunteers to man the door prize table Friday and Saturday for approximately an hour and 15 minutes. You will assist attendees identifying if they won a prize and award them.

Docents are needed for the show. Laura Robertson volunteered to chair the docents.

Dan LeBlanc will need help hanging quilts Wednesday and Thursday and take down on Saturday.

The Luncheon is April 7th at the Crowne Plaza. The Crowne Plaza has provided 50 more seats and will still be within fire code. Margie Bumm has tickets. Doors open at 10, lunch is at 11:30 and raffle of baskets is at 1:00. The Basket Raffle will be in the form of a Chinese raffle. You enter your ticket for the basket of your choice that you would like to win. \$1 per ticket for 6 for \$5. Susie Vanderkuy is collecting baskets for the raffle. There is usually 60-67 baskets. The revenue goes towards the cash prizes for the show. Money from ticket sales go to the Crowne Plaza.

Laura has bookmarks for the show. Sales are going well.

Alma Moates will be appraising quilts at the show.

Stitchy Fingers put together the lotto blocks. They have different colorways to choose from. Blocks are due back in April.

Renee Hoerich presented pins to block makers of the Opportunity Quilt who were not present at the October meeting. There are 75 charity quilts ready to go. Some still need binding and labels. One or two needs to be quilted. Wasted Women's Quilting Bee has donated over 70 kits. Quilts can be turned in until the day before the show. There will be a Community Service table at the Quilt Show. Patterns and kit will be ready to go. Sew This is providing the sewing machines.

Roberta announced the person selling the most tickets for the Opportunity Quilt will receive a prize.

Guild Challenge-Cena Harmon

See above.

National Circuit Teacher Program-Cena Harmon

See above.

Retreat-Cindy Champagne

The retreat at Beckwith is this coming weekend. Spots are still available. There is a tentative retreat scheduled for the fall. Details to follow in the upcoming newsletter.

Pursuit of Excellence-Paula Matthews

The next POE will be February 17, 2018, in Hattiesburg, MS, hosted by the Stitch' n Post. There are still spaces available. We still need host guilds for 2018-2019. The 2nd POE will be in LaPlace, LA on May 19th hosted by Quilting Fans at the St. John Parish Library. Check the website for details.

Circuit Teacher Program-Glenda Copeland

Explained what the Circuit Teacher program is. Nothing scheduled right now.

Ways and Means-Charlene Berry

Sold \$65 worth of merchandise today. Reviewed items for purchase. New charms will arrive in March.

Newsletter-Mary Ann Caruso

Newsletters are published 4 times a year: January, April, July, and October. Please share any info you have. Deadline for articles is one month before the newsletter is published.

Media Director-Cheryl Armstrong

Check the website for latest updates. Check out our Facebook and sign up. A new page has been added for Retreat photos.

Marion Maerke Scholarship Award-Candy Bergeron

Rules were changed to state that previous winners may not be nominated. Alternates are eligible for the award and may be nominated. Check the website for policies and procedures.

Seminar-Margie Bumm

Gaye Smith reported seminar will be held March 26-30, 2019

Program Director-Therese Springer

Our next meeting will be April 28th in Pensacola, FL, hosted by the Pensacola Quilt guild. Gail Garber will present her lecture "Liberalism in Quilting: Free-Form Art Quilts". Most of you know her work with swirling and swooping Flying Geese.

July 28th we will be in Long Beach, MS. Our speaker will be our own member Amy Aderman. As a sales rep for Blank Fabrics, she will tell us what it's like being a fabric sales person and what it's like being one of the first to see all the new fabric.

We really need for a guild to volunteer to host the October 27th meeting and it's not too early to volunteer to host the January 26, 2019 meeting.

Door and name tag prizes were awarded. Lunch was served.

Therese Springer introduced Cena Harmon who presented this month's program "Fauxgello."

Other Announcements

Connie Day presented The Giving Quilt's Challenge.

Charlene Wilson announced a free quilt frame.

Ms. Townsend announced podcast Justwannaquilt.com

Leigh Babin announced Allbrand's sewing class.

Remember Me is sponsoring Carol Jaynes who will present a beginning Judy Niemeyer quilt class 2/24

Show n Tell

Rose Corder – Fractured Panels a Kathy Brown pattern

Paula Wright – Switchback

D'loye Swift – Bonnie Hunter Leaders and Enders

Judy Flanagan – Opportunity Quilt

Lenni Stickle – Redwork

Barbara Hale – Paula Toups Ya Ya

Fran Fletcher – Connie Ewbank Trees

Cena Harmon – Beach Scene and Black and White Challenge

No other announcements Rose Corder motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Pam Rosebrook.
Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Day
Recording Secretary