

GULF STATES QUILTING ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2017
Columbia, MS

The quarterly general meeting of the Gulf States Quilting Association was held on Saturday, July 22, 2017 in Columbia, MS. President Renee Hoeprich called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Charlene Berry.

President Hoeprich thanked the host guilds, Picayune Piecemakers and Jessie's Girls for arranging the meeting location. New members, first meeting attendees, and guests were recognized. Attendance at the meeting was 138 members and guests.

Minutes - Recording Secretary Mary Ellen Leingang read abbreviated minutes from the April 22, 2017 General Meeting. Lucy DeHarde made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Ilaine Hartman seconded the motion which passed by a vote of the membership.

Treasurer - Loretta Webre read the Treasurer's report covering the period April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

President Hoeprich reminded members that the minutes of the general meetings are on the web site and published in the newsletter. She also announced that the Board Meetings are open to the membership. The next board meeting is September 9, 2017 in Biloxi, MS.

Historian - Angie Madden announced that the GSQA Board approved a change to Article VIII, Section 2 of the By-laws to require the quorum for a board meeting to consist of elected board members. The change reads as follows: Section 2, Board meetings will be held as often as deemed necessary, but not less than four times a year. A quorum of not less than four ELECTED members, one of which must be the President or President-Elect, will be required to conduct business.

MOTION - Kathleen DeRoche made a motion to accept the change to the by-laws. Rita Lufkin seconded the motion which passed by a vote of the membership.

Past President - Cindy Champagne introduced the members of the Nominating Committee: Paula McKenna, Cindy Baucum, and Charlene Berry. She introduced the nominees for President-Elect and Treasurer. There being no additional nominations from the floor, Cindy Champagne asked for motions to close nominations as follows:

President-Elect: Alysia Williams

Motion to close nominations for President-Elect was made by Ilaine Harman and seconded by Paula McKenna. The motion passed by a vote of the membership.

Treasurer: Gaye Smith

Motion to close nominations for Treasurer was made by Claudia Washington and seconded by Huldah Ingram. The motion passed by a vote of the membership.

The nominating committee did not have a nominee for Secretary and asked for any nomination from the floor. Candy Bergeron nominated Connie Day for Secretary. Angie Madden made a **motion** to close the nominations for Secretary. Holly Fink seconded the motion which passed by a vote of the membership

A **motion** to accept the slate of officers was made by Angie Madden and seconded by Elaine Gosselin. The motion passed by a vote of the membership.

President – President Renee Hoeprich introduced incoming president Roberta Wilson. Renee reminded the membership about collecting Hobbs batting labels, soft drink tabs, and bed in a bag plastic cases and requested volunteers to hold quilts during show and tell. Renee reported that the Opportunity Quilt will be displayed at the October meeting at which time tickets will be sold and contributors recognized. The quilt needs to be appraised before obtaining a license to sell raffle tickets. Renee also asked for a show of hands of those who would be interested in a beginner and/or advanced EQ7 class at seminar. Renee also recognized Marilyn Rose for being named MQA Outstanding Quilter for 2017.

Incoming President - Roberta Wilson provided status on the charity quilt tops and kits. There are 90 tops in the pipeline and five kits available today.

October Memorial – Cindy Baucum is in charge of the memorial to be held at the October general meeting to remember GSQA members who have passed away in the past year. Please contact Cindy with the names of anyone from your guilds who need to be included in the memorial. GSQA would also like to recognize any current or active quilters in the military.

Marion Maerke – Candy Bergeron announced the Marion Maerke committee members and read the details of the scholarship awarded to the winner and alternate. She reminded the membership that the deadline for submission is July 31, 2017. The winner and alternate will be announced at the October general meeting.

POE – Paula Mathews reported that there are two POE's scheduled. The next POE is August 19, 2017 in Biloxi, MS with another September 30, 2017 in Franklinton, LA. Paula announced that she is looking for locations for 2018 and 2019. Contact Paula if your guild is interested in hosting a POE.

Retreat – Cindy Champagne announced that the fall retreat will be November 10, 11, and 12, 2017 at Judson Baptist Retreat Center. Minimum attendance is 20 with maximum of 40. Cost is \$155 for a double room. The winter retreat is February 2, 3, and 4, 2018 at Beckwith. Maximum number of attendees is 44. There is a sign-up sheet available to reserve your spot with a deposit.

Quilt Show – Laura Broders reported on the status of preparations for the 2018 Quilt Show. There are still opportunities available for those members who would like to volunteer. Laura also asked members to enter quilts in the show. There is a non-judged category for those who do not want their quilt judged. On-line registration will be available for the 2018 show. Laura also reported that the Rosebud Luncheon tickets will be available at the October and January general meetings. The maximum number of tickets available for the luncheon is 160.

Seminar – Gaye Smith reported that the teacher selection committee is working on scheduling teachers for the 2019 seminar. The committee would like to include local teachers from the

GSQA membership. Gaye would like anyone who would like to be considered for a teaching position to send information to her.

Ways and Means – Glenda Spikes announced that the new GSQA bags are available in eight colors for \$12 each. Lotto blocks are still available for purchase.

Media – Cheryl Armstrong requested that members continue to send her information and pictures to add to the web site.

Door prizes were awarded and lunch break began at 11:30.

Meeting resumed at 12:15 with additional door prizes awarded.

Membership – Cena Harmon reported that as of July 19, 2017, there were 626 members in good standing. Shop and member guild renewals have been posted on the GSQA website. Cena also reported that there are 42 entries for the quilt show challenge, Name That Tune. The Reading is Quiltamental display is retiring after display with Magnolia Quilters. Cena also reported that there is an open date of April 16 for a class with Gail Garber, the GSQA traveling teacher.

Circuit Teacher – Liz Linebrink reported that there have been 10 classes booked for 2017 with six already having taken place. Liz introduced the following circuit teachers who presented overviews and samples of their classes: Rhonda Blasingame, Beth Jessup, Marilyn Rose, Marie Fuselier, Dorinda Evans, Sherry Herringshaw, Angie Madden, Connie Ewbank, and Liz Linebrink.

Newsletter – There was no newsletter report.

Program – Therese Springer reported that Rhonda Dort will be the program at the October 21, 2017 general meeting in Covington. Rhonda's program will be on antique linens. There will not be a workshop prior to the meeting. The January 27, 2018 meeting in Baton Rouge will have Cena Harmon for the program. She will describe her technique called Fauxgello, using striped fabric. Therese announced that she has meeting locations through April 2018 but needs guilds to host the July and October 2018 meetings.

Name tag drawing winner was Maria Morrow. Additional door prizes were awarded.

Therese Springer introduced speaker Annette Ornelas. Annette showed her beautiful quilts using her orange peel applique technique.

Announcements – Announcements were a community sew day in Baton Rouge on August 26 hosted by The Giving Quilt. Old Man River Fest will be in Vicksburg, MS. The Stitching Post in Hattiesburg is offering 20% off today for GSQA members.

There being no further business, Claudia Washington made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Rose Corder seconded the motion which passed by a vote of the membership. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. followed by Show and Tell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen Leingang
Recording Secretary

