

Chequamegon Bay Quilters – Minutes for November 7, 2023

Nancy P. called the meeting to order at 5:30

How many present? 16 Zoom? 2

Name tag drawing winner: Jan Benson

Program guests

- Joe Beedlow, Quilt Elements, Ashland
- Tammy Callahan, Quilting Up North, PortWing
- Laura Wirkkila, Laura's Sewing School, Ashland
- Deb Morrissey representing the Fabric Patch, Ironwood, MI
- Nancy Peterson representing Fabric Life, Ashland

Each store owner discussed the services and products their store offers

Quilt Elements will be offering workshops and monthly group meetings. Joe plans to offer in person and Zoom programs. He will soon have an in store sewing machine technician. He has sewing and quilting machines for sale in store and offers long arm quilting service. He also plans to expand his fabric selection to include garment fabric.

Quilting Up North continues to offer a wide variety of fabrics and the long arm quilting service. Tammy is having a class on making a purse coming up on November 11.

Laura's Sewing School has a multitude of group and individual sewing classes. Laura has an Accuquilt Studio Cutter and Ditto Pattern Computer Program to aid in making an individualized sewing pattern for garments.

The Fabric Patch has a large selection of quilting fabric and general sewing supplies. The store sells Husqvarna sewing and embroidery machines. They are planning a Zoom quilt retreat in February and have current online classes including a monthly embroidery class and a sewing project using the Dresden neighborhood pattern.

Fabric Life is having an open house on November 9. New fabrics include quilting and garment fabrics. Heidi has also made space available in her store for consignment sales.

Discount coupons were made available to the group members.

Board Action Item:

The advisory board meeting was held on October 17. Board members recommended the following revisions to include renaming the communications officer the Technology Officer and having the individual on the board; and changing the month dues are collected to November (from October). The proposed changes will be brought to the membership for approval in January 2024.

Slide show / Show N Tell -

TGIF projects shown

12 x 12.

Several members showed their beautiful projects.

Winners of the quarterly 12 x 12 drawing were Lucy and Jean.

Check out the slide show on www.chequamegonbayquilters.weebly.com.

Snacks:

Fran brought a delicious crockpot of chicken chili. Nancy and Deb brought cheese, sausage, crackers, cookies and apple cider.

September meeting minutes approved: Jan S motioned, and Deb A seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's report – same as last

Current Balance: 3611.24

Quilts of Valor: 276.93

Guild Cushion: 300.00

Available Balance: 3034.31

Quilt of Valor Foundation Account: 186.10

Treasurer's report accepted as read.

Sunshine Fund: Deb O, Nancy P, Deb M, Happy Birthday

Jan Benson makes cards and she gave out the card wrapped in a pretty fat quarter.

Quilts of Valor (QOV):

12 quilts were awarded at the October event

Jan S stated there are currently 4 quilts on hand. Anyone with a kit should get their quilts finished so they can be sent to a long armer in a timely fashion.

The Executive Board has been talking about a welcome packet for new members. Quilts of Valor, membership list, bylaws, etc. Nancy P has started to work on it.

Sew Days

Kaci and Fran will schedule a sew day after Jan 1

Other Business

12x12, Jan reminded members to tell her if their project is a 12 x 12 when submitting it for the monthly slide show

Monthly slide show. Jill requested that pictures be sent to her by 4 pm on the Monday prior to the meeting to allow her adequate time to get the slide show completed.

Lucy would like to have small book project printed for each member and given out at the December meeting. Lucy will submit the pictures to Amber who will arrange to have it printed in Ashland.

The next meeting will be on December 5

It will be a pot luck

Bring a \$10 gift to exchange

Sandy and Charlie are planning fun, fun, fun.

Bring scissors

Future lunch plans

A sign up list for 2024 will be at the December meeting. It is recommended that two or three people sign up for each meeting.

Nancy P held a special drawing for in person attendees. Dawn was this month's winner and she won a gift certificate to the Fabric Patch.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.