

**Chequamegon Bay Quilters**  
**Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2020 (Virtual Meeting by Zoom)**

15 members present, 1 guest (Melissa Martinez).

Call to Order President Sheri Swanson called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Minutes from the October virtual meeting are posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report (Amber E.)

\$3567.03 in the checking account, with \$52.47 specifically for Quilt of Valor. With a cushion of \$300, there is an available balance of \$3214.56. There is \$470.55 in the QOV Foundation's account. \$100 is from the American Legion. 16 members are current with dues at this point. Last year there were 36 paid members.

Quilt of Valor (Jan S.)

There are 32 quilts for distribution once they are all quilted. Peggy Hagstrom has been making many tops. Quilts are stored at Jan S.'s until the guild can safely give them. A few quilts are out to long-armers. Jan S. had hoped for a small ceremony this winter, but that doesn't seem likely with the COVID increased spread at present.

Sunshine (Sue G.) November birthdays: Deb Morrissey (3).

Communications (Karen Y.)

- Karen printed and mailed out the CBQ's Newsletter.
- Karen received positive feedback from Carrie and Gayle, others at the meeting. It's great way to include everyone and get news out to those not coming to meetings. It's nice to receive something in the mail.
- Discussion to have the newsletter on a regular basis. How often? Every other month? Quarterly and make it more substantial?
- Gayle S. is willing to help with communications, i.e., could help with newsletter.
- Anyone want to help with writing a paragraph or two for an article?
- The newsletter supplements meeting minutes posted online (email alerts to the posting).

Programs (Jan S. and Deb M.)

- Deb M. and Jan S. are coordinating the programs for each meeting to include
  - Quilt influencers (5-minute discussion)
  - Program by a member
- Deb M. gives an example of each of these parts this evening.
- One person doesn't have to do both in same month—Deb M. and Jan S. will send out an explanation in writing about the plan for programs to encourage signups by members. Karen Y. will do the program in January.

- December will be a Christmas party including games. Please plan to dress for Christmas, and/or include a Christmas-type backdrop for your Zoom face.

### Saturday Sew Days (Charlie W. and Sandy O.)

Charlie and Sandy will be meeting soon to discuss options. QOV national sew day is February 6. What about a sew day before that? December 5. Perhaps hold them quarterly? Sew day doesn't have to be serious sewing. Perhaps the format could be start at 10 am, chat first and show project, then sew for 4 hours, then show progress. People can come and go into Zoom.

### **Old Business**

#### Dues

16 members have paid so far.

#### Help with Communications

Gayle S. has signed on to help.

#### Newsletter

Any other comments? Please share with Karen Y.

#### 12 x 12 Challenge

We need a volunteer to keep track of what is shown at meetings that are 12 x 12 projects. Melissa M. is willing to do this. Basic 12 x 12 concept: In March, each person participating lists 12 projects to work on. These projects can be unfinished projects from the past or new projects.

#### Quilt Block Challenge (Charlie W. and Sandy O.)

The blocks are not on a design wall yet (for assembly). Karen Y, Jan B., and Melissa M. volunteered to complete the remaining three blocks. *Brief recap: Fabric was gifted to the guild, blocks are paper pieced, and we are making a quilt that will be available for donation.*

#### Bayfield County Health Department

We are continuing with Zoom meetings because of BCHD's advice.

#### Announcements

Jill Corr has moved. We wish her well.

### **New Business**

#### Community Resources (CORE) Quilt Project.

We need someone to find out what CORE wants from the guild. Jan Benson will look into this.

#### Spring Art Show "Four Seasons"

An email was sent to the guild and was shared with members. The show will be held at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. The show is accepting fabric creations. Deb Aaron has submitted and received a prompt reply. Carrie might send in a wall hanging.

### Zoom Purchase

We are currently using Amber's workplace Zoom account. This subscription doesn't include use of breakout sessions. Discussion about how much a Zoom account would cost with this feature. Is the cost \$200 annually? Someone paid \$158 for pro package. Does that include breakout? Is the breakout \$40 per month more? To have our own Zoom subscription with breakout sessions might be useful to programs and social time. Multiple people can be administrators. Melissa offered use of the Zoom she has access to, but it doesn't have the breakout feature either. Jan S. and Deb M. volunteered to check into prices.

Jan S. moved, Sue G. seconded, that Jan S. and Deb M. have permission to purchase Zoom for CBQ if the subscription is not over \$200 per year. Motion carries.

### **Group Social (Chatting Time)**

Time of isolation. What to do with our sewing stuff? What needles work? [John James needles Big Eye Quilting needles. "Straw" needles in tubes. Size 10. \$2.40.] Quarantine block of Charlie and her granddaughter featured recently and quilts will be in a book. Sandy showed her "singers mask" (projects out from face and can breathe, uses lots of interfacing). Kaci made a mask with circle/egg shaped piece—gives room too. Mask with clear for mouth from China.

### **Show and Tell / 12 x 12 Show and Tell**

Lucy T. dog bones of fabric to give to people who have lost dogs.

Sue G. star (12 x 12), Christmas trees, place mats, quilt with 20 blocks done and 20 blocks to go  
Deb A. lap quilt purchased from estate sale, repaired part, added border, finished (12 x 12)

Sheri S. "Night Sky" quilt (originally in blues, Sheri did it in fall colors) (12 x 12)

Charlie W. created 90 x 90 quilt, decided to have Tammy F. quilt it; someone who lives part time in Port Wing donated a few quilts (baby quilts mostly). Charlie asked for input as to where to give them.

### **Program**

Quilting Influences (Deb M.): highlighted Nancy Zieman began with 1982 show on cable TV

Program (Deb M.): Miniature Quilts

Defined as a maximum size of 20 x 20" or size of blocks  $\leq 4$ "

Tips:

1. Use good lighting for cutting and alignment.
2. Press and starch fabric before cutting; use of wool mat helpful; consider iron with lots of steam holes, use a good spray bottle.
3. Cut accurately (use same ruler).
4. Pin using pins that don't slide pieces.
5. Use stylette to guide small pieces under presser foot. Use plate with smallest holes. Use leader fabric under presser foot in sequence before miniature pieces.
6. Check  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams with guides or feet.

Adjourn 7:30 pm

Minutes recorded by Lucy Tyrrell.