

Wallowa Mountain Quilters' Guild January 2019 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by co-vice president Barbara McCormack. 25 members were present. Barbara mentioned that Treasurer Jeannie Alford has packets of raffle tickets available for each member; they are \$20 per packet. You can resell them to others to get your money back, or you can put yours or family member's names on the tickets to go into the bucket.

There were no minutes from the December meeting/Christmas party to approve.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jeannie Alford stated the current checking account balance is \$5537.35 less \$500 that is set aside for barn quilt project, bringing the ending balance to \$5037.35. Jeannie reported on the sales made at the Jingle through Joseph bazaar. Bazaar sales brought in \$155 the first week and \$104.65 the second week. Raffle ticket sales brought \$300 the first week and \$224 the second week. The silent auction quilt was won by Gina Birkmaier for \$100. She also reported that the silent auction at the Christmas party brought in \$192 which was donated to the Tree of Giving. Jeannie reminded everyone to turn in any receipts for expenses.

Old Business: Reports from Committee Chairpersons

1. Linda Koloski reported that 14 Honor quilts were given out in November.
2. Cheryl Jenkins reported that 56 baby quilts were donated to the hospital in 2018 and 43 in 2017. So far in January 10 quilts have been taken to the hospital.
3. Karolyne Doss said no fire quilts have been given out lately.
4. Bev Hayward passed around a sign-up sheet for the Eddie Walker class in March. Sew days are always the 3rd Saturday with January 19th being an Honor quilt work day at the VFW, unless there is a conflict with the VFW. If so a notice will be sent out.
5. Celeste Bauck showed the next step of the Medallion Quilt Challenge which will bring the finished size at this point to about 59 ½. This border will be a "Simple Star" border. Reminder: Each month that you bring your completed step to show, your name will be entered into a special drawing when all the steps are completed. Sue Womack won the drawing this month.
6. Spring Quilt Retreat: Gail Hillock said that she needs a preliminary list of people that would like to attend this retreat at the Red Lion in Lewiston March 21-24. She will be in touch with the hotel. She stated that it will be up to individuals to call and make reservations. The cost is \$102.60/night for two queen beds. You can have up to four people in the room and divide the cost accordingly. The rooms include a free continental breakfast, but all other meals will be on your own. There is no charge for the conference room where we will sew.
7. Reminder that the Baby quilts made from Linda Knifong's fabric stash will be due at the May meeting.
8. The January luncheon will be at Heavenly's on the 18th. An Honor Quilt presentation will follow.

New Business

1. A reminder that the Wallowa County Citizen's Awards banquet will be January 27th. Gail Hillock and Linda Koloski wrote support letters to nominate Hope McLaughlin for the Unsung Hero award. We have received word that Hope was selected as the winner of this award. Her son is going to get her to banquet to receive the award. This is a surprise so help keep the secret. Tickets for the dinner are available and it would be nice if there were as many guild members present as possible. The guild will decorate a table with a log cabin theme. Gail and Celeste asked members to make log cabin block so they could put together a Log Cabin quilt to present to Hope along with her award. Betty Whitehead made a motion that the guild purchase dinner tickets for Gail, Linda and Marietta. Karolyn Doss seconded and the motion carried.
2. Quilt Show: Cheryl verified the list of Chair persons for various committees. The show will again be held at the Joseph High school June 7th and 8th. The theme of the show will be "Once Upon a Time". There will be a sewing machine display in the vendor room and possibly bring the guild sales area into the vendor room. There was discussion about bringing back concessions with soup, coffee, etc. There will be 4 vendors this year.
3. Gail Hillock presented the January block of the month. Instructions were distributed for that block which should be done with the fabric provided adding some turquoise fabric to the block. Remember to also complete on in reds, whites, and blues for honor quilts (with blues in the corners and red in the points). Anne Melville will present the next Block of the Month.
4. Bobbi Thomson demonstrated the honor quilt blocks. Be sure to complete the block if you take a packet.

Other Discussion

February meeting will be the Quilto meeting. For those that are new Quilto is a game like Bingo. Bring one fat quarter for each card you want to play. The last game will be a black-out game and the winner of that will get all the fat quarters. When you get a Quilto you can go to the table and select a prize. All the prizes from years past were getting a little tired so were donated to Soroptimist. New items are needed so bring whatever you would like to donate as prizes. They can be sewing related or not. Look around your homes for items you no longer need or want that others might like. Also everyone needs to bring treats as this is a no-host meeting.

Show and tell and door prize drawing completed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Womack, Co-Secretary.