

St. Croix International Quilt Guild Business Meeting
October 19, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM. There were 22 people attending. Linda Duplissea made a motion to accept the minutes, Anita seconded, motion passed.

Dana Bard gave the treasurers' report explaining a present balance of 1441.59.

Bonnie requested volunteers for refreshments for 2012 and passed around a sign up sheet.

Area Five meeting is Wednesday, October 26 in Ellsworth. Conversation is at 5 PM with dinner at 6 PM at St. Joseph's Catholic Church hosted by Hancock County Quilters. See website for more information.

Executive Board met on October 14. There are two vacancies: historian and Special Events Chairperson. (Diane Finnegan had to resign.) Bonnie requested volunteers. Charity work for 2012 will be for Ronald McDonald House, including the raffle quilt for the 2012 show. Proceeds at the door at the show will be to fund educational speakers to come. Breast cancer will be another charity. There is a request for anti-ouch bags for breast cancer patients.

Dianne Hire will do a workshop called, "Vivacious Curvy Squares" on July 14.

The Board set the workshops for 2011 and they will be listed on the website.

Bonnie is working on a grant for the batting and backing for the lap robes in 2012. Robes for 2011 should be brought to the November meeting.

Joline reported on the Clothesline Basket workshop—10 participants. She talked about the Christmas party on Dec 7. Conversation will begin at 5 with dinner at 5:30. For a project for the party, the Christmas party committee is asking for fat quarters from people's stashes. Please bring these to the November meeting. Christmas fabric or red, or green. There is a sign-up sheet for the pot luck which was passed around and will be circulated again in November.

Liz Trouant, also on the Christmas party committee, reports the committee would like not to have a gift exchange but instead have guests bring a donation for the food pantry. There will be a drawing, from names of food pantries submitted by guests, to decide which pantry will get the donations.

Committee reports:

Fund raising: Theresa Wright is now focusing on the Nov 5 craft sale.
Membership: Joanne Spencer reports two new members. We now have 42 members and 13 affiliates.

Publicity: Sue McIver is doing a nice job with the Patchwork Press.

Quilt Show: Joanne Spencer distributed two packets of raffle tickets to each member to sell as well as a picture of the raffle quilt. She will be setting up a schedule for sales of tickets at Mardens and will be looking for volunteers. (March, May and July) She has asked for a table to sell tickets at the Machias Blueberry Festival. She will also sell tickets on the quilt at "Raffle Alley" at the state quilt show. Before the November meeting at 5 PM there will be a quilt show committee meeting which is open to everyone.

Old Business: There is a new list of library books and more donated tonight that will be added. Pat is building a list of books she would like to purchase.

No new business.

Joline Cook demonstrated how to install magnetic bag closures.

We enjoyed a fashion show with members showing bags they have made. Each model received a pattern to make a tote bag. We had eight models showing 15 bags.

Sue McIver won the fabric draw.

Show and Tell: Twelve members showed 51 items.

Refreshments were provided by Wanda Pollock, Eva Severance and Sharon Bala.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Eaton

Addendum: For members convenience I am including here information discussed at the meeting but on which no action was taken. This information is available on line or in handouts and is excluded from the official minutes to streamline the reading of minutes at meetings

January 7, 2012 will be a workshop on lap quilts: Peppermint Twist. Bonnie showed an example. You can get a picture and pattern on the Web. Dana will donate five certificates for the quilting of lap robes that will be donated for distribution to the residents of Calais Methodist Homes.

There is a plan to have another Valentines Day party on February 4, 2012. Snow date : Feb 11.

Accidental Landscapes will be the workshop on March 3, 2012 with Theresa Wright.

Liz reported that the next workshop is November 2 teaching partial seam piecing. Need 3 fat quarters, two darks and a light plus the backing. Bonnie is teaching this.

No December workshop as that is the night of the party.

January 4 will be a workshop to make mug totes so we won't have to use Styrofoam cups at meetings.

February 1 Bonnie will teach how to make name tags.

March 7 is the Anti-ouch pouches for breast cancer patients. There is a link on the website Calender page for the instructions on making these.

Business meeting programs

November: Joanne Spencer will present Jinny Beyer's Color theory.

January, Sharpening tools. Bring dull scissors and rotary blades.

February: Joanne Spencer will demonstrate how to use the Angler 2, a cutting guide you install on the bed of your sewing machine to save time and increase accuracy when you sew 45 degree angles.

March: Dana will show how to use old ratty canvas bag to make a new bag.