

MEETING MINUTES – January 3, 2018

LAKE TO LAKE QUILT GUILD January 3, 2018, Gorham, NY General meeting

Meeting was called to order at 10:06 with the Pledge to the flag.

Letter of thanks from Newark Hospital for 7 baby quilts was read.

A motion was made by Martha Mosher and seconded by Caren Betlinski to approve the minutes; approved without opposition or abstention. Treasurer reviewed income and expenses. Checking balance: \$3,826.90 and savings balance: \$10,424.49.

A motion was made by Bobbi Beckhorn and seconded by Donna Coleman to approve the treasurer's report; approved without opposition or abstention.

Hospitality sheet for next month was circulated.

Vice President Dawn Dennis thanked members for cards and well wishes after her husband's surgery.

She noted that members Nancy Crowley and Jeanette Howe were absent due to deaths in their families and read a poem about the month of January.

Book Report: Mona Fox reported about Kimekomi, a Japanese craft of decoration of solid wooden or Styrofoam balls. Book available from Fabric Art Shop, Lake City, Florida.

Fat Quarter drawing won by Marci Williams.

High Five Card: Members can have their volunteer work for the guild acknowledged by signature of project leader on the High Five Card. When filled, cards are entered drawing for a prize. Those who complete the Talent Survey can have the card signed.

QCNYS: Quilt show passports available after the meeting for \$5. Passport program has been in effect for 9 years and reduces cost to attend shows, helps to spread good ideas; passport holders are eligible for prizes. QCNYS President or VP will attend all shows in 2018 and pick one quilt in each for an award of excellence. Best of NY show in 2019 will include these quilts. Possible location is Geneva site.

In September, QCNYS will hold a retreat and attendees can sew on a Guild's community service project. Guilds wishing to have projects considered must apply for the lottery drawing. Guild must provide kits which retreat attendees will sew and return to guild. Application is due March 1; two winners will be announced in June, with kits due in September. A motion by Ann Hawkins, seconded by Martha Mosher, to participate was approved without opposition or abstention. QCNYS delegate Bobbi Beckhorn will file the application.

QCNYS will sponsor an overnight bus trip to capitol district for two quilt shows, leaving Geneva on Friday, April 27. Cost of bus, overnight room, entry into quilt shows is \$200 or \$195 with QCNYS passport. More details to follow. It was noted that 2 Lake to Lake members have won QCNYS scholarships to pay toward class cost.

Quilt Show: There was discussion about making awards, having ribbons for quilts in the show, including whether to have one Viewer Choice award or multiple by category. Quilt show entry packets have been distributed; contact Sally Acomb if you have not received it. Four vendors are returning; members who know vendors who should be invited are asked to speak with Sally. Donated magazines and books will be sold to benefit the guild. Flowers should be given to Debbie Opdyke, who has pin backs. 150 of 500 needed are already in. Arrangements for the Canadian teacher are being pursued. Raffle baskets: Gail Holmes will do QCNYS fat quarter "jar"; members needed to chair baskets with wine & chocolate and sewing theme baskets. Committee chairs will meet after general meeting next month. Marci Williams was asked to give her apron talk as a demo during the show. Mary Grimaldi is arranging for assistance of two groups of students for set up and break down. Mary Munson needs kitchen help, especially on Saturday. Members should sign up for various jobs on the big sign in sheets. There was discussion about having a car covered with quilts parked near the venue to advertise the show. This was done at the Soaring Museum last year. Donna Coleman has raffle tickets (12 per member) to sell. She is coordinating location of raffle quilt for those who wish to bring it to events and sell tickets. Gift Gallery will have an entry fee of \$10, same as last time. Marci Williams and Paula have forms.

February meeting: Bring completed Row by Row tops to show and tell.

Afternoon programs: Gail Williams had instructions to make Valentine hand warmers containing rice.

Today's program is to prep baby quilts, cut kits, etc. Also, flower making for the show. March will be making aprons with Marci to wear at show. Any type apron is okay. April is table runners. Craftsy has 10 patterns. Runners with large open areas will be good for the June meeting quilting on the home sewing machine program. May will have the garage sale in the parking lot. Fat quarter exchange is popular; need to pick a theme. Interest has been expressed in crazy quilting and handwork, possibly making a small "clothespin bag" to piece at home and embellish at August afternoon session. Mini quilt theme could be Halloween in September with a fat quarter exchange. October session could be Xmas ornament to hand sew. A Modern Quilt talk for the August meeting is being researched. Ann Hawkins is offering a 3-day class on August 21,22,23; talk with her for details.

Yahoo Group Email: the membership was reminded that a REPLY to the Yahoo group emails are like a Reply to All and automatically goes to everyone on the Yahoo list, namely the whole guild membership, not just the one person who wrote the email. Personal messages for an individual member should be sent separately and directly to that person.

Website: Martha Mosher has been working to update the entire website. The Members Only section is vulnerable to attack by hackers and therefore has been removed. The address list is being sent by email to members rather than leaving personal information posted on the internet. It will be printed and mailed to those who cannot get email. The Bylaws will be in the form of pdf and are scheduled for some updates in 2018. Talent survey results when tabulated will be in the Resources section. It was noted that the guild has made 61 baby quilts over the past year.

Honorary Member nomination forms are due in February and President will do a write up for newsletter prior to March meeting. Vote to be in March to give new honorary member time to gather quilts for show.

A break was taken from the meeting, which resumed at 12:05 following show and tell.

Motion to adjourn by Pat Porter, seconded by Marie Peek, and approved without objection or abstention.