

## Minutes – November 14, 2015

### Front Range Modern Quilt Guild

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**Attendees:** 22 including 3 first time visitors and 2 junior members

**Finances:** The guild has \$2964 in the bank

#### 2016 Officers

- Melissa announced the following officers for 2016:
  - President – Megan Fisher
  - Vice President – Sally Leavitt
  - Secretary – Janis
  - Treasurer – Karen
  - Outreach – Demauri Malin
  - Swap Mamas – Abby, Mary Jo Williamson and Melissa Giles
  - Special programs – Kari V.
  - Monthly programs – Melissa R.
  - Welcome/membership – Anna Ortiz
  - Retreat – Abby Leonard

#### Swaps

- Abby would like to re-start the monthly Adventure Swap Block program. Check the guild's web site for details.
- She also asked the group to make suggestions on swaps of interest.
- January 2016 meeting – we will swap quart size baggies with scraps. Scraps should be a minimum size of 2.5 inches square.
- This month's swap basket went to Nina.
- Since this month was our holiday party, the group also exchanged ornaments.

#### Resolution Challenge

- 6 people completed their New Year's resolutions: Laurie, Andrea, Karen, Abby, Becky and .....
- Each received a \$15.00 gift card for Frankie's quilt shop in Monument.

#### Classis to Modern Challenge

- 4 members completed the challenge. A total of 8 members showed quilt tops in progress.
- Demauri won the prize – the book, *Quilting the New Classics*.

#### Group Brainstorm

- The group brainstormed ideas for future monthly meetings or workshops:
  - A request to have Stephanie R. teach improv piecing or inset seams
  - Garment sewing
  - How to put in invisible zippers
  - How to sew with knits
  - Bags – favorite patterns, what interfacing to use, sources of hardware or leather etc.
  - Fabric dye workshop
  - Fabric stamping or surface design workshop
  - Portrait quilts or pixelated quilts

- Selling your work; how to open an Etsy shop
- Curved piecing – from Sew Social Bee or Bee Social
- Long arms – what model do you have, what do you like about it, challenges?
- Invite a group from Sweetwater?
- Invite teacher Purple Daisies?

### **2016 Retreat**

- Reminder: The next retreat is scheduled from 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 26 through 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 28 at the Hideaway in Monument.
- Cost is \$200 and includes lodging and 5 meals.
- Please see Abby to secure your spot with a \$100 deposit now; the remainder will be due at the retreat.
- We will have Secret Sisters. See Abby to sign up. She needs info no later than Jan. 1.

### **Future opportunities**

- It doesn't appear as if the Lizzy House/Meadow Quilt class will happen.

### **December meeting**

- The December meeting will be held Dec. 12, the second Saturday of December because of the holidays. There will be no official meeting; just an open sew.

### **January 2016 meeting**

- Melissa will lead a discussion on "what is modern quilting?"

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