

Minutes – January 17, 2015

Front Range Modern Quilt Guild

Attendees: 30 including 6 first-time visitors

Introduction of Officers

- **Megan Fisher** introduced herself as the guild's new president for 2015. **Melissa Richie** is VP; **Julie Elliott** is secretary; **Karen Brauer** is treasurer.

Membership

- The guild has 82 paid members; 232 individuals have registered on the guild's web site.
- Dues are \$25/year.
- Anna Ortiz is the new membership coordinator.

Budget

- There is currently \$5463.63 in the guild's account. Most is earmarked for the retreat.

New Business

- Megan shared results of the recent 2015 ballot. The guild voted against joining the national Modern Quilt Guild. Proposed amendments to the bylaws all passed (Code of Conduct; Officer Benefits; Committee Chair Benefits).
- The guild is moving forward with seeking official status as a non-profit organization.
- Two volunteer positions are open: Web manager and Photographer/Historian.
 - **Action:** Please volunteer if you are interested.
- Meeting venue – The Hub is closing in May/June. Guild leadership will research potential alternatives.
 - **Action:** Please offer suggestions and contact names/numbers.
- Scrap basket – Megan reminded everyone that the basket is available for your use. Feel free to take what you'd like and fill with scraps you no longer need.
- Comments or suggestions? Please contact Megan.
- Megan will facilitate a new leadership meeting by the end of January.

Retreat Update (Abby and Angela)

- There are still slots available if anyone is interested in going to the retreat scheduled for Feb. 6-8 at The Hideaway.
- Attendees can expect lots of fun: freebies from generous sponsors, zippered pouch tutorial and supplies, etc.
- **Action:** Contact either Abby or Angela if interested in attending.
- **Action:** If you are attending and haven't paid the full amount (\$215) please see Abby immediately.

Swaps (Lyn and Megan)

- Leslie won the monthly traveling basket and will return for next month's meeting.
- Quilts from the Mini Quilt Swap will be revealed at the February meeting.
- Megan explained the Monthly Block Swap Adventure and encouraged participation.
 - **Action:** Please see the forum thread on the guild's web site if you are interested in participating.

Outreach (Angela)

- Angela provided an update on the spring retreat charity quilt. Emily pieced the top; Marty and Mary quilted and bound the quilt. The quilt was given to 2-year-old Emerson, a young girl with neurofibromatosis.
- Crinkle blankets – AQS will feature our guild's project in an upcoming issue of their monthly publication.
- **Action:** Angela asked for volunteers to create 9-patch blocks for baby quilts. Please consider making some (use 4.5" squares) and bring to next month's meeting.
- **Action:** Please record hours worked on volunteer projects as this helps complement information being compiled for the guild's 501 C3 status.

Programs (Kari and Melissa)

- Carolyn Friedlander is coming to Colorado in March. Friday, March 13 will be a lecture followed by a workshop on Saturday, March 14. See Carolyn's most recent book, *Savor Each Stitch*, for examples of her work. Stay tuned for additional details.
- **Action:** Please see either Kari or Melissa if you have ideas for programs.

Challenges (Abby and Angela)

- Abby and Angela passed out New Year's Resolution forms to complete. The challenge is to complete your resolution by the November meeting.
 - **Action:** Please see Abby or Angela if you'd like to participate and complete the form.
- Melissa reminded everyone about the ongoing nature of the Nov. 2013 Colorado Challenge. The library exhibits late last year were well received and Melissa continues to look for other places to display the quilts. She will contact the Quilts in the Capitol group to see if that show is an option.
- **Action:** Please see Abby or Angela if you have ideas for challenges. Please see Melissa if you have ideas for venues where our quilts could be displayed.

Open Discussion

- Megan led a discussion on current trends.

Show & Tell

- 10 individuals showed 15 different quilts/projects.

Next Meeting

- The next guild meeting is scheduled from 10:00 to noon on Saturday, February 20, at the Hub. Open sew to follow until 5:00 pm. Come prepared to celebrate as this is our anniversary celebration.

Submitted January 20, 2015, by Julie Elliott.