

Cabarrus Quilters Guild Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, October 14, 2024

The October membership meeting was called to order by President Debra Mills at 6:30 PM.

Program:

The program was canceled for this meeting. The speaker lives in Hendersonville, NC, and due to Hurricane Helene, was unable to speak tonight. The program for Tuesday is also canceled. Debra Mills will see if this can be rescheduled for May 2025. Tuesday, October 15, will be an open sew day at the church in lieu of a program.

Approval of September 2024 Membership Meeting Minutes:

No changes were needed. The motion to approve was made by Carol Harris and it was seconded by Melba Mick. The motion passed.

Announcements:

Membership: 0 New members. 2 guests. 3 on Zoom. 43 members in person.

Quilt Show Judging Committee:

Carol Harris spoke on the current draft of the quilt registration form. She read to the group the various categories and changes. She will send the draft form to the members on Tuesday to review. Inputs or comments need to be returned to Carol Harris by the end of October to finalize the form in November.

The size of the quilt is no longer a factor in the categories. The quilts will be separated in each individual category depending on the number of submissions. It is up to the member to submit the quilt in the proper category. Judges have the authority to bypass quilts that do not meet the criteria for the category selected by the member. There is no requirement that every category have ribbons on all quilts in categories with just a few submissions.

Debra wants the members to think about expanding the number of quilts allowed to be submitted since the categories are no longer based on size. It was noted that the pieced category is the one with the most submissions. There were also questions on when the quilts were completed and how far back to allow for submissions.

Many of the comments in the meeting centered around factoring in the method used in the quilting. Quilting is a factor in the quilt judging but is not a component of the category. There were comments on who gets the ribbon on a duet quilt. The 'Best Of' ribbons for quilting would be the ribbons going to the entity that quilted the quilt.

Newsletter Changes:

Debra Mills provided members with a survey on what is to be included in the newsletter and what should be put on the website. The goal of the survey is to help focus the newsletter to current and useful information. Two people mentioned they refer to newsletters to see if they are interested in a guild. Surveys were to be submitted in the basket by the end of the meeting.

Community Outreach:

Carol Harris met with a Rotary Club in Concord to see if the guild would be interested in supporting their club in making fidget quilts for Alzheimer patients. This could be one of the official charities to cover the membership requirement. An informal survey showed enough interest to allow for this to be presented as an option in January for the 2025 charities to be voted on by the membership.

CCM Food/Money Collection at November Meeting:

Sandra Allred announced that CCM (Cooperative Christian Ministry) will be at the November meeting collecting Food and Money. The guild generally has them attend our meeting once a year. Money collected goes a long way since they can get better deals on food. The CCM has been attending the guild meetings annually for at least the last 10 years.

Hurricane Relief Quilt Opportunities:

Debra reviewed the organizations helping in Western NC that are asking for quilt donations. Dee's is collecting quilts. Keepsake Quilting is collecting quilts (be aware they are shutting down their physical location at the end of the month.) 5 Little Monkeys will accept quilts mailed to their location. Lo & Behold in Black Mountain are accepting donations. Melba is working with a group. She has submitted 27 quilts, and this is what she will be working on through the end of the year.

Programs Information:

If you paid for the Tuesday, October 15 program, please let Jackie Sabo know if you want a refund. Debra is going to reach out to see if this program can be rescheduled for May 2025.

November's program is with Carolyn Ratola. Please check with Ann Weaver to see if you signed up for the November program and pay the fee if needed.

December will be the Guild Christmas Party.

Programs for 2025 are being finalized.

Debra asked if the group was still interested in a Bus Trip to Asheville in September. She expanded on her recent experience. The bus won't be able to stay long at the show. The

Asheville show is large and may require more time than a bus trip can accommodate. The group took a vote and agreed that a bus trip is not desired.

Christmas Party Meeting:

Melba Mick is the Chair for the 2024 Christmas party. She asked for 9 volunteers for table captains. She will provide instructions for these captains at the November meeting.

Raffle Quilt Sales:

Julie Love read out the names of the members who have not turned in their money and tickets for the 2024 Raffle Quilt. She asked you to let her know if you sold your tickets at a raffle sale event or if there was a mistake.

Activities:

Upcycled towels were shown at this meeting.

The activity for November is to bring a gift bag.

Possible Raffle Quilt for 2026:

Terry Patterson asked if the quilt Debra Mills donated for the White Elephant that did not sell could be used for the 2026 Raffle Quilt. No decision was made on this question.

Final Business:

Show & Tell was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Library Sale After Adjournment – Natalie was selling off the remaining books from the library which is shutting down. Any books left from this sale will go to the White Elephant at the next quilt show.

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Mary Shea.