

Cabarrus Quilters Guild Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, January 13, 2025

The January membership meeting was called to order by President Debra Mills at 6:31 PM.

Program:

January is the annual business meeting for the guild. There was no formal program during this meeting.

Approval December 2024 Membership Meeting Minutes:

No changes were needed. The motion to approve was made by Barbara Horne-Stead. It was seconded by Lisa Edwards. The motion passed.

Membership:

0 New members. 0 guests. 5 on Zoom. 37 members in person.

Budget Review:

Jackie Sabo reviewed the 2024 actual numbers and the proposed 2025 budget. Notes from the conversation with the guild members:

- The estimated amount for membership dues is based on 90 members.
- New vendors for the quilt show will see an increase in the cost. Previous vendors will pay the same as 2024.
- There are 8 workshops for 2025. The estimate is based on 10 people at \$30.
- CVAN contribution for the 2023 quilt was \$750 which was 1/3 of the profit from the 2023 raffle quilt sales. The group agreed to donate \$750 again to CVAN from the 2024 quilt raffle ticket sales. The contribution from the 2025 quilt will be determined at the 2026 budget meeting. Donating a portion of the raffle quilt proceeds is a bylaw requirement.
- Speakers and programs from within the guild will be provide compensation for their time. It is estimated to be around \$250 - \$300per program.
- The Shop Hop guild ad will be dropped from the budget for 2025. Guest statistics were not available to determine the effectiveness of this ad.
- Quilt show admission price will be raised to \$8. Attendees 12 and under will be free.
- Quilt show entry fees will remain the same as 2024.
- Door Prize Raffle Baskets will be created with a free ticket with admission. Raffle baskets with tickets for sale will not be created for the 2025 show.

- Brenda is working with Debra on the Sponsorship categories for the show.
- Raffle Quilt Costs for the 2025 quilt are approximately \$1700 per Carol. She was not aware there was a budget. The proposed \$600 amount was modified. The makers for the 2026 quilt will be made aware of the budget.
- Name badges will now be made with magnets so there is additional money for those.

After the review and modifications, Carol Eicher made a motion to approve the 2025 budget as amended in the meeting. Charlotte Doyle seconded the budget as amended. The Budget for 2025 was approved by the membership.

Audit Committee:

The Audit committee will meet on January 20, 2025, at the Harrisburg Panera from 10-12. Barbara Horne-Stead and Sandy Kendall agreed to participate in the audit.

Programs:

Janet-Marie addressed programs for 2025.

The February program will be Angie Lamoree with Five Little Monkeys on Bloc Loc. Kits and the Bloc Loc will be available for sale at the Monday program in February for use at the Tuesday class. Kit price is \$39. The suggested Bloc Loc template is \$28. The fee for the class is \$30. Members are to let Janet-Marie know their color choice for the kit so that Angie can have them available.

Debra surveyed the membership to see if there was any interest in a local quilt retreat at a local hotel. Members would be given the option to leave each night or obtain a hotel room at their own cost. September is the targeted month with possible catered lunches and dinner. The group showed enough interest via a show of hands for this to be pursued.

Raffle Quilt:

Carol announced three possible locations for raffle quilt sales. Charlotte Quilters Guild will allow sales at the Park Expo Center March 7 and 8. Those selling tickets will need to pay admission (\$10) and parking (\$10). Talk to Carol if you are interested in selling tickets at the Original Sewing & Quilt Show in Raleigh in May. Information will be available soon on the Cabarrus Brewery opportunities.

Activities:

Debbie Swing addressed the group.

Members were offered the UFO form to sign up for the annual challenge. The form needs to be turned in by February along with \$4. The form is available on the guild website.

The committee showed samples of the February activity – placemats for meals on wheels. They went the extra mile and provided pre-cut hearts to members as a starting point. Any placemats will be accepted. Placemats are generally 12x18 but may be adjusted as desired as long as they can be used as a placemat.

A full list of activities for the year can be found on the guild website.

Community Outreach:

Karen Bronkhorst addressed the group. She announced the charities for 2025 will include the current three (Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital, Hospice, and Atrium) plus CVAN as an option. CVAN only wants 6-8 quilts so once the guild has received 6-8, no more quilts will be accepted for their charity. She reminded members that a charity quilt is a requirement for membership.

Members were reminded to turn in quilts in the clear bag with an index card that has their name and charity listed. Labels can be ironed on by the member if they wish. The iron on label only needs to list the Cabarrus Quilters Guild. If you do not have one ironed on, Karen will take care of that.

Karen will see that the number of quilts donated are listed in the newsletter.

Quilt Show:

Debra said the updated quilt show entry form can be found on the guild website. There were a few typos and corrections made to the version sent to members via email. Use the version on the website.

Misc Business:

December Birthdays were announced.

The door prize raffle basket contained a \$25 K&J gift card and a stack of fat quarters. The winner was Janneke.

Debra noted two new businesses in Sanford for quilters. There is a new retreat center and a new quilt shop that operates similar to Upcycle in that they take in donations to sell. Debra will provide details in the February newsletter.

Tuesday, January 14, is an open sew day at the church.

The last event of the evening was Show & Tell by the members.

Final Business:

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Mary Shea.