

Quilters Guild of Plano Meeting
March 9, 2023– 7:00 p.m. – Hunter’s Glen Baptist Church and on Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 p.m. by Donna Petrick, President. Donna asked if there were any comments on the previous minutes or financials; there being none, they were approved as posted. Donna also asked the members to think about the possibility of becoming an officer in the coming year. Jeanne Vogel will again chair the nominating committee, so members can speak with her if interested.

Community Service. Pam Walsh reported that we had donated the following from December to February: 53 quilts, 30 pillowcases, 10 cuddles, and 21 dog beds.

A local rescue group recently received about 150 dogs from two hoarding situations, so there is a great need for dog beds made from scraps. They should be made of sturdy fabrics such as denim, duck, and upholstery fabric, as regular pillowcases get chewed up quickly. They can be of any size, and the committee has some premade covers along with instructions to give out after the meeting.

The committee has welcomed Deanna Tucker, Patricia Becerra, and Debbie Blair to help with deliveries. Requests for cuddles have increased. Cuddles are small, soft quilts, about the size of a fat quarter. They can be made of either solid or kid-friendly flannels. Instruction sheets are at the community service table and on the website.

The monthly sew day is the second Tuesday of the month at the Plano Sewing Center. This month it falls after our guild meeting, on March 14th. Members will be piecing the house blocks into quilt tops, and Donna Petrick will give a demo on machine binding.

Finally, remember the ongoing “Birthday Quilt” challenge. Any member donated a completed quilt will be entered into a drawing for a bundle of fat quarters; the drawing will be held in December. It is not necessary to turn in your birthday quilt during your birthday month.

Mini Quilts. Kaye Dunn currently has 35 minis for the mini auction at the quilt show, and she needs 75. This means that she hopes to receive 10 each at the remaining four meetings.

Quilt Show. Show chair Carolyn Cosgriff said that we now have show t-shirts for sale for \$20 along with raffle tickets—24 tickets for \$20; all members are encouraged to purchase 24 tickets. The show is August 11 and 12 at the Plano Event Center, and volunteers can sign up at the May meeting.

Activities. Michael Davison told the members about M.J. Fielek’s Orphan Block activity session that will be held at the Best Little Retreat Center, Saturday May 6th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$25 plus \$25 for the use of the retreat center. Enrollment is available on that center’s website. Michael and others showed some of the sample quilts made in past sessions. The idea is to put together one’s orphan blocks, including added black, white, and other fabrics.

After the quilt is completed and bound, one might dye it, thus making a very interesting and cohesive quilt.

Membership. Mary Alice Caffarel said that we have 72 people in live attendance plus 33 on Zoom. Visitors included Harper Hilton and Andy Yang.

The speaker, Mary Kerr, made a presentation on old Southern Quilts. Her website is www.marywkerr.com.

Donna announced that at the May meeting we will have a bones table for people to bring unwanted quilting items that might be useful to others. Also, Jeanne Vogel said that some members have asked for an Accuquilt small group; if interested, please contact Jeanne.

Following the speaker and Show & Tell, Mary Alice rewarded door prizes. They had been donated by Dan Chenault, Urban Spools, and several individual members. Winners were Anna Marie Larrabee, Diane Cronenberg, Nadine Darby, M.J. Fielek, Sheryl Vaughan, Diane Morris, Ginny Cherry, Linda Overbeck, and Sally Hamilton.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Rentz, Secretary