

President, Cathy Starman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The visitors were introduced and there were no new members this month. Cathy read a story from Helen Kelly's book "Loose Threads".

Cathy reported that 43 members have signed up so far to participate in the President's Paint Chip Challenge for this year. The reveal will be at the May Picnic. See Teri Roberts if you would like to participate.

Show and Tell – part 1

VP Report - Susan Herman asked members to help put away chairs after the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Robin Van Scoy was not present this evening. The financial report is posted online at our website.

Secretary Report – no report.

Community Outreach Report – Lori reported for Robin that the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch is in transition with several new girls coming into their facility. We will let members know when we will be able to schedule and resume working with the girls. Renita Sullivan gave a report about the Bundles of Love project and discussed the needs and requirements for this project.

Membership – Penny Black reminded members tonight is the final night for renewing dues to keep membership current.

By Laws – Penny Black reported that the By Laws changes are in process and that it would be 4 to 5 months until the final draft after board approval would be ready to present to membership.

Retreat – Sharon Kalinowski explained that emails or letters were mailed to all members planning to attend retreat this year. If you did not receive her letter, please let her know. March 3, 2009, is the date final payment for retreat fees are due.

There is currently one opening available if anyone wants to attend.

We will have 2 kits available to make blocks for during the retreat. This will be enough to complete two tops for the community outreach to use.

Retreat Dates are April 3rd through 5th. Check in time is 3pm on Friday. Checkout time will be 3 pm on Sunday afternoon.

Block Exchange – Pat Dearth reminded members that the blocks for the first exchange are due next month (March). These will be collected and brought back for distribution at the April business meeting.

Old Business – None

New Business – Vicki Olsen brought raffle tickets for the McCart Heart Quilt. Proceeds from this raffle go to the American Cancer Society. The drawing will be held on May 2nd.

BOM – Norma Santiago brought copies of the pattern for this month.

Newsletter – Norma distributed a question for members to answer. All participants will be entered into a drawing for a prize next month. The responses will be published in a future newsletter. She also asked members to please send her articles, recipes or ideas for the newsletter.

Programs – Roni Hunt reminded members that next month's meeting will be held on a different date to accommodate our special guest speaker, Sandy Bonsib. The meeting will be on Thursday, March 5th. Sandy's class on the following Saturday has kits available from Country Quilts and Bears. Samples are hanging in the store.

Tonight's program is presented by Pat Dearth on the computer software, EQ6.

Show and Tell, part 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Lewis