

County Quilts & Bears, Clearwater

President, Cathy Starman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed our guest speaker, Sandy Bonsib. We held an abbreviated meeting to allow extra time for our speaker.

Retreat – Sharon Kalinowski announced that there are 3 spots available at this time for our Retreat. Today we will be opening up the retreat to people outside PQs. Tonight, please verify and finalize cabin and room assignments.

Send money to Diane Freidman to pay for massage fees. Check with her tonight if you need to verify your status on a massage at retreat.

Newsletter – Norma Santiago drew a name from last month's Newsletter question responses. Sandy Davis won the prize this month.

National Quilting Day – Pam Evans discussed the event being held this year at the Pioneer Village on 3/21 from 9am to 4pm. Please sign up on the list for blocks of 2 to 3 hours to help. We are curators at the church with pieced quilts. She also had registration forms for members to bring with any quilts that will be displayed at the event. This event is a good way to promote and educate the general public on the different types of quilts in a beautiful historical setting.

Bags for the VA – Maryann Leonard and Carol Clarke are meeting with the local VA to determine their needs for bedside or wheel chair bags. Maryann displayed a sample bag and said they would have pattern information in a future newsletter and our website.

Mystery Quilt 2009 – Jill French stated that she updated the instructions for the Mystery Quilt online. This event is scheduled for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

BOM – Norma Santiago provided print outs of this month's BOM pattern for members not able to print them from our website.

Membership – Penny Black reported that tonight is the deadline for payment of dues for 2009.

Announcements – Maryann Blackmore's mother, Jeanne, passed away this week. Also, Becky Madasz's sister Kathy passed away suddenly this week. Please send wishes of support and prayer to our members and their families during this difficult time.

Program – Roni Hunt introduced our guest speaker tonight, Sandy Bonsib. Sandy gave a wonderful lecture and displayed many of her quilts. She also distributed a free Chicken block and her chocolate chip recipe.

The winner of this month's 50/50 drawing was Carol Flomp. Carol received \$52.

Following a brief show and tell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Lewis, Secretary