

## **PQ Meeting February 18, 2010**

Lynn Woods introduced our speaker Marsha Hicks, a representative of Checkers Distributors, which provides independent quilting and sewing stores with notions. She presented everyone with a Schmetz needle guide and reminded all to change sewing machine needles often to help our machines sew more efficiently. Marsha spent the remaining time demonstrating several Creative Grid rulers designed to help quilters "move along" quickly in cutting and piecing. The Checker Web site [www.Checkerdist.com](http://www.Checkerdist.com) has free demos of most of the products they sell. Marsha also talked about using "Best Press" instead of starch, and an ironing pad called "Steady Betty" used to press long pieces. The product comes in different sizes, which lasts a long time before needing replacement. The Checker's products cannot be ordered directly from the web site, but Country Quilts and Bears or other quilt shops can order for quilters.

President Susan Herman began the business meeting by presenting John and Marilyn Humphries with a gift certificate in appreciation for allowing us to meet in their shop during the past year.

We welcomed three guests from out of town. There were 52 PQ members present.

Approval of Minutes – Paige Rapson made a motion to approve the minutes, and members voted approval.

Flo Bradberry commended all the women who made the donated quilts piled up in the back of the shop.

### **Reports of Officers**

Vice-President: Teri Roberts reminded members to bring left over Christmas party blocks to the next meeting.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

Programs/Education: Lynn Woods and Carol Hemmingsen asked members to make their choice of quilt patterns for our upcoming teacher Pam Bono's classes.

Membership: Carol Clarke reported that 60 % of the membership had paid dues. She reminded everyone that according to the By-Laws, members had 90 days to pay after January or they would be dropped from the membership rolls.

Newsletter and Web Mistress: Lori Lewis (absent)

Historian: Carol Hemmingsen had nothing to report.

Sunshine: Cathy Starman asked that members email or call her with names of any people needing sunshine. ☺

Community Outreach: MaryAnn Leonard and Carol Clarke reported that they turned in many quilts and toiletries on February 8, 2010 at the Bay Pines VA Hospital. The Veterans “Sit and Sew” was successful and much was accomplished. There were still kits available of blocks to be pieced, appliquéd or paper pieced. Renita Sullivan seconded the motion that the quilts turned in were wonderful. There were 79 pillowcases turned in for the Children's Cancer Center activity, “Camping Under the Stars.”

Retreat: Sharon Kalinowski reported that information and medical forms emailed to retreat participants needed to be filled out before the retreat. The forms would be sealed in an envelope with the participant's name on the front and kept by Sharon during the retreat in case of an emergency. Forty-two people signed up for the retreat; we have spaces for 48 people. All payments are due by March 1st to Sharon. After that, the spaces would be open to people who were not PQ guild members.

Quilt Show: Susan Herman conducted a discussion regarding the cost of a quilt show and the number of volunteer hours it took. Jinene Harvey made a motion, seconded by Karen O'Malley, to table the quilt show discussion until a later date. It was decided that the quilt show discussion be tabled for another six months.

## **Reports of Special Committees**

Block of the Month: Pam Evans, Renita Sullivan – all the blocks will be on the website to download each month at Pacific Patchwork by Paula

Stoddard, Redwork Seasons at: [www.pacificpatchwork.com](http://www.pacificpatchwork.com)

Block Swap: Susan Freebery reminded members to turn in completed blocks next month; it was decided to exchange blocks every other month.

Mystery Quilt: The next Mystery Quilt session will be held April 10<sup>th</sup> at Cross Roads Baptist Church. Lynn Woods showed her fabric choices, which were all from her stash. At the next meeting, other members of the committee will show their fabric choices and answer questions regarding the Mystery Quilt.

Mini Groups: no report

National Quilting Day: On March 20<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Village from 10 AM to 3 PM, there will be a display by several quilt guilds in the various buildings. Lynn Woods asked members to help for two-hour periods and to bring quilts to hang. Signup sheets went around the room for members to sign up to work and to bring quilts to display.

Brown Bag Challenge: no report

Secret Pals: seemed to be going well and nothing to report.

**Special Reports:** none

**Unfinished Business:**

- Incorporation and 501c(3):

Maureen went over the information about becoming a 501c(3) to the members. All the information is included in the February 1, 2010 PQ Board Minutes. Carol Hemmingsen made a motion that the PQ Guild incorporate and become a 501c(3) organization and Teri Roberts seconded. The members voted to become incorporated and become a 501c(3) organization. One member opposed.

- 2010 Budget:

Maureen went over the budget with highlights of recent additions. Jill French made a motion to strike nametag charms from the budget, and Pat Dearth seconded

the motion. Members agreed that the money budgeted for nametag charms be struck from the budget. Penny Black made a motion, which Karen O'Malley seconded, that the budget be approved as amended. Members voted to pass the amended budget; one opposed.

New Business: none

The meeting adjourned after a wonderful time of Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Mallory, secretary