

MVAQN MINUTES May 18, 2024

1:30 p.m. Epiphany Lutheran Church

PRESENT: Ann Diller, Ronnie Doyal, Harriet Knudson, Barb Schneider, Maxine Thomas,
Joni Kreitzer and Linda Morgan.

Ronnie led a meeting:

SECRETARY REPORT: March's minutes should be on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chris reported via email that we have a Treasury balance of \$1013.92.

OLD BUSINESS: Ronnie asked for a vote on her previous proposal to change our Saturday meeting schedule to March through November (off December, January and February). The fiscal year stays the same so dues in June will stay \$15 per year. The proposal passes a vote. After looking at the bylaws we decided this change does not constitute a necessary change in the bylaws. (Secretary's input: just because we don't have a regular meeting that doesn't mean we can't get together informally during those winter months! Study group will still meet January and February).

The new board will be installed in November so they will have time to plan for the next March. The current board will continue now to November when the new board is installed.

For future meetings, we have the following programs scheduled:

June 15: Maxine's house for decolourant t-shirts 1:30 (Joni)

July -Inktense (Joni)

August-Christmas post cards (Jennifer)

September – rope bowls (Barb)

October -?

November-luncheon with Show and Tell. Time to connect.

As for online booking of the room at Epiphany... we can book for 12 months at a time but not less than 30 days before next month. Jennifer will book for July-November, March, April and May.

NEW BUSINESS: As for our future show application, **we need 10-12 new pieces with our theme of "Trees: The Breath of Life" (new quilts- size 16"W x 20" H) to be submitted to Ronnie for photographing by November.** We all need to make at least 1 piece. These can have 3-d elements. They have to follow our theme which was voted to be "Trees: The Breath of Life". These quilts would be for the application process; we could do other quilt sizes depending on the space we get.

Ronnie shared an idea for a project for the Tree exhibit. What about an umbrella to make a tree with flowers and hang from the ceiling. We will want some freestanding pieces and/or hanging from the ceiling.

Linda suggested a field trip to Middletown where they have a stained glass and museum art gallery to visit. We would like to display our tree exhibit there so it would be good to see the space. There

is also a Cat Coffee Café to visit. We could maybe go in September or October. Someone suggested looking at stained glass books to get ideas for tree quilts.

Barb said the website needs to be updated with current members.

Speaking of new members, how can we grow our group which is ageing out? Ideas included: spreading the word about MVAQN at other guilds, having a Virtual Quilt Show, a public sew-a-thon, combining groups such as the Art Quilt Network (meets online and at retreats) with MVAQN. Maxine shared more about the Art Quilt Network..they don't meet monthly but have a retreat twice a year and meet online in between. Dues maybe \$50/year? Let the group know if you have other ideas.

Shannon shared an email from someone representing the Darke County Fair (they might already have someone but here is her email in case someone is interested in doing this:

I am the new Darke County-Ohio State University Extension FCS Educator and am working on the Darke County Fair Friday Sampler Program for Friday, 8/23- The main attraction each year is a Quilter Program and I would like to see if anyone of the talented artists in your group are available and interested in sharing their story, the history of...anything that involves their passion for the art of quilting. Typically, the program is an hour and the quilting artist will be the Main Speaker and the first program-from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Any visuals are helpful also. This year we will also be highlighting the "Lost Arts"-with local farmers and food and shops in the Darke County area. It would be a nice tie-in to the rest of the days program if the speaker could include a little on how this generation of quilters is sharing their passion in hopes of the continuation of quilting tradition.

This is a paid event for the speaker.

If you or someone in the group is interested, please call me at the Extension Office-937-548-5215.And if not, if you could point me elsewhere-I would greatly appreciate any help you have to offer.

Thank you-Tina

SHOW AND TELL: Joni showed a great quilt top that she made from a class taught by Linda Hahn. The quilt pattern is called "Guyon Grey". She used Frog Hollow Designs Foundation paper for her paper piecing (you don't have to tear it away). Jennifer and Barb shared other Show and Tell with cheesecloth creations from Barb. (a possibility for October's meeting?)

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: We all shared something about our quilt journey...including asking advice and Linda sharing family heirloom quilts.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Diller, Secretary (with some notes from Barb)