

Halton Hills Quilting Guild Executive Meeting November 4th, 2024, held in person at Margaret's home in Georgetown.

The meeting was attended by Irene Rushworth, Donna May, Melinda Noble, Margaret Newey, Jane Symmes, Kim Moore, Ida Jenkins and Maria Trott. Barbara Shein attended with Zoom.

Margaret called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm and welcomed the Executive.

**President: Margaret Newey**

The Optimist Club works well as a meeting place for the Guild. Should we purchase a new microphone? Ida mentioned that the Guild owns a second amplifier. She will bring it to our next meeting to try it out. Melinda has a clip-on microphone and will bring that to the next meeting. If the second amplifier and microphone doesn't improve the sound quality, the Guild could consider purchasing new equipment from Amazon. The Zoom account requires an email and phone number. Currently Ida is the Zoom contact. Margaret would like to use the Guild's email in future. Zoom requires a Visa card for payment. Currently Zoom has Ida's card number. Margaret will ask if a reloadable Visa card could be used.

**Past President: Ida Jenkins**—Ida will encourage the members to be involved in the Guild Executive and Non-executive positions.

**Non-Executive Positions**

Photographer—Kim is getting the photos ready for the Newsletter Montage. Two pages dedicated for Anne's trunk show and one page for the member Show and Share was suggested.

50-50 draw--- Brenda Mathies, the draw at the last meeting went well.

Refreshment Coordinator---Courtney Sylvest has agreed to serve with MaryLou Olah. They will need help. Donna suggested that the members that bring treats also help to serve the coffee.

BOM—The BOM patterns, samples, and write up have been submitted to Barbara for the November newsletter. The members seem to be enjoying the activity. Donna received some blocks made by Teresa Jarvis.

Hearts and Hugs—Elaine Karton –It would be nice if Elaine would mention in the Newsletter who received cards during the month.

**Vice President: Donna May**

Donna chaired the September meeting as Margaret was not able to attend. This went well, aided by the agenda. Maria was a big help at this meeting too.

**Secretary: Donna May**

Donna checked the mailbox on the weekend. No new mail was there. The CQG magazine was given to Irene, who then gave it to Barbara, to check for Newsletter items. All bank statements have been given to Irene.

**Treasurer: Irene Rushworth**

Irene has paid CQA just over \$385.00 for membership and liability insurance. This was slightly more than last year, and the budget will need to be adjusted. The Acton Fall Fair confirmed their sponsorship request. They are requesting \$75.00 instead of \$100.00 They will now accept e-transfer which will prevent the problem of stale dated cheques. We are supporting the Georgetown, Milton and Acton Fairs. Margaret read a thank you card that she received from Theresa Lockerbie for the sponsorship of the Acton Fair prizes. There was a discussion about how to inform our members about the procedure to enter a quilted item into a Fair. Maria thought that it would be good to have some mentorship. Melinda noted that she receives a small catalog of Fair procedures at her store, usually in January. Anne, Ida or Joan might be able to give some pointers. Courteny also entered an item this year.

**Program Convener: Melinda Noble**

Date	Location	Program	Cost
Sept	Optimist Club	Member activity/return brown bag exchange	free
Oct	Optimist Club	Anne Balanyk trunk show	??
Nov	Optimist Club	Outreach sewing evening: Secret Santa exchange	free
Jan25	Zoom	Tara Starzomski free motion workshop-2 hrs 6:30 start	\$120.00
Feb	Zoom	TBD/hired speaker/trunkshow	??
March	Zoom	TBD/hired speaker/trunkshow	??
April	Optimist Club	Members bring favorite notion and discuss	free
May	Optimist Club	Round Robin Demos 20 mins & 5 mins to swap Donna: freezer paper -paper piecing Anne?: Quilt as you go. TBD	free
June	Optimist Club	AGM-Member activity	free

The November gift exchange/secret Santa was discussed. The gift can be new, thrifted or made and should be \$10.00 value. It should be wrapped and unsigned. The members that participate will receive a ticket in exchange for their gift that will allow them to go and pick a gift when called. There will be no stealing. This will go on during the Outreach Sew Event.

Melinda will explain what the members need to do to get prepared for the workshop with Tara and submit this for the January Newsletter or supplements.

**OutReach: Irene Rushworth**

Irene is still getting over her illness but is feeling better. The November Outreach sewing activity will be the adult bibs for the Silver Creek Adult Daycare. Irene brought a selection of fabric and flannel for the backs. We all liked the selections. Ida volunteered to wash the flannel. Margaret gave Irene the full-size

pattern. Irene has some large paper to make copies. Velcro was picked for the neck closure. Melinda said that she could bring thread to the November meeting. Ida thinks that there is some thread in one of the Outreach boxes. Margaret can bring a sewing machine. Irene will also have some kits made up to make tray mats for Links2Care. Irene will have instructions for the members in the Newsletter. Irene brought several quilts, and the Executive picked the Christmas disappearing 4 patch to donate to the Silver Creek Adult Daycare for their silent auction fund raiser. The Lemoyne Star quilt was selected for the Acton Trinity United Church silent auction fundraiser. Melinda will print a label with the Guild's information for the two auction quilts. There are 10 child quilts that Irene plans to donate to the Georgetown Montessori School. Irene has had no one volunteer to quilt the larger quilts. Lindsey Dunlop has taken one of the smaller quilts to quilt. There will be no Outreach Sale table at the November meeting.

**Newsletter Editor: Barbara Shein**

The deadline for submissions for the November edition is November 4th. Barbara wants to have much of the work done early as she will be traveling for a bit longer. If you must submit late, please let Barbara know so she can plan to leave a block of space.

**Membership Convener: Maria Trott**

There are 39 members with 5 new members this year. Maria will contact the lapsed members to remind them that they will not receive the November newsletter without paid membership by October 31. November fat quarter theme is Christmas. The final members list for 2024/2025 will be sent as an attachment to the newsletter.

**Website: Margaret Newey**

Nothing to report.

**Postcard Exchange: Jane Symmes**

Jane will finalize the groups for the November newsletter.

**Sew and Chat: Margaret Newey**

The Sew and Chat days have restarted at the Trinity United Church in Acton. The first day was November 1 and will occur every 2 weeks. The next day is November 15<sup>th</sup>. This might be a time to work on prep for the bibs for the November Program. Margaret is looking for the Church Key. Ida has a ring of keys and will check if the missing key might be there. Vivienne Desroches or Joan Lovegrove might have had the church key.

**Facebook: Margaret Newey**

Nothing to report.

**Librarian Convener: Jane Symmes**

About 100 of the 300 books have been sold. This raised \$1400.00. Jane contacted six other nearby Guilds and has sold 3 more books. Irene will assist in getting a book to it's new home in Brampton with Tracey Anne. Ida suggested bringing a few books to sell at the Guild meetings. The physical book might stimulate some interest in purchase. Jane will bring books that are \$20.00 or less to purchase. It would

help if the members knew in advance that the books were going to be there so they could bring some extra money. Jane will write a small note for the newsletter.

### **Workshop Convener: Jane Symmes**

The postcard workshop was a success. The entire cost of the workshops (supplies, hall rental and teacher honoraria) is to be paid by the attendees.

Workshop Dates, April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup> are reserved at the Optimist Club.

Anne Balanyk to teach the bag workshop May 24<sup>th</sup>

Margaret: Film at Five Quilt April 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Publicity Convener: Kimberlee Moore**

Kim has been in contact with The Wellington Advertiser to advertise the guild. She is working on getting the Instagram page set up.

Melinda mentioned that she was organizing an event at the Acton Town Hall November 21,22,23. Melinda would like to display a Guild poster. Kim will get it printed AO (33x47 inches) for Melinda to display. There is a \$3.04 charge and Kim will save the receipt. We might get it mounted for future use, but Melinda has a suspension sign for display this time.

### **Other business: Fundraising**

Melinda has been approached by someone that wants to donate a relative's entire sewing room contents. There is a large amount. Courteny has volunteered to help to pick this up. Ida has a van. The items will be sorted for Outreach use and a Garage Sale Day. Some items could be sorted into scrap bags for sale on the Outreach sale table.

It was felt by the executive that the need for a quilt show is inevitable. We will need funds if we are to continue to operate. It will likely take 2 years to plan a quilt show. A committee will need to be struck, and a suitable hall reserved. Melinda noted that there are good places nearby, (the Gellert Gallery) but they book up quickly.

**Guild Storage:** We really have no storage. There are 4 boxes of things that were used at previous quilt shows stored at Lorna Blanchette's. Ida thinks that the contents have no real value and suggested that we dispose of some. (dried floweres, dated quiltshow vests etc.). The Executive gave permission to Ida to have a look and make decisions about what to dispose of and what to keep. Judy Ferguson has the quilt show frames and would like to have them stored somewhere else.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

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