

Halton Hills Quilting Guild Executive Meeting Nov 6, 2023, held in person at Ida's home in Acton.

The meeting was attended by Ida Jenkins, Irene Rushworth, Donna May, Margaret Newey, Jane Symmes and Barbara Shein. Melinda Noble sent regrets as she had a work commitment.

Ida called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed the Executive.

President: Ida Jenkins

Ida was able to contact Sheryl Lynn at the Optimist Club and wants the executive to consider it as a possible location for meetings and workshops. The main advantage is the reduced cost of \$50 per month for our guild meetings and \$100.00 for a workshop day. The location is central 13439 ON-7 Limehouse, on highway 7 near Trafalgar. There is a ramp for accessibility. The washroom is currently in the basement but there is a plan to move the washroom to the main floor. Ida was told that this work would be completed by April 2024. There is storage for the library in the basement, but Ida recommended against this because it smelled musty. The November meeting will be at the St. Stephen's Church in Hornby. There is no meeting in December. The January, February and March meetings are planned to be Zoom. The executive thought that we should ask for a contract with the Optimist Club. Ida noted that there is an opportunity for the guild to get involved in youth mentoring. Maybe have a "Learn to Sew" day with a small project for the youth to keep and/or involve them in making small NICU Outreach quilts.

Secretary: Donna May

Donna wondered why we need two copies of Canadian Quilters Magazine. Donna asked Margaret to forward her the 2023/24-member list. It is helpful when drafting the minutes. Irene would also like a copy. Margaret noted that it is posted on the web site.

Treasurer: Irene Rushworth

Irene mentioned that the CQA did not get our payment. Irene will be following up to ensure that CQA receives payment. Lisa Rossetti advertised her garage sale in the newsletter and will be billed the members rate for the service. Lisa wondered if she could have a tax receipt for her fabric donation. The guild is not a registered charity. Irene will be updating the members about our finances in the next newsletter. She noted that the Program budget was \$1800 - \$425 for the October Speaker = \$1375 remaining. The Rent budget was \$1000 - \$425 = \$575 remaining. If we move to the Optimist Club, there will be unspent monies in the Rent budget of \$425. The Raffle account has \$1901. This will not support the Guild activities for much longer. We need to consider fundraising but there has not been interest in organizing a quilt show by the members. A quilt show would require the participation of most, if not all, of the members. The 50/50 draws, and the sale table are making some money.

Outreach Convener: Irene Rushworth

Irene will send instructions for the November meeting for the members with the newsletter. The program for the November meeting is a fun, group work night, for Outreach. The instructions will remind people what to bring and organize the groups. There are 5 groups signed up so far, but Irene will have 8-10 kits made up so there will be lots to do. Jane suggested that Irene bring some fabric to cut into pieces to make more Outreach kits. Some people could work on piecing backs. Each group will be organized around a table. Irene noted that Lisa Rosette, Maria Trott and Susan Phillips have all made

generous donations of fabric to Outreach. There is now some new fabric to work with. The completed quilts are organized by size and gender. Possible homes for the 43 quilts include hospitals, hospice, family shelters, project Linus, Habitat for Humanity, and It takes a Village.

There was a discussion about quilt labels. The logo and Guild name will be printed on fabric with an inkjet printer (Barbara might be able to help with this) and hand sewn to the quilts. Irene wants to resize the label to make it easier to turn under.

Newsletter Editor: Barbara Shein.

The newsletter deadline is November 8th. Please make your submissions in black or dark ink. Red is particularly hard to see in the newsletter.

Membership Convener: Margaret Newey

There were 29 members at the October meeting. There are 44 members in total, 38 returning members and 6 new members. Margaret has reached out to the lapsed members to see if they are interested in rejoining. Margaret would like to trade some of the membership's fat quarter prizes with some of the outreach fabric. Irene and Brenda Mathies were the winners of the membership fat quarter draw in October. These will be presented at the November meeting. Margaret plans some other prizes for variety. The theme for the fat quarter draw is Christmas. It is a good idea to have some paper stick-on name tags for visitors to the Guild.

Website Administrator: Margaret Newey.

Nothing to report.

Postcard Exchange: Margaret Newey

5 people have joined the exchange. Postcard making might make a good workshop topic. Margaret was encouraged to teach postcard making at an upcoming workshop, maybe next fall as it would interest more members in the postcard exchange.

Zoom Sew and chat: Margaret Newey-

No real interest from the members. Ida suggested that we not offer this for this year.

Facebook page: Margaret Newey- nothing to report.

Library: The library books were never signed out often previously. There has not been a good place to store the library that will allow the members to access the books. The executive feels that the library should be dismantled. Ida suggested that the value for each book be assigned by checking how much they are going for on Amazon. Jane will help with this. The members will have an opportunity to purchase the books at a modest discount (maybe 20% TBD). It would be a good fundraiser for the Guild. How the books will be offered to the members was not firmly decided. One option is to send a list of the books to the members and let them indicate which ones they are interested in. Alternatively, a selection of books could be brought to the meetings for the members to purchase.

Workshop Convener: Jane Symmes.

Jane will hold the Cathedral Window by machine workshop in January or February. Ida will check the Optimist Club for their availability on Jan 27, Feb 3, or Feb 10. A second workshop will be offered in April or May (April 27, May 4, or May 11). Postcard making or stained-glass effect were suggested as possible topics.

Program: Melinda Noble absent.

Melinda indicated to Ida by email that the January presenter is "The Geeky Bobbin" Bobbie Gentili from Toronto and the February presenter is Gail Berry- Graham a professional longarm quilter and educator.

Barbara noted that it would be a good idea to review the Guild's constitution, at a future executive meeting.

The meeting finished at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by Donna May Nov 13th.