

HHQG Meeting April 22, 2024: Held at Optimist Club 13439 Hwy & Georgetown, ON.

President-- Ida Jenkins: Ida started the meeting at 7:10 pm and welcomed the members to the meeting and our new home at the Optimist Club. The space is nice and bright with accessible washrooms. The tables are laid out in rows for Bingo. The members felt that the table layout was ok and not worth moving. Ida asked to have one of the members accept the minutes of the March 2024 meeting. The minutes were accepted by Irene Rushworth and seconded Anne Balanyk.

Secretary --Donna May: Nothing to report.

Barbara Shein-- Newsletter: Barbara was absent (on vacation). Ida noted that the deadline to contribute to the next newsletter is May 4th.

Outreach --Irene Rushworth: Three kits are available to sandwich, quilt, and bind. Please consider taking one home. Irene reminded the members to shop at the Outreach table. Sales from tonight have netted \$34.00!

Treasurer—Irene Rushworth: There is a summary of the Guild accounts in the newsletter.

Membership—Margaret Newey: There were 27 members present and three guests at the meeting. Unfortunately, there was no fat quarter draw as no theme was selected.

Website—Margaret Newey: Nothing to report.

Zoom-- Sew and Chat --Margaret Newey: This is not active currently.

Facebook—Margaret Newey: Nothing to report.

Library Convener—Vacant --Temporarily Jane Symmes: The library is being dismantled. The books are for sale and selling slowly but steadily. The list of books for sale is in the private area of the website. There is detailed information explaining how to view and purchase the books in the Newsletter. The book sales netted \$1200.00 (87 books sold) to date. Ida asked if Jane would bring a selection of books to the next guild meeting to let the members have a look and perhaps purchase them.

Workshop--Jane Symmes: A sew day will be held May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Optimist Club. Six members have committed to attend. The cost for the Optimist Club rental for a day is \$100.00. The more members that come the less the cost per person. Jane is hoping for some more members to attend.

BOM—Vacant: Donna stated that she will take this role on for the next guild year. She hoped that people would be interested in making two blocks, one for Outreach (blue and cream colours) and one to keep. Likely the BOM will begin at the June meeting with the introduction of the planned layout for the project and a block or two to work on over the summer. If there are a lot of blocks contributed (too many for outreach), the extra blocks could be raffled.

Ida called for a 10 min break at 7:13. Thanks to Lorna and Donna for the cookies. At 7:30 the meeting resumed.

Program Convenor—Melinda Noble: Melinda asked members to let her know if there is any particular activity that they would like to see at the June AGM. Melinda is considering having the mystery fabric swap again since it was so successful last year.

Melinda introduced today's speaker Kirsten Stefanini of Northcott Fabrics. Kirsten is a fabric sales representative covering Southwestern Ontario. Kirsten showed some examples of Northcott fabric made up into quilts. There are some free patterns on the Northcott web site in the resource section. Kirsten let the members have a look at the new fabric collections that are going to be available in the fall of 2024 and spring 2025. She had new Figo, Banyan Batiks and Patick Lose designs to look at. Kirsten very generously provided every member with two Batik fat quarters. She also provided fat quarter bundles that were won by Pat Tufford, Katherine Pulford, Linda Fritz, Geri Kunica, Pearl Sawden and Mary Merry.

The 50 -50 draw raised \$16.00 for the Guild and \$16.00 was won by Lindsay Dunlop

The meeting finished with show and share.

Anne Balanyk, Maria Trott, Margaret Newey, and Jane Symmes let us look at their latest creations. We are inspired by your work!

The next Guild meeting is May27th. The theme for the fat quarter draw is flowers. The next scheduled executive meeting is May 6<sup>th</sup>. Ida adjourned the meeting at 8:30

Submitted April 23, 2024, by Donna May