



Greater Moncton Quilt Guild

General Meeting, Feb 9, 2011

The meeting came to order at 7:15pm. All 58 members and two guests were welcomed by Vice-President Samantha Robichaud. Guests were Betty Callaghan and Blanch Landry.

Treasurer's report was presented by Ardith Barron and motion to accept was approved by Jerri Burke.

December's meeting minutes were read and business arising from those minutes was about booking the same caterer (a \$350 deposit required) and the same venue for next year. A motion was made by Marie Bernard and passed unanimously.

Correspondence was presented from the following:

Mahone Bay Quilters Guild, Flarefabrics.ca, fabricmaven.com, The Quilt Pattern Magazine, CQA Teachers Up-dated List, and CQA Leaf Bowls pattern.

Carolyn Mitton spoke on the Wednesday Wonders, and asked if someone would like to take it over, as she has been doing it for 19 years. If no one is interested in doing so, the equipment is up for donation to members first and then to the Salvation Army, that will be starting a sewing program for those with low self-esteem. She will wait one month for a response. Monies used to start the program will be returned to the guild.

Karen Bureaux, chair of the 25th Anniversary Quilt Show & Sale reported that a venue was found - the Moncton Kinsmen Center for October 21, 22, 23rd. Many volunteers are needed. Sign-up sheets for the different jobs were placed at the back. She then showed the Raffle Quilt. A suggestion was made that a picture of the quilt would help sell more tickets. Karen then thanked those who helped hand quilt the quilt, as it was finished in a two week period.

Kim Larracy presented the next step in the Baby Challenge. All 6 blocks were to go back to the first person you traded with. Directions were provided for squaring up the blocks and adding the borders. All tops to be completed and returned at next months' meeting.

Susan Delaney presented updated stats from the web site. To date, there has been 30,000 visits to the site, with 174 visits to the quilt for sale portion - with no quilts in it. A new form will be available on the web and can be forwarded to Susan for those interested.

Bridgette Daly spoke about the up-coming retreat Feb 25-27th, and the great response, with only two seats left. There will be a cancellation fee for weather reasons of half the room charge. Roxanne has info packages ready for pick-up. Participants were encouraged to bring a photo from 25 years ago, for fun a games.

Phyllis Melanson reminded members of their UFO projects, and that pledge sheets were available at the back.

Samantha presented information on the upcoming workshop. Anne Morrel Robinson will do two workshops and a trunk show April 30, May 1 and 2nd. Cost will be \$40 for the workshops, one will be a kaleidoscope the other an appliqué to be held at the Riverview Rec Center. The Trunk Show will be held at the Golden Age Club, tickets will be \$5.

Samantha moved that any profits left over from the workshops be rolled over and used towards the next years workshops. The motion was seconded by Peggy Sheehan, and passed.

Jerri Burke and Martha presented the group quilt top that will be given away in a draw of names from all those members that participated in making the blocks and quilting it.

Marie Bernard asked members to save their milk bags for Irene Pearson who makes sleeping mats for Haiti and Africa. She has also made 65 dresses for Haiti. Marie also stated that the December's food bank drive was really successful and suggested it to be done again in April.

Beth presented 24 Blocks of the Month to winner Marie Bernard. Next month is Party on the courthouse steps with party colors. Directions available at the back or on the web.

Mystery Quilt- Part 4 was given before part 3. Part 3 was made available now. Next month, those participating will be putting all the parts together and Valerie will bring hers as an example to the next meeting.

Betty presented \$44 to Cindy Colburne, winner of the 50/50 draw.

Many items presented for show and share, followed by program, which was a demonstration of seven different techniques: Basting binding and finishing (Betty Rice), invisible tying (Carolyn Mitton), paper piecing (Ardith Barron), surface design (Jennifer Scantlebury Vienneau), a creative quilt idea (Loanna Whitmore), squaring up baby blocks for next month (Kim Larracy), and ½ square triangles in bulk (Grace Crawford).

The meeting adjourned around 9:20pm.