STARLIGHT QUILTERS GUILD BOARD MEETING
January 16, 2024 via ZOOM communication

Attending: Donna di Natale, Amy Ubben, Suzanne Andrews, Janet Wikle, Michele Fix, Ann Doherty, Janette Sheldon, Donna Holloway, Janice McKee, Jan Ketchum, Jamie Morgan, Mary Honas, Mary Funk, Carla Orner, Cheryl Dvorak, Peggy Skaith, and Kathy Keehn.

*** QUILT SHOW -**
* Priority for the show is to have a good show and allow members to exhibit what they have done, not make money.
* Suggestion to have more categories and therefore, more ribbons.
* Dates for the show are October 18 & 19, 2024 with set up on October 17. Hours on the 18th will be 10-6 and 10-3 on the 19th.
* Location will be the Shriner's Hall at 5300 Metcalf. The Community Center in Lenexa is unavailable.
* Bake sale will be located in the boutique this year.
* Boutique area will be the size of 2 or 3 vendor booths. No quilts will be sold in the boutique.
* More information will be available in upcoming newsletters.

*** WORKSHOP FEB. 10TH – Dave the Quilt Maven**
* Cost is $55.
* Topic is paper piecing
* KC Maker is promoting on their website.
* Two types of workshops – a project or a technique. Suggestion to poll members and see which they prefer.

*** MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS -**
* Donna asked that board members be supportive of other board members.
* Masks will be optional at the meeting next week.
* Board meetings will be held quarterly (April, July, and Oct) on the Tuesday before the Guild meeting.
* Board meetings will be in person if possible.
* Donna D will send the program information that she has to Janice McKee for posting on the website.
* January & February meetings will be hybrid (in person & zoom) and you must be in attendance to get a door prize. Buckets will be available for those attending in person.
* Meetings will start at 7 but members are encouraged to come earlier to have a chance to socialize with other members.
* Committee reports should go in the newsletter and oral committee reports should be eliminated.
* It was suggested that one door prize be set aside for visitors.
* Jan Ketchum will continue to staff the front door table, manage monthly fat quarters and will assume responsibility for the show and tell ribbons.

***PROJECT LINUS -**
* Mary Honas reported that Project Linus distributed 4800 quilts to the Love Fund in December. It is unknown how many of those were from Starlight. Those were distributed in the KC Metro area.

*** SHOW AND TELL -**
* Mary Funk suggested that Show and Tell remain at the end of the meeting. Others agreed with this suggestion.

*** OPPORTUNITY QUILT -**

* There is no chair person for this project, so an opportunity quilt will not be made this year unless someone volunteers for this position.
* Marketing needs to be a primary focus if a quilt is made. Taking it to quilt shops is not the best method. It needs to be taken to other guilds.
*Janette Sheldon suggested the we consider doing an opportunity quilt for festival year and sell tickets for two years with the drawing held at our quilt show. Right now we don't need the money from this venture and it requires a lot of time and commitment to get it pieced and quilted.
* One idea is to find a vintage quilt top and finish it for the opportunity quilt.
* Kits for blocks could also be made and distributed to members for them to make. It was suggested that the blocks be paper pieced to help assure consistent size.
* Janette Sheldon volunteered to help make the kits. She will not be involved in the marketing.
* Suzanne Andrews volunteered to take the quilt to other guild meetings.

*** QUILT FESTIVAL -**

* Jamie Morgan is our representative to the festival committee.
* Distribution of revenue to guilds will likely be tied to the number of volunteer hours for committee work, festival work, etc. Therefore, we need to emphasis to our members the importance of them signing up for volunteer hours.
* Some guilds have volunteers that take their laptop and register other guild members when the program for volunteering is opened. This seems to increase the number of hours volunteered.
* The festival is currently reviewing applications from guilds who have asked to participate.

*** NEWSLETTER -**

* Articles need to be sent to Suzanne Andrews at Starlightnewsletter@gmail.com.

*** MEETING ADJOURNED.**