

Feather Princesses Monthly Guild Meeting Minutes 4/10/2024

Princesses Dorothy Johnson, Joanne Rodriguez, Ritu Haldar and Michelle Barry

President Princess Dorothy Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. President Dorothy welcomed members, asked attendees to silence cell phones and sign-up for birthday drawing.

Hostess Princess Fazie was absent.

Membership announced that there were 34 members present and no guests.

Secretary: Ritu Haldar welcomed the members. Members were encouraged to access the newsletter, Minutes of the Meeting, and website.

Treasurer's Report:

Princess Michelle Barry presented the budget.

Birthday/Sunshine: Birthday wishes were extended to members. Janet Slee was the Birthday Basket winner! Healing thoughts were requested for members who were recovering from ailments.

Community Service: Princess Shirley Williams announced:

Funds totaling \$117.00 along with non-perishable food items for the month. The donation for April 2024 goes to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Fat Quarter Exchange: Princess Linda announced that FLOWERS (any size any color) will be the theme for the Fat Quarter exchange in April 2024. The winners were Princesses Dorothy Johnson, Joanne Rodriguez, Winnie Maile, Barbara Belcher, and Janet Slee.

Healing Hearts Blocks: Princess Shirley Kasprzyk was absent. Princess Becky Gammons had patterns available to members. Please see the website and newsletter for guidelines. Members are encouraged to catch up with their blocks and turn them in to be distributed to members.

Hospitality: Members were encouraged to volunteer for the position.

Newsletter: Princess Michelle Barry requested articles for the newsletter be turned in by Friday, April 26, 2024. Members were encouraged to check their spam folder to access the newsletter.

Retreat 2024: Princess Karen Benitez announced that the contract has been signed and a deposit made to Lake Yale. The cost is \$575.00 for a Single, \$475.00 for a Double and payment can be made by Square. Members can begin to register for the retreat. 14 members have registered as of April 2024. The dates for the retreat are October 17-21, 2024. Final payment is due on August 14, 2024.

Special Block: Princess Michelle Barry designed a wonderful “April Showers” Spring Block. Kits are available for purchase at \$2.00 each. The completed blocks are due on June 12, 2024. Princess Shirley Williams will design the summer block and it will be available in June.

Tool Time: Princess Roni Hunt shared websites and tutorials for members to check out and be inspired. Donut interfacing for applique by Lori Holt, Stuart Moore’s Textiles-A Masterclass, Back Basted Applique- American Quilting and Becky Goldsmith by Piece O’ Cake Quilting were some of the offerings. Princess Roni also shared tools (pencil sharpeners) and accessories such as a Thread Holder for members to explore as per their needs. Princess Winnie shared a tip about using a marking pen on dark colored fabrics for marking purposes.

Library: Princess Mary Ann Vathy, shared the details regarding our Lending Library. Current members may take out 2 books each month. The loan period is 1 month. Red Dot Specials are rare and valuable books requiring a \$50.00 deposit. Requests can be made up to 1 week ahead of the meeting. A Wait List will be maintained. A database will be set up through the website for members to access and request books in advance of the meeting. Members may search by Author, Title, and Classification when the database goes live. Members were encouraged to volunteer and hold 2 boxes of books per genre. Thanks to Princesses Maria Nunez for storing them for the guild.

Jimmy B. Keel Library Display: Princess Sandi Snow announced that she had all the quilts needed for the display which will begin Maay1, 2024 through June 2024.

Ways and Means: Princess Michelle Barry informed members that there will be a fall sale. She requested members to notify the committee regarding any upcoming craft shows or vendor opportunities with enough notice so the guild can register as a vendor and prepare for the event.

President's Report: President Dorothy Johnson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

President Johnson congratulated Princess Cheryl Haynes for winning 4 ribbons for her quilts. Heartiest Congratulations!

She announced the following:

Creative Group will offer pictures to drawings as their group activity. The supply list will be in the newsletter.

Hawaiian Applique Group will meet and discuss layout and border options.

Legacy Quilt Group will work on a patriotic quilt.

Plum Creek Quilt Circle will meet with Princess Becky and Princess Shirley.

Tuesday Sit and Stitch will meet at the Citrus Park location.

Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle will meet on 2/26/2024

Shop Hop: Members were encouraged to enjoy the shops in the area.

President Dorothy Johnson also announced that several inquires were entertained regarding nominations and elections. She encouraged members to read the newsletter as procedures will be posted for members to review.

Nominations will be in May 2024 and Elections in June 2024.

Vice-President's Report: Princess Joanne Rodriguez introduced Princesses Vici Miller who had a wonderful presentation on Sun Bonnet Sue. Members had a wonderful time learning about the history and the pattern. Members were handed a Bonnet to applique and return in May.

December Birthday Drawing: Princess Ritu Haldar conducted the drawing and Princess Janet Slee was the winner.

Show and Tell: Princess Beverly Abenante took photographs and presented Princesses Brigitte Kasm, Shirley Williams, Annette Kocsis for Lorraine Masten, and Nancy Hale who shared their creations.

Door Prizes/Trivia:

Membership Chair Betty Jo Lecaroz and Betty Jo Weber conducted the activity. Winners were Princesses Becky Gammons, Barbara Belcher and Winnie Maile.

Members were recipients of numerous prizes and a fun time was had by all.

Meeting Adjourned: President Princess Dorothy Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ritu Haldar, Secretary

