

Feather Princesses Monthly Guild Meeting Minutes 3/13/2024

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

President Princess Dorothy Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:00 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 28 members present and no guests.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Princess Michelle Barry presented the budget.

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

Community Service: Princess Shirley Williams announced:

Funds totaling \$71.00 along with non-perishable food items for the month. The donation for March 2024 goes to Hudson United Methodist Church.

Fat Quarter Exchange: Princess Linda announced that PASTELS will be the theme for the Fat Quarter exchange in March 2024. The winners were Princesses Dorothy Johnson and Jackie Tarr.

Healing Hearts Blocks: Princess Shirley Kasprzyk was absent. Princess Becky Gammons had patterns available to members. Please see the website and newsletter for guidelines.

Hospitality: Members were encouraged to volunteer for the position.

Newsletter: Princess Michelle Barry requested articles for the newsletter be turned in by Friday, March 29, 2024

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. Members can begin to register for the retreat. The dates 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 were provided for members to purchase at \$2.00 each. The completed blocks are due on June 12, 2024. Finished blocks were displayed for members as an inspiration to complete and return them by June 2024.

Tool Time: Princess Roni Hunt shared wonderful ideas about organizing our tools and stash at home. She had surprises for members and tips for purchasing interfacing and other supplies. Princess Becky Gammons won the Golden Egg

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 for convenience. A database will be set up through the website for members to access and request books in advance of the meeting. Members were encouraged to volunteer and hold 2 boxes of books per genre. More volunteers are needed to hold the boxes. 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.

Ways and Means: Princess Michelle Barry announced that the guild made a profit of \$220.00 from the sale. She thanked members for their support.

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

Tiara Club: President Johnson honored members of the guild who had won ribbons for their quilts in quilt shows. Our newest Tiara Club members are Victoria Miller and Brigitte Kasm. Heartiest Congratulations!

She facilitated a discussion regarding a guild quilt show in the future. Members were encouraged to share their opinions, ideas and offer suggestions. After some discussion a vote was held.

Discussions were held around the following topics:

Venue, Expenses, Median age of members, Participation and Support.

The results were as follows: No =24 and YES =3.

The Guild will not hold a quilt show. Members were open to revisiting this agenda item in the future.

President Dorothy Johnson also announced that she would be stepping down as President effective July 31,2024. She thanked the members for the opportunity to serve as President. She encouraged members to invite new leadership, offer improvements and grow membership.

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

Vice-President's Report: Princess Joanne Rodriguez introduced Princesses Trudy Flynn and Anette Kocsis to make a presentation using hexies. Princess Anette showed members her method and some beautiful examples of her workmanship. Information, Instructions, and templates are available upon request.

Princesses Janet Slee and Vici Miller also offered their samples of completed hexie projects. April's Program will be hosted by Vici Miller and her Sun Bonnet Sue quilts.

December Birthday Drawing: Princess Ritu Haldar conducted the drawing and Princess Jo Ann Smith was the winner.

Quilt Circles: Please note that Princess Peggy Wattenbarger's group needs a name.

Hawaiian Applique group will meet on April 12, 2024.

Show and Tell: Princess Beverly Abenante took photographs and presented Princesses Vici Miller, Lois Bretzlaff and Janet Slee who shared their creations.

Door Prizes/Trivia:

Membership Chair Betty Jo Lecaroz and Betty Jo Weber conducted the activity. Winners were Mary Vathy, Jo Ann Smith, Peggy Wattenbarger, B.J. Weber, Janet Slee, Trudy Flynn, Dorothy Johnson, Betty Jo Lecaroz, and Beverly Abenante.

Easter Door Prize Winner is Princess Vici Miller.

Additional Winners: Princesses Beverly Abenante, Trudy Flynn, Melissa Labella, Lois Bretzlaff, Betty Jo Lecaroz, Elaine Randall and Mary Vathy.

Congratulations to all!

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

Meeting Adjourned: President Princess Dorothy Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ritu Haldar, Secretary

