

## Quilting Bees of Murfreesboro November Minutes

### Call to Order

The November meeting of the Quilting Bees of Murfreesboro was held at St Mark's United Methodist Church, 1267 North Rutherford Blvd. Murfreesboro, Tn 37130 on November 9th 2017. Called to order by Lori S. at 10:05 am. Carmen S. was unable to attend. Our Birthday girls this month are Rhena W., Roxann B., Kayre D., Deborah P., Peggy S., Barbara B., and Millie Hornsby. Karen S., brought her friend Carrie who was visiting from Boston.

### Reports

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Adrienne. Motion was made to approve the October's treasurer's report by Martina B. and seconded by Mary S. The Treasurer's Report was approved. Adrienne reminded all that membership dues for 2018 need to be given to her by the February meeting in order to have your name in the TVQA Directory. We went over the proposed budget for 2018. After a lengthy discussion and a few tweaks to the budget. A motion to approve was made by Jenna D. and seconded by Beverly B. The members voted and the new proposed budget for 2018 was approved and will be emailed to members.  
Thanks Adrienne

The **Secretary Report** had a motion to approve by Karen B. and seconded by Chris R. The Minutes were approved.

### The Charity Report

Lynda P. stated we have over 100 quilts with some still out getting labels and binding. Our charity Show and Tell was after lunch today. There were lots of oohs and awes. She contacted the Redbird representative and she came to our meeting and took 17 quilts with pillowcases. She will be in contact with the Camelot Representative.

### Business

#### Quilt Show Committee

Our venue is secured for 2018 at the AG center again. Please bring a quilt to our January 11th meeting for a chance have it be our Logo Quilt. The members vote and the winner is put on the postcard for the Quilts in the Boro. Committee ladies are hard at work already.

### **Hostess Committee**

Thanks to all the ladies who have brought food this year.

There was a sign up sheet out for the January 2018 luncheon at the meeting but we still need more volunteers to help with lunch. Birthday cakes will no longer be purchased by Guild as of 2018. Members also voted not to purchase lunch for our July meeting. Special thanks to the Hostess Committee for all their hard work.

### **TVQA Committee**

TVQA's last quarterly meeting of 2017 is November 10th all members are welcome to attend. They meet 10:00 am at LaVergne First United Methodist Church, 248 Waldron Rd, LaVergne, Tn 37086.

### **Special Events Committee**

Pam R. was out of town so Terri L. informed us on the upcoming Christmas Party. Red Door will be catering and Bee members signed up to bring in some of their favorite dishes. The menu is Baked Chicken, Rosemary Roasted Potatoes, and the Broccoli Bacon Salad. Yum yum.

Thanks Ladies.

### **Door Prize Committee**

Thanks to Charlotte M. and Carla C. for all the wonderful door prizes this year. Our door prize winners for November were Chris R., Phyllis P., and Deborah P.

### **Retreat Committee**

A conversation on different retreat options was started. We had a lot of good suggestions on options for next year. We even talked about ways to include our day sewers.

### **Sunshine Committee**

The Sunshine Committee was added to the 2018 budget. The money will be used for stamps and cards. If you know of a member that is sick or having surgery let Beverly B. know and she will send a card out. We can always use more hearts ladies. The pattern can be found on our website or use your favorite. The blocks should be 6 ½ inches. Thanks Beverly B. and Peggy S. for all your help.

## Programs

Lori is very busy contacting potential teachers for 2018. We cannot thank her enough for all her hard work this year. It has been proposed to have at least three teachers come teach a class 2018. That will give more members a chance to take a class since most teachers only take 20-25 students at a time. With three classes everyone of our 75 members will be able to take one. Of course there will be waitlists too.

If you are interested in teaching a class or helping teach a class in 2018 Lori S. would love to hear from you.

Lauren Rudd will be doing the program on January 11 2018. It will be on choosing colors.

## Announcements

Next meeting is our Christmas Party. Carmen sent out an email with all the pertinent information. Please RSVP. to Terri L. or Pam R. Reminder bring 3 fat quarters if you want to be included in the game. Wear your Christmas Sweater whether it is ugly or pretty. There will be prizes for both. And if you want to be part of the gift exchange bring a wrapped sewing related gift in the \$10-\$15 range. Toys for Tots will be collected. So bring in unwrapped toys and school supplies for Redbird.

Lori showed the last three pinwheel blocks and they will be posted on the website. There should be 12 different blocks.

We have several members interested in a wool group. If know of a great place to meet we would love to hear. Please let Lori S. know.

Tips of the month can be emailed to Lori S.

## UFO

Today we showed our # 11 UFO. Brenda P. was the lucky November UFO winner. Remember if you have some you didn't bring on the month they were due you can still bring them and get entered for the end of the year drawing. Please bring #'s 2 and 6 on your UFO list to the Dec meeting.

## Tips of the Month

### Jeanna D.'s Tip #1

Free patterns are being offered by Woolly Block Adventure found daily

<https://www.rowbyrowexperience.com/wooly.htm>

These are designed for wool but can also be used with cotton fabric.

### Tip #2

Did you know thread is wound two different ways by different manufacturers. The way it is wound could affect your tension if it is not placed the right way up. Some are cross wound and others are stacked. Check the manufacturer's website for the proper use of your threads.

### Tip #3

Making half square triangles, try placing tape from your needle out instead of drawing lines on your fabric to make them.

### Tip #4

TNT (thread needle tension) if you're having loops on the back of your fabric try checking to make sure your thread is threaded right, next you have the right needle size and finally check your tension to get perfect stitches.

Karen D.'s tip was to thread more than one needle to have them ready when you are binding or even hand Quilting. Saves on time not having to stop to thread and knot when you have a rhythm going.

Edith B.'s tip was on drawing lines on dark fabrics if you don't have a chalk pencil handy you can use a sliver of bar soap. Plus it washes out easier than the pencil.

### Natalie P.'s Tip #1

Another tension problem might be solved by adding weight to your thread. Sometimes you can put another spool on top of the one you're using or if that isn't enough weight you could use metal washers you get from the hardware store.

### Tip #2

Cut a piece of magnetic tape and stick on your machine to hold feet you are not using. Especially handy when you need to use more than one foot for a pattern.

### Tip #3

You can use a small wallpaper roller or pastry roller instead of iron to flatten seams when you are making blocks.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:25**

Prepared by Mare B.

