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Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild Of Texas

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER: Barbara Wall

Merry Christmas!

Everywhere we look, right now, there are reminders that the holiday season is upon us. Sure, there's always talk about the "true meaning of Christmas", but seriously, how did an event of such humble beginnings evolve into this massive display of secularism?

In a world that seems to be woefully lacking in peace and goodwill, it may be tough to figure it all out, but in reality, Christmastime is different for each of us. To some, it's all about the decorations, parties and shopping; for others, it's a celebration of faith and family; and others, a bittersweet reminder of loved ones who have passed on. Most of us, I think, try to find a balance of each of these that leaves us happy and fulfilled rather than exhausted and wishing for it all to be over.

So, in this season of hope, I wish joy and harmony to you and yours, however you choose to keep Christmas.
Barb

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11*

Meetings:

Dec 1st - Business
Dec 2nd - Night 6:45pm
Dec 17th - Day 10:00am

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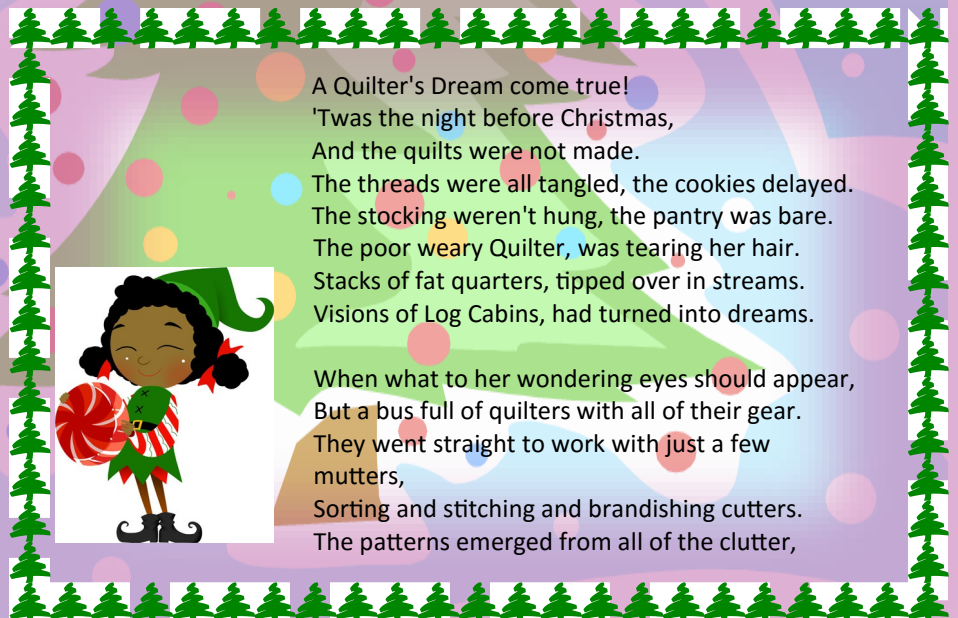
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Programs!

Don't Forget about the Holiday Parties! We can meet up with those we haven't seen in a while and laugh at, I mean with, each other!



A Quilter's Dream come true!

'Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made.

The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
The stocking weren't hung, the pantry was bare.
The poor weary Quilter, was tearing her hair.
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.
Visions of Log Cabins, had turned into dreams.

When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,

Community Service By Judy Wolter

We had a fun and productive time at our Charity Sew In on November 19th! A total of 31 people attended. We completed 6 tops and countless others were taken home to finish. Thanks go out to the following ladies that attended the sew in and also turned in quilts, tops or took kits home to work on:

Pauline Manes	Dolores Manly	Suzanne Goubeard	Rebecca Trevino
Jen Pazicni	Liz Narcisse	Kay Tanner	Gina Abdulla
Dorothy Kelly	Katherine Onstott	Barb Wall	Debbie Garner
Martha Baldwin	Debbie Garner	Ellen Bennett	Beverly Mesler
Suzanne Goubeaud	Doris Mahaffey	Betsy Brook	Veronica Rutenberg
Kay Paul	Shirley Grover	Barbara Young	Nancie Roach
Trena Stephens	Helen Wilems	Susie Doe	Lisa Patterson
Beth Duffy	Sharon Tusa	Dixie Mullins	Joan Bell
Carol Kettlewell	Joyce Jackson		

Again, thank you for sharing your time and talents so that we may donate quilts to those less fortunate in Fort Bend County.

REMINDER

We are continuing to collect UPCs that appear on Hobbs batting bags. Please remember to clip the UPCs from your Hobbs batting and bring them to the next meeting. For every five UPCs we turn in, Hobbs gives us a discount on bolts of batting we purchase for charity quilts.

Quilts of Valor By Barbara Baxter

Thanks to all who came to sew at the joint sew-in on November 19 th. It was great fun and we accomplished a lot for the charity projects.

The QOV sew-in will be moved to December 19 th because of church activities. Come and join us for another day of fun. I will have kits cut, ready to be sewn.



∴ quilt of valor ∴

Thanks to the follow for their donation to QOV:

Sandi Winston	Lisa Patterson	Susie Doe	Quilters Cottage
Barbara Hill	Sandy Kneeland	Wilma Al-Uqdah	Barbara Elloitt
Jo's Quilting Studio	Chris Jenkins	Shirley McCaddon	

Quilt Show News By Barbara Wall

Quilt Show News

Last call for T-shirt orders! The December meetings will be your final opportunity to order our Quilt Happy show T-shirts. The prices are: \$15 (S-XL), \$17 (2XL) and \$18 (3XL). In order to get these low prices, a minimum number of shirts have to be ordered, so this will be the only chance you'll have to purchase them. Please note, shirts are pre-order, pre-pay only.

The planning committee will meet in early December, and there will be a full committee meeting in January. More info coming.

There are still a few committee chair jobs needing to be filled, so please contact one of the team leaders if you'd be willing to help in a specific area.

Susie Doe, 619does@sbcglobal.net Quilts

Allison Etzler, quiltingirl56@yahoo.com Vendors

Pam Biswas, pam_biswas@yahoo.com Facilities

Lisa Patterson, mardanmom@gmail.com Activities

Mary Goodman, marygoodman11@gmail.com Administrative


Quilt Happy!



Opportunities

The Worship Committee at FUMCMC is looking for someone with experience in cleaning and repairing needlepoint pieces to rework 32 kneelers, located in the church's main sanctuary. Some are stained and/or have silverfish damage, and all need to be disassembled, cleaned, stain treated, re-stuffed, re-stretched and sewn back with the trim on the bottoms. This would be a compensated (paid) job.

If you have the skills needed, or can recommend someone who does, please contact Kay Tunnell, directly, at kaytunnell@comcast.net



Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks
Each quilt was a beauty-even the backs.

Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed.
The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.
Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,
And packed up their needles, without giving their names.
They boarded the bus, and checked the next address.
More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.

She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!

Author Unknown - if YOU know, [please tell us](#) so we can properly attribute this poem

Bees!!! By Rebecca Trevino and Kay Paul

News from the Hive ... Quilt Bees ... The merriest month of the year is here. Yay it's December! There are so many holiday happenings that some of our bees are taking a holiday too. Don't fret.....everything picks up again in January. Please contact Kay Paul, our new Bee Keeper, if you are an aspiring Queen Bee and would like to start a new bee. (We love new bees!) Let Kay know the details of your bee, and she will include it in the upcoming schedule. Please consult the calendar below for our bee days/times for December. For the RSVP bees (in green), all you need to do is contact the queen bee and let her know you want to come on a particular date. ... If you need additional information about a bee, or want to chat, please contact Kay either by phone (H) 281-343-0651 (C): 281-352-7607 or by e-mail: kaypaul7@sbcglobal.net.



BEES at a glance (Queen Bee & contact listed): **Green = RSVP Bees** **Blue = Sign Up Bees**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Beginners (11-3) Liz Beulah.narcisse@gmail.com	3	4	5
7	8	9 Beginners (11-3) Liz Beulah.narcisse@gmail.com	10	11	12
14	15	16 Beginners (11-3) Liz Beulah.narcisse@gmail.com	17	18	19
21	22	23 Beginners (11-3) Liz Beulah.narcisse@gmail.com	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26

Julie Dayton's Bag Ladies Bee will not meet in November or December, but will re-organize in January. Please contact Julie for more information. Carol Bell's Pattie Fox' and Lisa Patterson's bees will meet again in January.

Workshops By Martha Baldwin

Holiday Parties!

Programs By Katherine Onstott

Holiday Parties! Look forward to Heidi Pridemore teaching Tips and Tricks on Piecing on **January 21**

Online Auction - Quilt Show 2016

Hello! My name is Dana Comer, and I will be collecting your quilts for the 2016 Quilt Show's online auction. If you're still sitting on the fence about exactly what you want to do for your quilt show entry, and have a few UFO's taking up much needed space in your sewing room, why now pull them out and finish them and donate to the auction? I find that I get some great inspiration for my NEXT project while working on a project (isn't that how UFO's happen in the first place?). So get them out, get them finished, and get them into MY hands so you'll have more space to work on your PAWQ(s) (Potential Award Winning Quilt(s)).

You can give them to me at the evening meetings, or contact me via email to set up a time to do a handoff. I'm at Danadlc@yahoo.com Please put "Online Auction" in your subject line so it won't get lost in my inbox.

By-Law Change (Proposed 10/15)

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Proposed: The President... Voting board members and committee chairmen shall be given **prior notice** of such meetings.

Birthdays By Barbara Elliott

BIRTHDAYS/MEMBERSHIP

Sandra Luckett	December 1	Darleen Patin	December 14
Joyce Jackson	December 3	Kay Paul	December 14
Ellen McCaulley	December 3	Karen S Schubert	December 16
Linda Shepard	December 3	Kristina Harper	December 25
Betsy Brock	December 4	Linda G Payonk	December 30
Lisa Patterson	December 10		
Georgina Abdulla	December 12		

Library By Linda Towle

Are you looking for ideas for the Scrap Happy Challenge for our 2016 quilt showcase? If so, check out some of the books found in our library. *Scrap Happy: Quick-Pieced Scrap Quilts* by Sally Schneider has 13 quilts made from half-square triangles, quarter-square triangles, strips and/or squares. *Scrap-happy Patchwork* by Nancy Zieman has 3 quilt ideas. One is made from strips and a few triangles. The other two require you to use your imagination and creativity with a few simple guidelines. *Scrap Quilting Made Easy* by Sandra Hatch has small, medium and large quilts, as well as vests, gift bags and holiday-themed items. In the book *Simple Strategies for Scrap Quilts* by Lynn Roddy Brown you will find eight blocks. Two different quilts are made with each of the eight blocks. If you are looking for something bold and unusual you may want to try one of the 15 quilts in *Spectacular Scraps: A Simple Approach to Stunning Quilts* by Judy Hooworth and Margaret Rolfe. All the quilts are made with half-square triangles. They are just put together in many different ways.

Treasurer's Report By Pauline Manes

Nov Income \$791	Expense \$1,383
Year to Date Income \$11,959.77	Expense \$7,622.21
Balance 11/24/15 - \$35,565.25	

Representative - at - Large By Barbara Young

I found this on the Olfa website. Who knew! Cutting Mats love moisture! It is recommended that you soak your mat from time to time. Your self healing mat loves moisture.

To soak it, put your mat in a bathtub or large container (would have to be large so it can lay flat) and soak it for 15-20 minutes in a solution of 1/4 cup white vinegar to every gallon of cool water. Let me repeat, cool water. Do this every so often to help extend its useful life. Cutting Mats love moisture!

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Then use a squirt of mild dish washing soap (Ivory or Dawn) and clean the mat with a mushroom brush (soft is the key word here). The purpose of this gentle scouring is to remove the fibers that get trapped in the cuts marks preventing the cuts from "healing".

Keep 'em clean, keep 'em moist, keep 'em flat and NO heat.

Barbara Young 832-528-2779



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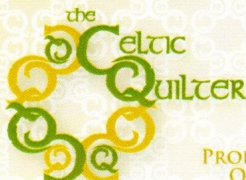
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Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild
Minutes of the October 6, 2015 Board Meeting
(Approved at November 3, 2015 Board Meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Wall, President, at 1:29 p.m. at the Keegan's Woods Community Building.

Board members in attendance: Barbara Wall, Barbara Elliott, Katherine Onstott, Pauline Manes, Susie Doe, Jen Pazicni, Lisa Patterson, Debbie Garner and Barbara Young. A quorum was present. Committee members in attendance: Carol Ann Barley, Julie Dayton, and Judy Wolter.

The Minutes of the September 1, 2015 Board Meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report covering the month of September was approved as presented.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barbara Wall asked that all using guild e-mail be careful as there had been an e-mail account scam noted to have occurred recently.

The storage facility has been changed its security code for entering the building. All were advised of the new code. Anyone needing to access our storage unit should call a board member to obtain the working code.

Lisa Patterson and Barbara Wall attended the October 5th meeting of the Southeast Texas Coalition of Quilt Guilds and found it most informative. The coalition is working on collating a list of local area speakers, compiling a list of retreat centers in the area, and constructing an on-line sign-up system for the showing of guild donation quilts at coalition member meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Richmond (DeWitt) Heritage Center Demos- Pauline Manes announced that she and two other members had volunteered at the Heritage Center's Demo Day on October 4. While there were not many visitors to the old house in Kitty Hollow Park, those that came really enjoyed the presentations. Guild members will be asked to volunteer from 1-4 pm on October 11, 18, and 25.

Audit Committee- The books have been delivered to the audit committee. Helen Wilems, committee chair, has been ill, so it is unknown whether the committee will be able to fulfill its duty to report at the October meeting. If not, the board will ask for a new member to be elected to the committee at the October business meeting, and have the new committee make its report at the November business meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Board & Committee Reports at Guild Meetings – Barbara Wall asked members of the board and standing committees to remember to make their reports short and to the point. To aid in getting through our reports in a timely manner it was suggested that report makers should gather in a line at the front of the meeting room.

Business Members Use of Guild Directory – The question of how to inform a business who is a member of the guild that the guild directory is not to be used for solicitation purposes was discussed. It was agreed that the directory should include a prominent 'notice' referring to Standing Rule #3 regarding this matter, possibly within the header of the first directory page.

Dissolution of NQA (National Quilt Association) – It was announced that members have received notice that the NQA will be disbanding. This means that the guild will have to seek another agency to obtain insurance coverage for the 2016 Quilt Show (which we usually obtain during the May before the show).

New Member Orientation – The guild is due to hold its next new member orientation. It was agreed that we would seek to obtain a room at FUMC for either November 11th or 12th. Carol Ann Barley volunteered to host at her home if we are unable to secure a room at the church.

FUMC Service Project Requests – First United Methodist Church asks that we participate in the following Fall Service Projects: Seafarer's Project (making knitted scarves), Food Drives for non-

perishable items and personal toiletries during October & November (Barb Wall will provide boxes for us to use), and Snack Donations to aid their support of a local elementary school. These projects will be announced at upcoming meetings.

BOARD REPORTS

President-Elect – Helen Wilems

No Report.

Programs – Katherine Onstott

The October evening meeting on October 7th will feature Susan Whateley, an NQA certified quilt judge, speaking on what judges look for when judging quilts at a show. Erica Plank will present a trunk show at the October day meeting.

Membership – Barbara Elliott

The guild currently has 121 members in good standing. She hoped that more would renew their memberships soon. The board agreed that the directory should be printed as soon after the October 15th general meeting as is feasible.

Barbara remarked that the Membership Chair is expected to do quite a lot of work immediately after taking office in September. She made several proposals for the board to consider and hoped that a way could be found to spread out the load for future chairpersons.

Workshops – Martha Baldwin (absent)

Katherine Onstott reported for Martha that on October 15th Erica Plank will teach “Cathedral Windows Pillow by Machine”. The cost is \$30 plus \$14 for a template.

Treasurer – Pauline Manes

The budget committee has met and Pauline presented their proposed budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year. The board made a few changes to the proposal and voted in favor of presenting the modified budget proposal to the membership via e-mail, website, and at the October 15th meeting where it will be put up for membership approval. See attached budget proposal with approved modifications.

Secretary – Susie Doe

No Report.

Representative-at-Large – Barbara Young

No Report.

Editor/Advertising – Jennifer Pazicni

Jen reported that several advertisers have been dropped from the newsletter and website due to non-payment of annual fees. She also asked everyone to remember that reports for the newsletter are due by the 25th of each month.

Program Chair-Elect/Workshop Chair-Elect – (Lisa Patterson / Debbie Garner)

Lisa reported that she had collected a nice local guild contact list at the Guild Coalition meeting and will be contacting other guilds in seeking prospective speakers for 2016-17. Debbie Garner had nothing new to report at this time.

QUILT SHOW (Julie Dayton)

Julie reported that the Quilt Show Full Committee meeting was held on September 26th with 18 members in attendance. The committee has decided on a T-shirt for the show which can be pre-ordered by members during November and December and will be delivered in January. Julie expected that the quilt show co-ordinators will meet again in November and that the full committee will reconvene for a meeting early in 2016. She recapped that entry forms will be due by July 21, quilt turn-in will be on August 18th, and judging will be on August 30th & 31st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities – Diane Aleman (absent)

No Report.

Bazaar/Fall Festival – Sally Staner & Linda Payonk (absent) No Report.

Bee Keeper – Kay Paul (absent)

Barb Wall mentioned that Kay is still looking for someone to help her out with computer work.

Community Service Report – Judy Wolter

Judy reported that community service items are being turned in by members and being delivered to our chosen charities.

Donation Quilt - Cheryl Jacobs (absent) No Report.

Hospitality – Carol Ann Barley

Carol Ann reported that everything is working smoothly.

Librarian - Linda Towle

No report.

Quilts of Valor -- Barbara Baxter (absent)

The next Sew-In is scheduled for October 24th in Music Room A & B, from 10 am to 3 pm.

Parliamentarian – Barbara Young

Barbara Young reported that the following changes to the Bylaws have been proposed.

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The board voted to approve these changes. They will be presented to the membership at the October and November meetings as well as being posted in the newsletters and on the website. Members will be asked to vote to approve the changes at the December general meeting.

Retreats – Sally Staner (absent) No Report.

Show and Share - Carol Kettlewell (absent) No Report

Web Administrator – Pauline Manes

Pauline reported that all is working well.

There being no other business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Susie Doe, Secretary

Minutes of the November 19, 2015 General Meeting of the Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Wall @ 10:00 am.

The minutes of the September 17th and October 15th general business meetings were approved as posted in the newsletters.

The Treasurer's reports for September and October were approved as presented in the newsletters.

Barbara Wall made the following announcements:

FUMC thanks us for our great participation in the Food and Toiletries Drive as well as in the Snack Food Drive. Donations of knitted/crocheted scarves for the Seafarer's Project are being accepted through today. To date 36 have been donated.

Changes to the Bylaws will be voted on at the December day meeting; everyone was reminded to review the changes which have been posted in the current newsletter.

Our 2016 Donation Quilt is in need of a volunteer to spearhead its showings during 2016.

Helen Wilems reported that the Audit Committee is meeting today and will send their report to the membership via e-mail.

Programs & Workshops: Jo Lynn O'Neil cancelled her engagement with our guild today due to the death of her husband. The guild will be gathering for a Charity & Quilts of Valor Sew-In in our regularly scheduled Workshop Room after the meeting. The guild is providing sandwiches and chips for participants. In December the guild will hold their annual holiday potluck parties. Members may contact Dana Comer if they are interested in decorating a table for the night meeting on December 2nd. Sandi Petersen is coordinating the day meeting on December 17th.

Quilt Show Committee: Julie Dayton reported that the Quilt Show Coordinators will be meeting again in December and the full committee will meet sometime in January. Lisa Patterson is accepting orders for Quilt Show T-shirts through December. The shirts will be ordered from the company in early January and are expected to be available for pick-up beginning at the January 21st day meeting. The cost for the T-shirts is \$15 for sizes S-XL, \$17 for 2X and \$18 for 3X. Sample shirts in sizes S, L, and 2X are available for sizing purposes.

Quilts of Valor: Barbara Baxter announced the November's Quilts of Valor Sew-In is being rolled into today's Charity Sew-In. There will be no Quilts of Valor Sew-In on November 28th.

Fall Festival/Bazaar: Linda Payonk and Sally Staner reported that the Fall Festival Bazaar on November 14th was rather poorly attended. To date they have not tallied the proceeds.

Membership Committee: Barbara Elliott announced that Membership Directories have been printed and are available for pick-up beginning at today's meeting.

Hospitality – Carol Ann Barley introduced one guest.

Charity Quilts: Judy Wolter announced that the Pecan Grove Bee has helped to pre-cut various kits for today's Sew-In.

Door prizes were awarded and Show & Share held.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted by Susie Doe, Secretary, Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild



DOWN AT THE QUILT SHOP

Down to the quilt shop quilters go,
Out comes the MasterCard all aglow.
Out through the checkout with lots of stuff,
All for the quilts and the tools and such.

CHORUS

Sew-sew-sew,
Who wouldn't sew.
Go-go-go, who wouldn't go
Down to the quilt shop
Click-click-click.
Out through the checkout with lots to snip.

First are the UFO's that fill the drawers,
So many there that we can't ignore.
Finish them all, do them one by one.
Finish them all then we'll have some fun.

CHORUS

Next come the quilts that are in our heads,
All that we've planned for all our beds.
One for the master room and one for the guest,
We'll stitch them all and do our best.

CHORUS


Last we'll make gifts for all our friends,
Quilts and placemats without end.
Coasters and bookmarks, ornaments - so much!
Wrap them up in ribbons and bows and such.

CHORUS >>

Author Unknown - if YOU know, [please tell us](#) so we can properly attribute this poem

Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

Quilt Showcase 2016 T-shirt Order Form

<p>Please PRINT clearly.</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>E-mail: _____</p> <p><small>*The shirt is a BLACK Gildan Ultra 100% Cotton shirt</small></p> <p><small>*Shirt size samples will be available at guild meetings in November and December.</small></p>	
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****NOTE:** This is a **ONE TIME** order (we do not plan on a re-order later, nor will we order “extra” shirts). All orders will be gathered in November and December 2015. Shirts will be available for pick up at the Day-time January Meeting & February Night Time meeting.

Questions? E-mail Lisa at mardanmom@gmail.com

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26707 Eagle Park Lane, Katy, Tx, 77494

Please indicate the Size you are ordering:

Size	Qty	Price	Total
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Adult Medium		\$15	
Adult Large		\$15	
Adult Extra Large		\$15	
Adult 2XL		\$17	
Adult 3XL		\$18	

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