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PRESIDENT'S LETTER: Mark Towle

Meetings:

**Jan 3 10-12n -Board
Meeting
Jan 3 Evening Meeting
6:45-8:30p
Jan 18- Day/
Business 10a-12p
Meetings held
First United Methodist
39 00 Lexington Blvd,
Missouri City, TX**

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CPQG Members,

Happy New Year!!!! I hope that 2018 is a wonderful year for everyone.

I hope everyone ended the year with lots of celebration and spent time with your family and friends.

It is time to get started on quilts for the quilt show there are only 9 months left to the show. The deadline for entry forms for your quilts is July 19. I challenge everyone to enter a quilt in the show. We love to see your quilts.

We are still looking for a volunteer to plan and lead the 2018 Shop Hop. If we do not find one by January 31, there will NOT be a Shop Hop in 2018.

The January Board meeting will be January 3, 2018 at 3PM at the Spring Creek Barbecue near Dulles and Hwy 6. Prior to the January night meeting.

Enjoy 2018!!!
Mark

Programs by Gwen Goldsberry

Here are the programs for January:

1/3: Speaker is Maggie McGuire and she will present "Feed Sacks and Chicken Linen: Using What the Had"

This is the history of the lowly feed sack and the critical role it played in families across the United States will be illustrated through the use of actual feed sacks from various manufacturers. When did families start using feed sacks and why did they stop? Progress is not always a good thing.

1/8: Speaker is Rosie de Leon-McCrary and she will present "Redwork through the Years"

Redwork, an almost forgotten part of our quilting and needlework history, is now enjoying a revival! Antique Redwork coverlets and other Redwork linens are sought-after items these days. Home furnishings, catalogs and stores feature reproductions. Redwork coverlets have been the "forgotten quilts" of the 1900s by antique dealers. Finding a completed antique Redwork quilt today is highly unusual. There are a few left, but they command a high price. Due to the mass popularity of Redwork today, hundreds, maybe thousands of vintage designs are reproduced for use.



Malinda Schramm, Blue Bonnet Quilt

Raffle Quilt Winner

Reminders by Diane Hickey

Please remember to renew your Kroger rewards card for benefiting the guild.

Workshops with Kay Paul

February workshop is Cynthia England who was grand prize winner at 2016 Quilt Festival.

It is on Saturday, February 10, 10 am-3 pm. Bring your own lunch.

Cost is \$50.00 for workshop and \$25.00 for kit. Kit includes everything you need to make the state of Texas wall hanging.

We already have 12 paid, but there is room for more. This workshop should be one of the best this year.

Come join the fun.



Community Service by Sakeenah Mubashshir

Greeting Guild Members... Can you believe this is the start of 2018 and the start of 2nd quarter of the Guild Year... time is flying which means we must be having tons of fun.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT that I will be making over the next 2 months... February 15, 2018 is designated Charity Sew-In Day. This takes the place of workshop time following the day guild meeting. The plan is to work from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm sewing quilt tops and backings, cutting batting, etc., etc.; in the Music Room at FUMC. Please note lunch will be served to show gratitude of your help... MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Thanks so much to the following members who helped with quilting, sewing, and crocheting over the past months:

Cathy Price	Barbara Baxter	Barbara Young	Barb Wall
Chris Fuqua	Elizabeth Barrows		

Community Service truly appreciates the hard work that all members are doing for the Guild.

HOBBS UPC Labels

REMINDER, we continue to collect Hobbs UPC Labels. The UPC label provides a discount to the Guild when purchasing batting from the Manufacturer. If you are purchasing Hobbs Batting for your quilting, PLEASE recycle the bags by turning them in to Community Service at the Guild Meetings.

Quilts of Valor

Cynthia Chaffee, our Regional Coordinator for QOV, and Karen Farmer joined us at the holiday luncheon where we made an Awards presentation to seven Vietnam veterans. The veterans were very appreciative of their quilts and thanked us for making them. One of the veterans was Michael Shoaff, our church greeter for our monthly sew-in.

The date for our next sew-in is Saturday, January 27 th. Do come and join us for a day of sewing and good fellowship.

Many thanks for the following for their donations to QOV:

Sandi Winston
Joan Bell

Barbara Young
Sakeenah Mubashshir

Darlene Patin Betty Stone
Kay Paul

Thanks to the following whose names were omitted from the December article:

Carol Kettlewell
Sandi Winston
Michelle Starbuck
Gerri Kay Butler

Kay Paul
Shirley Grover
Barbara Wall
Joan Bell

Sakeenah Mubashshir
Barbara Young
Wilma Al-Uqdah



QUILT SHOW NEWS by Barb Wall

QUILT SHOW: “A Decade in Stitches”

Happy New Year everyone! As we ring in 2018, and hope for a better, or at least less eventful, year than 2017, it’s also time to make those darned resolutions. Well, I’ve got one that you might actually keep. How about resolving to enter at least one quilt into our show? Especially if you’ve never entered one before. Here’s 5 great reasons to put a quilt, or quilts in the show.



5. The \$12 entry fee is an inexpensive way to have your work objectively evaluated by professional quilt judges.
4. We all like to show off our talents just a little bit, right?
3. Our show is the guild’s primary source of income, so by entering your quilts, you are helping defray some of the show costs.
2. We have great categories and fun challenges for you to enter. There’s even an exhibition only category, if you really don’t want your work judged!
1. Certified judge, Karen Blocher, has graciously shared with us the criteria that she uses to evaluate quilts, so you don’t have to guess what those pesky judges are looking for in your work, (see below).

APPEARANCE AND DESIGN

1. **Unity and Design Elements:** Design of the top, quilting motifs, fabric choices, sashing, borders, imagery, and finishing should be well planned and integrated. Line, shape, color, texture and value should be effectively used to produce an interesting, balanced and well-proportioned design. The quilting patterns should complement the top design, fill the intended spaces well, and be consistent in proportion to the top design elements. Art quilts should embody an original design reflecting innovative construction and design techniques, theme or subject matter and/or materials.
2. **General Appearance:** The exhibit item should be neat, clean, and ‘show ready’ with no visible markings, loose threads, bearding, soil, pet hair, odor or stains. The front and back of the quilt should be free of distortion and obvious sewing problems.

WORKMANSHIP

1. **General Construction:** Piecing should be precise; corners matched and points sharp, using appropriate thread type and color. Seams should be secure. Borders should be straight and well executed, free of ripples, puckers or stretching. Appliqué elements should be securely attached, free of puckers, using matching thread (unless stitches are decorative). Curves should be smooth and points sharp, free of shadowing of dark fabrics under light.

2. Quilting: Stitches should be even and consistent with balanced tension, on both quilt front and back. Quilt should be free of knots, backstitches, pleats and bubbles. Starts and stops should be unobtrusive, and as invisible as possible. Quilting density should be sufficient and appropriate for the design of the quilt top, with the consistency of quilting stitches reasonably maintained throughout.

3. Edge Finishing: Batting should extend to edge of binding with corners neat, well executed, and consistent. Quilt edges should be free of wobbles and distortion. Stitching should be secure. Hand stitches to secure edge finish should be neat, consistent, small, tight and as invisible as possible.

4. Special Techniques: Embroidery, embellishments, beading, overlays, trapunto, photo transfers, etc., should be secure, neat, effectively executed, and appropriate to the overall design.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Blocher".

Karen Blocher

National Quilting Association Certified Quilt Judge

National Association of Certified Quilt Judges

REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE SHERRI STRINGFIELD

I hope everyone had a really nice Christmas and had an opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends! My new granddaughter visited and we had the whole family here— it was great!

I also hope you all had a good time at the guild Christmas parties— We want to give a big thanks to Nancy Roach who added to the festivities with the games for the parties— great job Nancy!!

Well, we are off to a new year and I am sure it will be a good one! Our 10th anniversary show is coming up soon and we need everyone's help to make it successful. That includes making and entering quilts, helping to make or donating a quilt for the sale and/or auction, volunteering for readiness for the show, volunteering AT the show, and last, but not least, making sure you have time to ENJOY THE SHOW!!

Also, this year, please take some time to think about any ideas you have to make our guild better and feel free to speak to me or send me a note with your ideas. We want to make this guild a fun place to learn more about quilting, make wonderful projects, and make wonderful friends.

Let's make this 10th anniversary year our best year yet!!!

Oh, one more thing... as it turns out, I will not be proceeding with the fitted v-neck shirts that I talked about last month. It appeared that interest was not very high, so we will need someone else to volunteer to get our 10th anniversary shirts coordinated. Please think about helping with this effort.



Current Bees

<p>BEGINNER BEE <i>RSVP BEE</i> Every Monday and Wednesday 11:00-3:00 bring lunch Liz Narcisse 832 343 6523 Beulah.narcisse@gmail.com</p> <p>Sharps Town Community Cntr 6600 Harbor Town Dr. Houston, TX 77036</p>	<p>ELECTRIC QUILT 2nd and 4th Wednesday 9:30-noon Nancie Roach 713 771 6762 c. 832 483 8544 nancie.roach@gmail.com Bayland Park Center 6400 Bissonnet Houston, TX 77074</p>	<p>SUGAR LAND BEE Every Tuesday 10:00-2:00 bring lunch Barbara Baxter 281 242 5403 twobs@comcast.net Keegan's Wood Community Cntr 9600 Keegan's Wood Drive Houston, TX 77083</p>
<p>PECAN GROVE QUILTERS Every Wednesday 10:00-2:00 bring lunch Judy Wolter 270 498 3633 jmwolter@yahoo.com</p> <p>Joy Lutheran Church 717 FM 359 Richmond, TX 77406</p>		<p>BAYLAND QUILT TOPPERS Every Friday, except 3rd Friday 9:00-1:00 Nancie Roach 713 771 6762 c. 832 483 8544 nancie.roach@gmail.com Bayland Park Center 6400 Bissonnet Houston, TX 77074</p>
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 President-Elect: Rebecca Trevino
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 Programs Elect: Joan Bell
 Workshops: Kay Paul
 Workshops Elect: Nancie Roach
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Bee Coordinator: Penny Hurst
 Community Service: Sakeenah Mubashshir
 Bo's Place: Katherine Onstott
 Fort Bend Women's Shelter:
 Sakeenah Mubashshir
 Lone Star Santa: Pauline Manes
 Project Linus: Jennifer Pazicni
 Quilts for Kids: Barbara Young
 Quilts of Valor: Barbara Baxter
 VA Hospital/VA Initiatives:
 Gwen Goldsberry
 Donation Quilt: Diane Hickey
 2018 Donation Quilt: Katherine Onstott
 Quilt Show: Barbara Wall
 Hospitality: Peggy Johnson, Rita Evans
 Webmaster: Jennifer Pazicni
 Library: Linda Towle

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If you do not have e-mail capability, legibly written information will be accepted by the deadline.

According to the CPQG By-laws, if you need a printed copy of the newsletter, please notify the editor.

A fee applies to all printed copies of **The Monarch**.

Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

Minutes of the October 2, 2017 Board Meeting

(approved December 4, 2017)

The meeting was called to order by Mark Towle, President at 10:03 am in Room 306 First United Methodist Church (FUMC). This is the new meeting location for 2017-2018 unless otherwise specified.

Board Members in attendance: Mark Towle, Rebecca Trevino, Cathy Price, Gwen Goldsberry, Diane Hickey, Pam Biswas, Nancie Roach, and Sherri Stringfield. A quorum was present.
Committee Members in attendance: Barb Wall, Sakeenah Mubashshir, and Penny Hurst.

The Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Board meeting were approved as presented.
The Treasurer's Report from August 2017 was deferred for approval until everyone can review the copy being circulated.
The Treasurer's Report from September 2017 was approved as published.

Mark requested that the monthly financial summary report be done for the Board at each meeting. Also, a question about the retreat expenses was raised. Diane will report on this once she has reviewed the items in question.

The Board requested that a Quilt Show 2018 Budget for end of year 2016-2017 be compiled for review. Pauline Manes will be the Quilt Show Treasurer and will be asked to provide the report. She will keep the Quilt Show 2018 books which span the 2016 – 2019 expense and revenue period for this show.

Discussion Points:

By-laws Biennial Review

The review needs to be completed by end of year.

Audit Committee:

Need to have their report at the next business meeting.

Hand-over of Materials for New Board Members:

Pam reported she has the computer, but did not receive any instructions for the job itself. Rebecca Trevino offered to help Pam with this.

Future Board Meetings:

The following dates have been confirmed for Board Meetings –

December 4, 2017

January 3, 2018 Prior to evening meeting. Sherri Stringfield will find a location.

February 5, 2018

March 5, 2018

April 2, 2018

April 30, 2018

June 4, 2018

July 2, 2018

July 30, 2018

The November meeting date has not yet been set. Mark will communicate the date once set.

Mark Towle reported that the Board reports still need to be done from the front of the hall. This makes it much easier to hear the announcements/reports.

Everyone needs to continue to explain the items in the report for those new members and visitors.

Guild Email:

Guild email address for the President is working per Mark Towle. Sherri Stringfield reported she is still having problems. She will contact Jen Pazicni for help.

Gwen Goldsberry reported that Rose Ann Cook was very complimentary of the number of charities being supported by the Guild.

Barb Wall noted that the old website is still being pulled up depending on how the search is worded on the web.

Donation Quilt 2018

Katherine Onstott will coordinate the showing of the 2018 quilt.

Guild Library:

Mark Towle reported that Barb Baxter was questioning if the funds from the magazine sales could be used for the purchase of batting for Quilts of Valor rather than being dedicated to the Guild library. Sakeenah Mubashshir noted that there is batting available and her budget for batting was underutilized this year. It was noted that new books are rarely purchased. Sherri Stringfield noted that most of the books are very old and rarely used. She would like to see all books stored on site or brought to each meeting. The large volume of books prohibits moving all of them at one time. Also, we do not have any space at the church and do not plan to request any for this.

Cathy Price made the motion that the library be reviewed and those books older than a 15 year (prior to 2002) publication date are flagged for removal and sale with the funds from the sale being used for the library. Rebecca Trevino seconded the motion. There was discussion that books that were donated "in memorial" should be excluded from review and removal. There were also questions about what if the books do not sell. This will be addressed later. The Board approved the motion. Mark Towle will contact Linda Towle, the librarian, about this. There is an electronic database of the books available. Penny Hurst and Cathy Price volunteered to help Linda as needed.

Storage Unit:

Sherri Stringfield noted that we are paying \$2700 per year for the 10 x 20 storage room. She feels that this room is too big for what the Guild needs to store. Also, she noted that some of the items are old and will not be utilized. The materials in the storage room need to be purged. Sherri Stringfield made the motion that a volunteer team be formed in the first quarter of 2018 to reorganize and purge the storage area. Cathy Price seconded the motion. Sherri amended the motion to include "with the idea that the space can be reduced and downsized. Nancie Roach seconded the motion with the amendment. The Board did not approve this amended motion.

Board and Committee Reports

President-elect – Rebecca Trevino

No Report

VP Membership – Pam Biswas

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There are still members who have not paid for this year yet. The Bylaws state that any member who has not paid by September 30th is no longer an active voting member. There are 174 active members at this time. There was some discussion if Hurricane Harvey had affected attendance and thus prevented members from getting the membership fees in to the Guild.

Mark Towle made a motion that we wait until after the October 21st meeting to send the membership listing out for publication. This was seconded by Nance Roach. The Board approved this motion.

VP Programs – Gwen Goldsberry

October 4th is Carol Thelen and Quiltworx. October 19th is Janice Schindeler, who is a Greater Houston Quilt Guild past president. She will be presenting “Journey into Quilt making “and the workshop on the Pizza quilt.

VP Programs-Elect – Joan Bell

Absent

Workshop Chair – Kay Paul

Absent

Workshop Chair-elect – Nancie Roach

Nancie will be working with Joan to coordinate workshops and programs. Nancie was questioning if her budget amounts have been approved. Mark Towle noted that she does not have a budget since her programs will be in 2018-2019. She is requested to look at balancing the costs for the speaker with the target audience and participation. She may be able to coordinate with other Guilds to share speakers who travel.

Secretary – Cathy Price

No Report

Mark Towle requested that Cathy verify the date of the last electronic version of the By-Laws. The date in the title indicates December 2015, but there was an approved update in April 2016. Barb Wall noted that the version published in the directory has the updates from April. Cathy will verify the date and check to see if any other paper or electronic versions of the By-laws can be found. She will report this to Mark.

Treasurer – Diane Hickey

Diane reported that the 2017-2018 budget meeting will be held on October 4th.

Mark Towle indicated the budget committee will be looking at changes made last year and needed for this year to balance the spending. If anyone has suggestions, needs, or changes, let this committee know as soon as possible.

Editor/Advertising – Diane Aleman

Absent

Mark Towle reported that the October newsletter has been delayed. An email with a link to the newsletter will be sent out to the membership as soon as the October version is ready.

Representative-at-large – Sherri Stringfield

Sherri Stringfield reported that she is setting up a committee meeting for the by-laws committee. Everyone has a copy for review. Also, she will be asking membership for any input they may have at the October meetings. The goal is to have this ready for membership approval in January 2018. Sherri noted that February 10th and July 14th 2018 are events where the Donation Quilt could be shown. She will coordinate with Katherine Onstott to get these dates on the calendar.

Bee Coordinator – Penny Hurst

Penny Hurst reported that there are eight active Bees. She will get the listing updates so it can be on the website and in the directory.

She reported that a new Bee is forming in the Greatwood area. More details will follow.

Bee Coordinator – Penny Hurst

She would like to focus on a Bee in each of the next newsletters to let everyone know what that specific Bee is doing.

She will be asking the Bees to publish an agenda and supply list and encourage attendance by new members.

Community Service – Sakeenah Mubashshir

Sakeenah reported that she will be contacting Jen Pazicni about Project Linus. Previously, the Project Linus group had indicated they would not be accepting donation through September 2017. The Guild needs to know if that has changed. The Guild may need to buy fleece and supplies if Project Linus is expecting donations now. We have yarn.

Gwen Goldsberry noted that fleece is also used to make the Veteran's lab quilts, so donations of fleece would be appreciated.

Rebecca Trevino has volunteered to teach one-on-one lessons on how to make the pillowcases if any members are interested.

Donation Quilt 2017 – Diane Hickey

Diane reported that she is waiting for responses on emails she has sent out about additional showings of the quilt.

Quilt Show 2018 – Barbara Wall

Barb reported that the Save the Date cards for the show are available.

The Quilt show committee meeting was held on September 30th at the FB University Branch Library and about 20 members were present. Three area coordinators are still needed – decorations, program advertisements, and event publicity chair.

The next committee meeting is December 2nd at the Fort Bend University Branch Library, 10 am – noon.

Barb noted that the promotion of 10th Anniversary items will be a board activity, not a quilt show activity.

Sherri Stringfield made the motion that the Board appoint or look for volunteers to coordinate the 10th Anniversary item selection and any commemorative events. Diane Hickey seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion.

Retreat – Sally Steiner

Absent

Mark reported that 63 pillowcases were made at the retreat.

Dixie Mullins will be getting these to Pauline Manes for the Lone Star Santas to use. Sakeenah noted that she has 87 additional pillowcases that members have donated.

The August 2017 Treasurer's report from Pauline Manes was approved as reviewed by the group.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Price, Secretary
Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

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Minutes of the November 6, 2017 Board Meeting

(approved December 4, 2017)

The meeting was called to order by Mark Towle, President at 10:10 am in Room 306 First United Methodist Church (FUMC).

Board Members in attendance: Mark Towle, Diane Hickey, Nancie Roach, Kay Paul, and Sherri Stringfield. A quorum **was not** present. Committee Members in attendance: Barb Wall, Sakeenah Mubashshir, and Pauline Manes.

The approval of the minutes of the October Board meeting and the Treasurer's report for October 2017 is deferred until a quorum is present.

Discussion Points:

Audit Committee:

The report was emailed to the board. A review of the report by the Board members present included the following recommendations:

Change 2017 to 2016 eBay disbursements in the records.

Follow-up on and updates to outstanding but not cashed checks prior to this year should be done to close-out the transactions.

Diane and Pauline will meet to discuss the audit and the treasurer reports.

Approval of the review is postponed until the next Board meeting.

Budget 2017 – 2018:

The recommendations were discussed by the group.

Guild Library:

No decisions have been made. This will be discussed again.

Future Board Meetings:

The Jan 3rd 2018 meeting is planned to be prior to evening Guild meeting. Sherri Stringfield will find a location.

December Meetings:

No one is currently working on the activities.

Shop Hop 2018

Unless a volunteer can be found to coordinate this, we may not have a 2018 Shop Hop. Mark will ask at the November meeting if anyone will coordinate.

Donation Quilt 2018

Katherine Onstott will coordinate the showing of the 2018 quilt.

Anniversary Items:

Sherri Stringfield reported that she has information about a shirt that we could order. She will bring this up at the November meeting to see what interest there is. She will order a sample shirt for the membership to review.

Board and Committee Reports**President-elect – Rebecca Trevino**

Absent

VP Membership – Pam Biswas

Absent

VP Programs – Gwen Goldsberry

Absent

VP Programs-Elect – Joan Bell

Absent

Secretary – Cathy Price

Absent

Editor/Advertising – Diane Aleman

Absent

Workshop Chair – Kay Paul

The supply list for the November workshop is in the newsletter.

Attendance has been low. A discussion on how to improve attendance was held.

Workshop Chair-elect – Nancie Roach

She will be meeting with Kay this week.

Treasurer – Diane Hickey

No Report

Representative-at-large – Sherri Stringfield

No Report

Community Service – Sakeenah Mubashshir

No Report

Quilt Show 2018 – Barbara Wall

The next committee meeting is December 2nd at the Fort Bend University Branch Library, 10 am – noon. A chairperson for the show program guide is still needed.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am

Kay Paul recording for Cathy Price.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Price, Secretary
Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

Minutes of the December 21, 2017 General Meeting of the Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

The meeting was called to order by Mark Towle, President, at 10:13 am.

Mark welcomed members, guests, and our Quilt of Valor veterans and their families to the meeting.

The minutes for the November 16, 2017 business meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report for November 2017 was approved as published in the newsletter.

There were no new members today. Two visitors were present and were welcomed by the group.

Announcements

Mark Towle:

This year's Audit Committee report has been completed and approved by the Board. Mark thanked the committee for their work on this.

This year's By-Laws Review Committee report and recommended changes have been presented the Board. The Board is reviewing these.

A volunteer to head up the 2018 Shop Hop in June is needed. If no one volunteers by the 31st of January, there will not be a Shop Hop this year.

The 2017 Raffle Quilt drawing was held on December 6th and the winner was Malinda Schramm of the Blue Bonnet Guild. She has the quilt and pictures will be in the newsletter.

The January 3rd 2018 Board Meeting location will be at the Spring Creek BBQ on Highway 6 at 3 pm.

Reports:

President-Elect: Rebecca Trevino

Merry Christmas!

Programs: Gwen Goldsberry

No Report

Workshops: Kay Paul announced that the January 18th workshop will be Rosie deLeon-McCrady on Redwork Embroidery featuring That String Thing. Kay has the supply lists and sign-up sheet available.

The cost is \$25 for the workshop and \$25 if a kit is purchased.

The February 10th workshop will be an all day Saturday workshop (10 am – 3 pm) presented by Cynthia Englund on a picture piecing method to create block using a State of Texas or Texas pattern. The cost is \$50 for the workshop. The kit is \$24 dollars. The number of attendees is limited to twenty, so sign up soon.

Mark reminded everyone that payment should be made when signup is done so that a spot in the class is guaranteed.

Representative-at-Large: Sherri Stringfield

Sherri announced that she has sent all of the sample shirts back to the company due to low interest. She will not be heading up this project.

Sherri is also looking for 3 – 4 volunteers to attend the Junk Hippie event on February 10th at the FB County fairgrounds. The purpose is to promote membership in the Guild, sell raffle quilt tickets, and pass out SAVE the Date Cards for the Quilt show.

2018 Quilt Show Committee: Barb Wall reported the Judging criteria will be published in the next newsletter. Everyone is invited to enter quilts in the show. There is an exhibition only section if judging is not preferred.

Community Service: Sakeenah Mubashshir reminded everyone that February 15th is the Community service sew-in date. Tops will be made, backing cut, batting cut and fun will be had. She will provide lunch.

Gwen Goldsberry reported that 215 hats were distributed to the homeless veterans. They were appreciative, even with the warm weather.

Helen Wilems reported that she almost 100 scarves and 30 hats to be donated to the FUMC Seafarer's Scarf project. They will need more scarves next year!

The Quilt of Valor sew-in is on the 4th Saturday of each month.

2018 Donation Quilt: Katherine Onstott reported that she has the raffle tickets for sell of this year's raffle Quilt, "a Walk in the Mountains".

Katherine will also be the coordinator for other Guilds to come to our meetings to show their raffle quilts. Refer anyone who has a quilt to display for their Guild to Katherine.

Sherri Stringfield announced the December birthdays for the members present.

Show and Share was presented.

The Quilt of Valor presentation was done for seven veterans present.

Cynthia Chaffee, Regional Coordinator and Karen Lehmer from the Regional office presented the following veterans with their unique Quilt of Valor and Pillowcase.

<u>Veteran</u>	<u>Branch of Service</u>	<u>Theater of Service</u>
Dennis Klenick	Army	Vietnam
Paul Peña, Jr	Army	Vietnam
Franklin Velasquez	Air Force	Germany, Qatar
Michael Shoaff (from FUMC staff)	Navy	Carrier Service – Vietnam
Blaine St. John	Army	Vietnam
Charles Albright	Navy	Carrier Service – Vietnam
Ken Burton	Army	Korea, Vietnam

The Quilt of Valor quilt is a symbolic hug of love and honor from a grateful nation to the veteran as a thank you for their service. The Quilt of Valor team who helped make the quilts was recognized and thanked for their hard work on these.

A very nice potluck luncheon was served. Games were played, puzzles were solved, and prizes were won.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Price, Secretary Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild