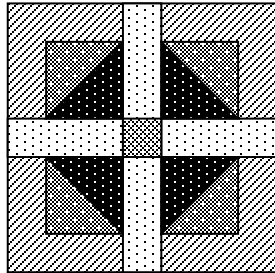

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MEETING DATE JANUARY 21, 2019

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Jan.-Nov., Third Monday, 7 pm

January 2019

Forreston Grove Church, Freeport Rd., Forreston, IL

THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

A new year and a new president. Both untested and neither one knowing what to expect. New changes are planned, new community projects to be completed, and fun to be had.

We are going to start with a new order for our meetings. Because of weather and how early it gets dark (we don't want you out on the roads to late), our "break" with lite refreshments will start at 6:30 pm and will be called "meet and greet." The program will start at 7:00 p.m. Afterward will be our general business meeting then show and tell. There will be no mid meeting break. We will try the new order for 3 months; if

everyone likes it then it can continue. If not, we can go back to the "old" way for the summer months; but would like to keep the "new" for those months when the time falls back an hour. This will be further discussed at the January meeting, so have your opinions ready.

Hopefully you all had a peaceful and loving Christmas and New Year's holiday. Our Christmas included much love, but the peaceful was replaced with the hectic finishing of three quilts, decorating my 43 Christmas trees, and the cooking (which I hate) of my family's favorite dinner. Isn't it funny that something that takes so long to prepare is over in a flash of lights, paper, gifts and food? Our New Year's included lots of sleep.

So, let's prepare to "CELEBRATE" 2019 with friends, excitement, laughter and love.

Beth Kalbfus

Country Crossroads Quilt Guild Minutes

November 19, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:53 p.m. by President Lynda Palmer.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved. Thank you notes were shared from Hope House Cancer Center in Sterling and Hope Domestic Violence Home in Rochelle.

Potluck

Thank you given to the refreshment committee for providing beverages for the Holiday Potluck: Crystal Geerts, Elaine Geerts, and Nancy Johnson.

Thank you also given to everyone for all the delicious food.

Thank you to everyone who provided donations of pet food and food for the pantries. It was announced that Nina Mueller hit a deer on the way here (she was fine, but car a mess) and she was going to take the food donations, so the volunteers asked for to take the food to various pantries.

Refreshments for 2019

Please get your name on the sign-up sheet for next year's refreshments. We still have openings for January, April, July, September and October. Contact Ann Olujic for sign-up!

Treasurer's Report:

1. **PAY YOUR DUES!**
2. If anyone has any bills needing reimbursement, *please* submit them to Dawn Vehmeier (Treasurer) after getting a Guild Expense Form from her. Be sure to attach your receipt as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for 2019 officers and committees were approved as follows:

Beth Kalbfus – President

Barb Gaertner – Vice President
Ann Olujic – Secretary
Dawn Vehmeier – Treasurer
Nina Mueller and Deb Ley – Programs
Judy Barnard, Carol Koeller and Kay Walker – Quilting Bee
Ann Olujic, Rhonda Streich and Fran Kaminski – 2019 Community Projects
Sarah Warfield – Publicity/Website
Mary Meier - Newsletter

Committee Reports:

Community Projects

Ann Olujic gave a presentation on one Community Project for 2019. Because of the recent fires in California, we will be making kennel quilts for animals. A hand-out was given with specifications for making the quilts as well as patterns for a couple quilts. Please contact Ann for the information or pick-up of quilts. (815-291-0405) (shires4020@gmail.com)

Programs (Doreen White and Kathy Clark):

1. President's blocks presented to Lynda Palmer.
2. Val reported that the workshop was great fun and everyone (including Ann Tully) completed their totes. Everyone then showed us their beautiful totes.
3. Beth Kalbfus then introduced the evening's program. The "Sew What's" then proceeded to entertain us with pink tutus and reindeer hats kind of ballet dancing/square dancing to the Nutcracker dance. After that rousing performance, they did the quilters version of the "12 Days of Christmas" and finally, got us all involved with "Celebration." Thank you to Kathy Clark, Beth Kalbfus and Jean Carter for the many, many laughs and wonderful entertainment!

Visitors: Jean Carter and Valerie Hagemann

Name Tag Winner: Jan Spychala

Show and Tell Winner: Ann Olujic

The meeting was adjourned followed by Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Olujic, Secretary

JANUARY PROGRAM

Happy New Year!

Our program for January 21, 2019 will be "Meet the Members."

It's a time to introduce ourselves to each other and our new members. Bring your first quilt (or item) you made. Tell us about yourself starting with your name, where you live, how long you have been sewing/quilting and who inspired you.

FEBRUARY WORKSHOP

There will be a sign-up sheet at the board table for February's workshop along with a sample. The workshop will be a cotton and wool project called "Summer Blooms" which measures 8"X 16" taught by Jill Shaulis of Yellow Creek Quilt Designs. Please sign up and pay for the workshop. Price of class is \$15; there will also be a kit available for \$15 or list of what materials you need if you choose your own.

FEBRUARY'S DINNER will be at Mimmo's Pizza in Forresteron. They have a great buffet or you can order off the menu. Join us around 5 whether or not you are doing the work shop. Sign-up sheet will be at the table.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

That evening Jill Shaulis program will be "THROUGH THE YEARS AT YELLOW CREEK QUILT DESIGNS."

QUILT BY THE SLICE

Everyone will have a pizza box with a number on it. The boxes will be circulated to other people to make and add a block each month for 12 months so this will run into 2020. No one will know who's box they have. The idea is to make a quilt one block at a time. Each block is made by a different person. Every month the boxes will be exchanged and the next person makes and adds the block she made. You may say what type of block you want, also the kind of fabric, or colors, or you can add a fabric you want in your blocks. The blocks will be 12 1/2 inches to finish at 12 inches. Please sign each block you make. This is a fun way to get blocks and have a mystery quilt ready to finish. There is still time to sign up. Please call Nina Mueller at 815-275-6384.

Deb Ley and Nina Mueller

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Laura Bak-Mahlkuch | 1 |
| Karen Bolen | 2 |
| Sharon Campshure | 3 |
| Carole Robeson | 3 |
| Marian Bak | 6 |

JANUARY REFRESHMENTS

Chyree Lincoln
Faye Schneiderman
Ruth Whitney

FEBRUARY REFRESHMENTS

Jessie Ross
Jan Spychala
Judy Barnard
Lorna Wolfe

General Notes and Reminders

Refreshments:

There are two containers in the back room of the church that contain paper supplies for refreshments and other guild items. These supplies have been purchased by the guild and are intended for this use. Please check this container before you purchase any new paper products.

And:

The church has asked that we put away the tables and chairs that we take out of the back room for our meetings. Anyone who could stay a few extra minutes after the meetings to help do this would be greatly appreciated.

Also:

We need to keep the kitchen clean, so please clean up after yourself. The refreshment committee is supposed to take the garbage out to the dumpster after the meeting, so please make sure you've tossed your trash before then.

Boutique:

At each meeting, we will set up a table to hold any quilt related boutique items you wish to sell or give away. Have the price clearly marked and put your name on everything so that the buyer can pay you (it sometimes helps to have an envelope with your name on it to put the money in).

Reminders:

Bring Community Project
Bring Show and Tell
Bring a Guest
Wear Name Tag

Next newsletter deadline:
February 1, 2019