

# **Santa Rosa Quilt Guild**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**October 19, 2017**

President Jim Jensen called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

As this was an out-of-the-ordinary gathering after the fires destroyed much of what we called home there was no formal meeting but a gathering of friends to offer love and support to each other.

My (Carole Behlke) notes are rather scattered as was my brain and my focus. I hope that I captured the meeting in these notes.

Jim was instrumental in keeping us informed with daily, and sometimes more often, with information on our fellow guild members, and we all thanked him heartily for his effort while he was evacuating and returning several times. Thank you Jim!

As Jim was relaying more information on personal loses Pam Beebe came into the room and we were not only delighted to see her but to learn that the loss of Community Service quilts was slightly less than first imagined. Yes, all the Community Service fabric that was housed at Pam's home is no longer in existence, but the batting, and at least 120 NICU quilts were stored with other Community Service committee members. We are also in need of flannels for backings. NICU quilts are our greatest need. If you have kits please make them up, if you can quilt them please quilt them. Janet Tonkin will accept donations.

Worldwide donations were identified as sources of other quilters who are anxious to help! Many quilts (large) are potentially on their way. There are other initiatives from the quilting community that we will need to address. Where can we receive, sort, store, and how to distribute? These are questions that will need to be discussed in detail at the Board Meeting next week.

Someone mentioned that on Pat Slone's Facebook page a fat quarter drive was being initiated...Florida Quilt guilds (yes the same state that was hard hit by the hurricanes) is making pillowcases for those in need in our area, the list was coming at me so fast this is all I could capture.

Joy McGoran shared the following: there was more food than normal especially sweets, 2 of the larger tables of sweets and 2 narrow ones with sandwiches, round fancy French bread and pears on each side of the kitchen. We think this was the largest collection of deviled eggs ever! All was good and we had coffee from Starbucks and ice tea. The ladies took home what was left to give to shelters, churches, and for the fire fighters.

There is great love in the quilting community!

### Committee Reports

Parliamentarian: Dianne Cheli- The list of nominations was read and requests for nominations were opened from the floor. Janice Juul offered to take on the job of Secretary in place of Jan

Andrews. All other candidates remained the same with this exception. Much thanks to Janice for stepping forward.

Merit Award was presented: Jim Jensen acknowledged Genelle Voorhees as this year's award winner for her and her committee's work with Beth's Sewing Club. Genelle spoke from the heart and acknowledged those in attendance who worked with her and the club members. Jim shared that the more formal presentation would be done when the Awards Committee Chair, Sharon Fry, is able to return to meetings.

During open mic many stories were shared and much support was offered. It was a warm and heartfelt meeting.

Notes submitted by

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Secretary