

Pine Needlers Quilt Group
Business Meeting November 6, 2023
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Some recipients of Pine Needlers donations were present to tell us a little about themselves and what services they provide for our community. Speaking were Phyllis from the Rim Country Senior Community Center; Era from the Rim Community Library; Amy and Rosalie from HOCRN (Heber-Overgaard Community Resource Network). Rosalie also represented and spoke about Just For Kids (formerly known as Santa's Kids); Jeri Kurtenbach from The Salvation Army; the school nurse sent a thank you via a call to Judy Inskeep. Absent was Deb Bradford who sent a nice note from the Heber-Overgaard Community Food Bank. It was truly inspiring to hear how much our community does to help those in need. Thank you for all you do.

The winner of the Opportunity Quilt, Karlen Hake, was present to claim his beautiful prize. Congratulations Karlen. May you feel all the warmth and love that went into making the quilt every time you wrap yourself up in it.

The meeting was officially called to order by President, Judy Inskeep, at 10:15am.

Pastor Schmeltz said a prayer in response to prayer requests made from the group.

The minutes as emailed were found to have no corrections needed. Kathy Adair, Secretary, thanked everyone for their very much appreciated input before the final minutes were typed up. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Karen Kramer and seconded by Renie Arrigo and was approved by the membership.

Correspondence consisted of thank you notes and letters from the above-mentioned donation recipients.

November Birthdays are Martha Castillo, Patty Holme, Trudy Janes, Barbara Jones and Karen Kramer. And so they are also honored, the December Birthday ladies are Martha Berlo, Carol Smith, Mayre Walker and Andi Williams. Happy Birthday to you all!

The Treasurer's report was emailed to the group by Deb Bradford and there were no questions concerning this report. Our ending balance was \$10,906.65.

Standing Committees/Old Business:

Military Quilts: Lesley Beuchel reports that there are 19 quilts completed and in storage for the upcoming presentation. She indicated that the current BOM patterns are on the back counter and that the pattern will also be sent out via email.

Community Quilts: Martha Castillo reported that there are no completed community quilts right now but that there are a lot in the works.

Project Linus: Judy Inskeep reported that PN donated 7 quilts to Project Linus. There is still a shortage of quilts for teenagers. The kits by Brenda Clark are a good source and stitch up quite quickly. Judy requested that quilts/blankets only go to those who have never received one.

Retreats: The retreat date for this month was November 14. In order for Carol to not hold a retreat, we must have no less than 10 members attending. Only if there are no members willing to take one or the other Re-

treats, then Leslie Buechel (who is taking over for Karla Desrosiers) has a list of those who don't mind attending 2 sessions. Please contact Leslie if you would like to be put on the wait list. Same goes, let Leslie know if you find you are unable to attend any upcoming Retreat spot. REMINDER; Retreat fee is due no later than the Business meeting in which the Retreat date is being attended by you. Also, the Retreat fee will be increasing to \$30.00 to help Carol Webb defray the ever-increasing cost of meals.

Education: Linda Pfeifer is stepping down as Class Coordinator and passing the reins to Leslie Buechel and Bonnie Kouskouris. It was suggested that the sewing room tour take the place of 1 class and that it always be on a Wednesday. All present agreed. Examples of most-requested classes are Craft Bag, Quilt As You Go, Refresher class on Technique and Terminology, Bags, Collage Edging, Scrap Quilts, Tote Bags, Aprons, Clamshell and Rag Quilts. Any other suggestions are welcomed.

Quilt Show: Marilyn Giblin showed the Opportunity Quilt for next year and reported that \$203.00 in tickets has already been raised. She also said she needs to step down as the chairperson of the Opportunity Quilt and needs a volunteer to take over. Whoever volunteers will automatically get 5 tickets thrown into the bucket.

New Business

DJ Strauss reported that 16 quilts were sent to Maui in response to their request to help people who have lost everything due to the tragic events happening over there. The person in charge has since cut off the donations because they had such an overwhelming response that the need is no longer there. 4 of the quilts DJ had ready to send over will instead go to our Community Quilts.

The Long Arm at the Red Barn is ready to set up. We were also given a 2nd Long Arm to hopefully set up in December.

UFO/PHD/ or New Project List: This month's, and the final for 2023, UFO Project is #8. Participants were Linda Pfeifer, Karen Kramer, Karla Desrosiers, Bonnie Kouskouris, DJ Strauss, Marilyn Giblin, Mayre Walker and Judy Inskeep. The winning participant for the month is Karen Kramer. The winner for participating all year is DJ Strauss.

UFOs will start again in January 2024. Suggestions on what to do are welcomed.

Judy Inskeep's Group Challenge this month was to make a homemade Christmas ornament. Those participating got to hang their ornament on the tree then choose another one to take home.

The challenge for February 2024 will be to make a placemat approximately the size of a cafeteria tray (10"X14") to give to the Senior Community Center to be passed on to Meals On Wheels recipients. It should be a Spring time theme.

Additional New Business from the floor: Congratulations to ribbon winners Yuriko Zoller, Karen Kramer, Bonnie Kouskouris and Marilyn Giblin for your beautiful quilts displayed at the Payson Quilt Show.

Member's Interviewee #1: Mayre Walker was born in Texas and was 1 of 6 children. Her mother died at 26 years old of Cystic Fibrosis. Her father took over the raising of his children, which he did alone, devoting himself to them. After having been raised in an orphanage himself he was determined not to let that happen to his own kids. Mayre said her father was the one who taught her to sew. She moved to Seattle where she raised 4

kids, then, after 45 years of working the graveyard shift, she and her husband moved to Arizona. They were involved in a tragic motor vehicle accident last winter but they are miraculously doing well, with just a few residual problems, and are very grateful for all the help she has received from the Pine Needlers and surrounding community. She will be having a shoulder replacement on January 9, 2024.

Member's Interviewee #2: Kathy Adair was born in Sacramento, CA. She graduated from James Marshall HS where she excelled in Marching Band and Home Ec. Both remain very important to her. She has 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. She moved to Arizona in 1975 and raised her kids on her own. She had never worked before, so she entered a vocational school and became a nursing assistant at Mesa Lutheran Hosp, later transferring to the cardiac department and learned to do EKG's, Treadmills and Holter Monitoring. The opportunity came up to work with 3 up and coming cardiologists at Tri City Cardiology doing the same testing procedures. In 1990 she met Joe then married him in 1993. She started quilting in 1995, taking a lot of classes at Quilter's Ranch in Tempe. She and Joe moved up to Overgaard on Nov. 13, 2019. Kathy joined the Pine Needlers in 2020, after Karen Shepard introduced her to some of the members. She admits to still having to be coaxed to "step out of her comfort zone" at times but is so happy to have found a place to "finally belong".

January 2024 Interviewees will be Karen Kramer and Karen Schuller.

Show and Tell: Karen Schuller, Linda Pfeifer, Trudy Janes, Yuriko Zollar and DJ Strauss all showed the amazing projects they have been working on.

Marilyn Giblin announced that the Christmas Cookie Exchange/Potluck will be on December 11th at her house at 10am. Her address is 2216 Putter Place, Overgaard. She said to be sure to bring 1 dozen cookies and to expect to take 1 dozen home!

Our next business meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2024. Snacks at 9:00am and the meeting will begin at 9:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46am following a motion by Renie Arrigo and seconded by Karen Kramer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Adair
Secretary