

Black Swamp Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2009

1. Call to order at 7:55 p.m. Meeting followed program by Kathy Green.
2. Introductions
 - a. There were ten guests and eight new members at this meeting. Eight members celebrated a September birthday.
3. Minutes for August meeting were approved as written.
4. Treasurer's report - Current treasury report is on front of monthly agenda. Approved & filed for audit.
5. Reports of Boards & Standing Committees
 - a. Membership Committee – New rosters handed out to newer members by Sandy Lepper. At next meeting new members should see S. Lepper for a membership folder. Reminder to leave name tags at end of meeting. Membership cards will be placed in nametags.
 - b. Program Committee –Rita Trumbull and Jenny Morlock will speak at our next BSQG meeting. Additionally, there will be a “Quilting Wannabes” skit.
 - c. Retreat Committee –Retreat is full with 71 quilters now registered. Final payment of \$26 was due at today's meeting. Reminder of the \$25 late fee. Shari provided a few more (3) quilt block fabric pieces to those needing it. Congrats to Joann Streacker for a great job on promoting/advertising the retreat. Date: October 16-18, 2009.
6. General & Unfinished Business
 - a. BSQG pins available at September & October monthly meetings for \$4.00. Ruth Lucius modeled the Guild pin.
 - b. Committee for the Parks Department wall hanging for a raffle will meet briefly after Guild meeting.
 - c. Fall Work Day on September 19 will run from 9-5. Come & sew (bring machines) or just help out any time during that time period. Cindy Huffman is heading up the workday and passed around a sign-up sheet. Usually members work on donation quilts. Batting will be available but there is not a lot of backing material. Use side & back doors as a wedding is setting up in other area. Someone suggested how to tack donation quilts together. Members are encouraged to donate two charity quilts a year. However this is not a requirement.
 - d. Nominating Committee has a ballot of candidates for new Executive Board. President-Sheila Painter, Vice-President-Denise Domanski, Secretary- Brenda Swanson, Treasurer-Marilyn Welling, Member at Large- Sandy Lepper. Voting will take place at the upcoming meeting in Oct.
 - e. This is the last meeting before the drawing for the Promise Quilt raffle. Anne Donald is selling tickets at a cost of one for \$1 and six for \$5. Drawing will take place at the Toledo **Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure**.
 - f. **Quilts of Valor** Raffle tickets are also being sold at same price. This national organization provides quilts to soldiers injured in current or past conflicts. Guidelines are on the organization's website.
 - g. Lucas County's chapter of **Project Linus** is also holding a raffle. This chapter provides “security blankets” for children in the Lucas County foster care system. This drawing will take place at Sonflower Quilt Shop on their workday.
 - h. St. V's group will start up tomorrow, September 11 at Joan Edwards (9:00-3:30). Joan will make soup.
 - i. Kaleidoscope sent a formal thank-you note to BSQG for their donation.
 - j. Thanks to Jenny Morlock's 4-H quilters for finishing the pillow squares for Hospice donation. A thank you note was received from Hospice.
 - k. BSQG was mentioned (with photo, too) in Fons & Porter's *Love of Quilting* (September/October 09 issue). Marilyn Welling/Janette Willman sent the information about the Guild's *Turning Twenty* project and the 35 bingo squares created by members. These were turned into three twin-size quilts.
7. New Business
 - a. Congratulations to Marsha Randles who entered & won the Rockland Industries Contest using Roclon cloth, with her image of a Sunflower in a fuse and hand colored stained glass pattern.
 - b. Quilt Donations- Until now the official recipients of the BSQG charity blankets have been Cocoon, CRC and most recently, St. V's Palliative Care. After explanation and discussion on two other organizations, it was individually moved and seconded then voted (passed) to add both **Quilts for Heroes for the Heartland** and the Wood County Chapter of **Project Linus** to the Guild's donation recipient list.
 - c. The Executive Board has reviewed the Guild's Budget and needs indicate the necessity to increase the membership dues to \$25 a year. While in the treasury's report it appears that the Guild is doing well financially, once the Retreat and other current expenses are paid that amount will be significantly reduced. The proposed \$5 increase will allow the Guild to stay on top of projected costs. This motion was passed by the membership present. Payment of 2010 dues by check or money order should take place in January in the marked envelopes. Members with financial issues regarding dues should see Marilyn Welling to arrange for a payment plan.
8. Motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. was moved and seconded.