

Black Swamp Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2010

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Our new President, Sheila Painter, addressed the group by introducing the President's message as a new addition to the meeting agenda.
 - a. President's message was a short bio of how Sheila got started sewing. She shared how sewing of clothing evolved into her interest in quilting.
 - b. Announcements- Sheila can be reached by e-mail at the address listed on our guilds roster, a letter was received from Hinterberg Design Products announcing that they will have a display of quilting products at Hampton Inn and Suits, 5865 Hagman Rd, Toledo, OH on January 30, 2010, thanks were read from Janice Benson and girls, (the ladies in the kitchen at Widewater Retreat Center) for the gift of appreciation given at the 2009 retreat, and Barb Tansil, Coordinator of the 2009 Christmas Dreams Program, for the monetary donation collected at our December Holiday Brunch.
2. Introductions
 - a. There was one new member and 2 guests at this meeting. Six members celebrated a January birthday. A quilting magazine was presented to the member with the birthday that was closest to today's meeting.
3. Minutes for November and December's Holiday Brunch were approved as written.
4. Treasurer's report – Current treasury report is on front of monthly agenda. The final payment for the 2009 Widewater Retreat has been paid. The balance is now a true number of what we have in our treasury with all bills paid. We are now taking dues for the 2010 year. Members paid by February will be in the group roster. Updates on roster will be made at the Executive board's discretion. The 2010 budget has been approved.
5. Reports of Boards and standing Committees
 - a. Membership Committee – Let Sandy Lepper know if you need a new name tag so she can get them made. Look for a new membership card with your name tag once 2010 dues are paid. Many quilt shops offer a discount if you present this card at time of purchase. A reminder was given of our policy for canceling meeting due to inclement weather. We will cancel if Bowling Green City Schools cancel. If they delay we will still have our meeting. Sandy Lepper will be sending an e-mail to members who have e-mail to notify of a meeting cancellation. She will call members who do not have e-mail.
 - b. Newsletter Chairperson – Please have any newsletter articles to Diane Giveins by the 21st. It was announced that our guild website is now listed on <http://www.freequiltpatterns.info/>. This is a great resource for free patterns.
 - c. Program Committee- Our next BSQG meeting will be Library Night. Please bring your favorite quilt books to share.
 - d. Retreat Committee- Sock Monkey, Safonda Stash, told us about the upcoming 2010 BSQG Retreat at Widewater Retreat Center, October 22 – 24, 2010. With paid deposit you receive fabric to make a block that depicts the Sock Monkey theme. Deposits made in January and February will be \$100.00. After February the deposit amount goes up to \$135.00. 35 members have signed up for the retreat so far.
 - e. Audit Committee - The 2009 report for the audit has been filed and the audit should take place sometime in the next week.
 - f. Challenge Committee- This years challenge project is "Exploring the Color Wheel" and a hand out is available explaining project guidelines. <http://cssdrive.com/imagepalette/> is a helpful website for additional information on using the color wheel.
 - g. Hospitality Committee- Barb Henning will be the Chair of this committee. Four additional members volunteered to serve on the committee with her. They are Mary Lee Grabowski, Calista Jo Grogan, Wendy Jenkins, and Janet Delong.
6. General and Unfinished Business
 - a. Simpson Bldg. donation wall hanging- A quilt top has been completed to be donated to the Simpson Building. It will be quilted by Joan Edwards. This quilt will be auctioned by the BG Parks District in September 2010.

- b. Bylaws Committee- The executive board needs to meet to create and add a policy on pro-rating dues for members joining the group later in the year.
- c. Guild Pins – The treasury has \$60.00 that someone donated for start-up money (change) for selling pins. We did not need to use it and she would like to return the money to whoever donated it.
- d. Cindy Huffman presented the Mystery Row quilt instructions for this year's row of the month quilt. The layout for this quilt will be demonstrated at the September guild workday and the quilt should be complete by the November meeting. These quilts may be used as a donation quilt. We ask that each member tries to donate two quilts per year to the guild, but this is not mandatory.

7. New Business

- a. Big Brothers Big Sisters of NW Ohio Bowl for Kids' Sake at Al Mar Lanes, February 27, 2010 are asking us to donate two quilts to be given as prizes for this event. Motion was made, voted on and passed to donate the Bingo Card quilt that the guild made last year and one other quilt from our stash.
- b. Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, Cleveland, OH will be held March 25-27, 2010 at the I-X Center.
- c. It was announced that Ben Franklin in Bowling Green is planning to open a new quilt shop in the near future.
- d. As of tonight's meeting we have 70 paid members for 2010.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

9. The completed 2009 UFO projects were revealed.

The program "USPS" UnStarted Prject Success project was introduced by Denise Domanski and members shared the projects that they have chosen to complete by next January. Photos were taken of participating members with their patterns and/or fabric.

Show and share for donation quilts and non-donation quilts followed.