SURFSIDE QUILTERS GUILD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES December 12, 2023 Check-in and Registration began at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting location: St Andrew's By-the-Sea UMC, 2001 Calle Frontera, San Clemente, CA

Called to Order at 10:05 a.m. by Mary Mulcahey, President.

Mary welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Mary pointed out the locations of exits, restrooms and refreshments. She thanked our pianists, Connie Veldkamp and Elizabeth Geer. Mary asked everyone to silence their cell phones.

There were 63 current members, no new members and no guests in attendance, bringing it to a total attendance of 63. We currently have 174 members.

Mary wished a Happy Birthday to the members with December birthdays.

The next board meeting will be held on December 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Seaside Villas Clubhouse, Dana Point. All members are welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a: Sunshine & Shadows/Welcoming: Mary Mulcahey reported that Denise Riley is at home sick with Covid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOVEMBER FEST AND BOUTIQUE:

Susan Ritschel and Julie Kemper thanked the November Fest Committee and Guild members that contributed to the November Fest, for all their hard work. The November Fest was a great success and raised just over \$21,000 Net.

BUS TRIPS:

Mary Mulcahey presented for Elizabeth Geer: Sign-ups for the Road to California (January 19th) bus trip are at the back.

<u>BLOCK OF THE MONTH</u>: Mary Arter presented the sixth basket pattern. Instructions for the blocks are available at Mary's table and on our website. A cash prize has been donated by Del Thomas.

MONTHLY MINI: Katy Lillie presented a beautiful Christmas tablemat made by Sherri Hill with a reindeer candle, and a cute bag made by Mary Arter, with fabrics donated by Katy Lillie. December brought in \$147.

PHILANTHROPY: Linda Chui presented:

We will donate 155 quilts, over 230 stockings and 55 pillowcases in December. We have 47 quilts remaining in inventory. We need quilts for teens, babies and Meal on Wheels. Philanthropy will meet tomorrow, December 13, at the Center for Spiritual Living in San Clemente. All are welcome to join.

WORKSHOPS: Mary Arter presented:

January 10: Heidi Stagno teaching Free Motion Fills.

February 14: Sarah Goer teaching Building an Improv Toolbox.

March 13: Cindy Lohbeck teaching Ice Dyeing. Kit costs \$75.

Raffle tickets are available for the Workshop drawing. December brought in \$45.

PARLIMENTARIAN/PAST PRESIDENT:

a: Debbie Myers presented the proposed changes to our Guild bylaws: During the past three years, we've moved several times. Facilities Chairperson, Charlotte Runyan, has had to get new contracts and insurance with each move. The 3rd VP Facilities job description in the Bylaws does not include these tasks. Debbie is asking to modify the Bylaws to reflect these new chores and to give the 3rd VP Facilities the authority to sign contracts for facilities for meeting, workshops, and special events.

The changes are listed in the December and January Newsletter and will be voted on by the guild at the January meeting.

b: Recruiting for Executive Board: Looking ahead to May 2024, Surfside Quilters Guild will need some new officers to be filled and voted on by membership: President, 1st VP Programs, 2nd VP Facilities, Secretary, Treasurer.

Debbie asked for volunteers to create a Nominating Committee: Katy Lillie; Juan Garcia; Deb Warren; Sharon Scholfield.

Alternates: Dawn Johnson; Susan Staebell. They will meet next year.

c: President's Quilt: Mary Mulcahey has chosen "Wine and Quilting" as the theme for her quilt. She has also chosen a batik to be used as the background for each block. Flyers with attached fabric are available from Mary Arter's table. The deadline to turn in blocks is the March general meeting.

PROGRAM:

Jeanette Brooks reminded members that our new location in January will be at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Dana Point. Our speaker in January will be Heidi Stagno.

Jeanette Brooks introduced the program - Give Back Stocking Project 2023. The guild has made over 230 stockings: 40 to go to Orangewood Shelter, 95 to Meals on Wheels, 15 to Waymakers Shelter in Laguna Beach, 25 to Family Assisted Ministries, 45 to Military Outreach.

Mary announced the break.

DRAWING WINNERS:

Hospitality: Karen Wendel and Carol Gobrogge

Monthly Mini: Juanita Bass won table mat and candle, Janis Toman won the bag and

fabric

Workshop: Lisha Sante

Name Tag: Del Thomas and Juanita Bass

Mary thanked the volunteers, pianists, members and guests who attended.

The next meeting will be on January 9, 2024 – Heidi Stagno at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Dana Point.

Members reminded to clean up, turn on phones.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivien Hawker, Secretary