

Nimble Fingers Quilters - General Meeting Minutes

Potomac Community Center

December 1, 2010

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Co-President Linda August, who reminded the audience to mute or turn off cell phones.

November 2010 meeting minutes: Call for approval of the Nimble Fingers (NF) November general meeting minutes as published on the web site and distributed via e-mail. The November general meeting minutes were accepted as written.

Introduction of new members and guests: There was one new member present at today's meeting.

General Announcements:

Website pictures: Members were directed to notify Susan Sellers if they do not want their pictures or pictures of their quilts published on the Nimble Fingers website.

Guild pins: Guild pins are available for purchase at the membership desk for \$5.00 each.

Newsletter: NF members were reminded that the deadline for the Jan/Feb 2011 newsletter is December 15.

Milltown Quilters, Howard County: Co-President August welcomed Martha Blaisdell from Milltown Quilters of Howard County. The group is exhibiting its raffle quilt, entitled Sunday Morning. NF Members were asked to support the Howard County group by buying tickets as they have supported NF in the past.

Alzheimer's Quilt Project: The quilts made by NF members have been shipped off, and can be seen on the AAQI website. NF assigned reference numbers are #6086-6130. Specific quilts can be located by number or by quilter's name. Kim Jalette can be contacted for specific AQ quilts information.

Quilting Bee: The next Quilting Bee is scheduled for December 16 at Habitat for Humanity in Gaither Road from 10 AM through noon.

NF raffle quilt: The board is accepting proposals for the next raffle quilt. There is no set theme. Entries are due by the February 2 meeting. Contact Co-President Linda August for a write-up if interested in participating. In addition, Ms. Jalette will e-mail the requirements to the members. All entries will be reviewed by the Executive Board which will make the final selection.

Survey: There will be a survey distributed at the NF January meeting to get members' input on various quilt show related actions. The survey will be conducted during the meeting to give all attendees the opportunity to participate.

Quilting for Others: At the November meeting, 17 quilts were finished and an additional five quilts were received at today's meeting. More than 40 finished quilts will be donated to Habitat for Humanity and to Montgomery County shelters.

Upcoming workshops: Ms. Susan Sellers reviewed the upcoming programs, from December 2010 through June 2011. Ms. Sellers also announced that she had received a request for volunteers to help Fallsmead elementary School students with their sewing program for sick children in December.

Workshop refund policy: The Executive Board approved at the November 3 Board meeting a workshop refund policy. Ms. Sellers explained that refunds by the guild will only be given to registered attendees based on a medical emergency or a cancellation of the program. If they do not meet the criteria, they may find another person to take their place.

NF property: Ms. Susan Sellers requested that any member who is storing NF property let her know for inventory purposes.

Website home page: Ms. August asked for suggestions to update the home page. Certain members with responsibilities regarding updating the home page have not yet submitted the necessary information.

Hostessing in 2011: Ms. Carole Auth reported that three additional volunteers are needed to take over the hostessing duties for the guild, starting with the June 2011 meeting. Additional help is needed during the winter months. Ms. Auth stated that the guild will have a special lunch, consisting of baked potato and soup. Members will be asked to bring topping for the baked potatoes.

Librarian: A volunteer is needed to take over this position. The current librarian, Patrice Thomas, is ready to retire after sustained service. An announcement will appear in the newsletter.

Pillowcases for Children's Hospital: Contact Sandra Chin or Burt White if interested in making pillowcases for pediatric patients at Children's Hospital.

Quilts for wounded soldiers: The Washington Post featured quilts made by quilting guilds and other groups earmarked for wounded soldiers. Some NF members remarked that Walter Reed Army Hospital is either not accepting quilts at this time, or has specific requirements regarding color, size, etc. Ms. Sandra Chin has been active in quilting for wounded soldiers, and should be contacted for clarification. Also, Mary Moore Payne volunteered to research this topic and submit a report to the guild.

Show and Tell: Several quilts were exhibited. One reflected the Japanese tradition of women walking steps behind the men by placing a design of Japanese men on one side and another of Japanese women on the reverse side of the quilt.

Acknowledgement: Francie Parrack was recognized for her excellent stewardship of the Quilting for Others group, as she steps down from this position. Margaret Natof and Mary Moore Payne are the new co-hostesses for this committee.

Program: “What a Difference a Thread Makes” presented by Jane Garrison, Director of Education, YLI Corporation, Rock Hill, SC. Ms. Susan Sellers introduced the speaker, who received her first sewing machine when she was five years old and as an adult worked with Bernina for several years. Ms. Sellers also thanked Ms. Garrison for a generous donation to NF guild of \$150 worth of YLI thread. In her talk, Ms. Garrison discussed the characteristics of thread, such as quality, size, length and weight. She provided a handout where these characteristics were explained, and which included also a table of threads from YLI Corporation. The table showed the fiber content, size, color and most common uses for over 40 of the threads manufactured by YLI Corporation.

Lunch: The hospitality committee provided lunch at a cost of \$4.00 per person.

Adjournment: Co-President August indicated that after a 10-minute interval lunch would be ready. She wished Happy Holidays to all the members. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary

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