Pacific Piecemaker's Quilt Guild Gualala Arts Building January 18, 2013

Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President Polly Dakin.

Today was a Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshop from 10:00 - 3:00 with a business meeting at 1:00. 21 members participated in the workshop with 25 members attending the business meeting.

Guests and/or visitors: Special visitor, Connie Seale, one of the founding members of the guild, now residing in Folsom, California, participated in the workshop.

Minutes of the November 16, 2012 meeting: Motion was made by Gail Spencer to approve the November minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Barbara Dunsmoor. Membership voted to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Report: Kalynn Oleson: Beginning balance was \$9,217.72, with November/December income of \$3,298.32 which included sales at Festival of Trees, expenses were \$794.00, leaving an ending balance of \$11,722.04.

Program Committee: Kalynn Oleson: February 15, Sharon Malachowski will present a lecture entitled "3,000 years of quilting"; March 13-14, Christine Barnes workshop "Luminosity" and "Transparency" and a lecture at the March 15 Guild meeting; April 18, Thom Atkins workshop "Beading Embroidery for Quilters" with a lecture at the April 19 Guild meeting.

SPECIAL NOTE: The entire 2013 Schedule of Events has been updated on the PPQG Web site for your reference, including an updated supply list for Christine Barnes Workshop.

Continuing Education Committee: Kalynn Oleson: Beginning quilting classes have been scheduled starting Thursday, February 14 and will continue for four consecutive Thursdays. Cost is \$40 for all four sessions. Four or five students are currently enrolled. There is room for more. If you know someone who might be interested, encourage them to enroll.

Membership: Gail Spencer: Thank you to those who have paid their dues. Some still need to renew. Encourage your friends to join. Dues remain at \$40. Make your checks payable to PPQG and add an angel donation if you wish. Send checks to Gail Spencer, P.O. Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445.

Publicity: Janice Batchelder: If you have news items, please send them to Janice so she can include them in Sketches or get them published in the ICO or other publication venues.

Newsletter: Reminder that the deadline to submit items for the next newsletter is the 25th. Send an email to Anna Hines with your items.

Website: Bonnie Toy: Nothing to report

Library: Mirka Knaster: Nothing to report.

Hospitality: Thank you to Sylvia Keller for setting up a wonderful lunch; to Laura Hamilton for the outstanding soup; to those who brought cookies and to those who helped with set up and clean up.

Festival of Trees: Joyce Gaudet: Thank you to everyone who made items for the Festival of Trees. Your hard work and amazing contributions made for a successful sale. An additional \$324 in sales was received from the Dolphin after Festival of Trees. Leftover items were available for purchase by guild members at this meeting and will be available one more time in February. Ideas for items to make for next year were presented: Katherine Gyorfi, water bottle bag made from "left over" blocks; Cheryl Faconti, shopping bags made from 'gently used' T-shirts. Please donate your 'gently used' T-shirts to the guild. Email Joyce Gaudet to coordinate pick up of T-shirts or bring them to the guild meetings.

Special Events: Holiday Lunch: Renata Lopez: fantastic luncheon in January at St. Orres. Received many positive comments, good food, and good atmosphere. One problem occurred, which, after consultation, a solution was proposed.

Quilting Retreat: Kalynn Oleson: Retreat is confirmed for February 4 through 7. There may still be one space available. Contact Donna Blum or Kalynn Oleson if you are interested in attending the retreat.

Challenge 2013: Kalynn Oleson: *Imagine! Create! Celebrate!* Registration forms are now available at GAC. Signed forms are due March 21 (Remember to include a separate sheet of paper with a description of your entry or an artist's biography, as requested in the instructions); Deliver completed quilts April 3; Reception on Friday, April 5; Pick up quilts on April 29. Will need helpers to take down quilts on April 29.

Comfort Quilts and Quilts of Valor: Polly Dakin: Thank you to everyone who came today. Contact Polly for Comfort Quilt labels. Marilyn has Quilt of Valor Labels, which are also available at the Loft, or you can make your own label. As a follow-up to Marilyn's Jan 8 email concerning the "Under Our Wings" program, Marilyn received a copy of the video which played while everyone sewed. This video showed the quilter coach, Alex Anderson, Eleanor Burns and Mark Lipinski each working with, and teaching, a rookie to complete a Quilt of Valor. The video will be presented again at the June workshop at which time, you are encouraged to bring your own rookie and complete a Quilt of Valor. Reminder.... each Quilt of Valor must have a presentation bag.

2013 AIR Quilt: Polly Dakin: The Center portion of the quilt is completed. Quilt title is "Taos", Southwest color theme, stunning design. Laura Hamilton was working on additional pieces of the AIR quilt and showed a picture of the planned finished quilt.

No Name Tag Drawing

New Business:

Barbara Dunsmoor: The guild received a heartfelt Thank You from Project Santa for making 178 bags which were filled with dental items and presented to families through the Project Santa program. The guild has been asked to make bags again. Save those 13"x 15" pieces of bright colored fabric.

Show and Tell:

Dee Goodrich showed a Comfort Quilt she completed adding borders to a cheater panel; Connie Seale showed a Quilt of Valor she completed; Judy Riddle showed a completed quilt she started in 2001; Pat Connell showed the many fabric drawstring bags she completed during the workshop which will be given to the UCSF hospital Children's ward.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Judy Riddle, PPQG Secretary