

APPROVED on JAN. 13, 2025

CAMARILLO QUILTER'S ASSOCIATION (CQA)
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was conducted by CQA President, Patti Westberg and called to order at 9:32 AM in person at the Camarillo Community Center and on Zoom.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME, REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome especially to New Members and Visitors!

Sign-in at the Membership table. This serves as a record and also a safety measure to assure we are all accounted for in the event of an emergency.

Reminders: Please...Silence Cell Phones, Fragrance Free, No Children.

Birthday Wishes: November Babies: The guild all sang happy birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

and

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Patti Westberg called for a motion from the floor to approve Adriana Vander Graaf as the CQA treasurer.

Motion: Barbara MacDonald: Moved to approve Adriana Vander Graaf as treasurer for CQA. Motion was seconded. Motion carried and approved as presented.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH—Lisa Gorski:

- Lisa G. shared with membership the "Hats Off" challenge sponsored by Creation Station Fabric and Quilt Shop in Buellton, CA. Dawn Farrier, owner, has issued a call for entries into this challenge. One entry per guild will be accepted. The hats received will be displayed at Creation Station during the Shop Hop, May 30,31, and June 1. The winner will be determined by viewer's choice. The winner will receive a free retreat for 20. For more information fliers are available at the membership table.
- The block of the month for December is "Ruins of Jericho" and instructions are posted at our website. Lisa showed a sample. She is encouraging all members to join in B.O.M.

TREASURER—Joey Strait, interim treasurer

ACCOUNT BALANCE: OCTOBER:
CHECKING \$13,584.00
*** SAVINGS/MM** \$18,805.59/18,814.06
CD \$34,182.50
*** TOTAL** \$66,580.36/\$66,571.89

** These amounts are pending the restoration of the files on Quick Books after a power outage. Once Quick Books is restored the balances will be reviewed and confirmed. bjm*

FREE TABLE—Dalya

Dalya announced that Spectrum Channel has a “Cozy Christmas Quilts” program being broadcasted. Dalya also recited a poem for the membership based on the 23rd Psalm which had been revised to reflect a quilting theme.

WORKSHOPS—Vanessa Buescher

No report

SPEAKER CONTRACTS—Joey Figueroa

- Joey shared that the bookmarks for the upcoming year are available today.

COMFORT GIVERS—Uela Hodson

- Uela is hosting the Comfort Givers’ Community Give Away today.

LIBRARY—Lynn Jurss

- Conejo Guild is hosting a workshop on January 11th 2025.
- Those who are caring for crates should bring them to the January meeting.

TRAVEL—Thelma Atkinson; Lynne Woods

- Lynne Woods announced that there are 7 remaining spots for the Orcutt Retreat.
- The retreat is 3-days at the Orcutt Old Town Quilt shop on Valentine’s Day weekend in 2025. The cost is \$90.00
- Hotel reservations are to be made by members and if there are any questions Thelma and Lynne are at the Travel table to answer them.

MEMBER HOSPITALITY—Becky Lowe

No report

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS —

Patricia Lambourne-Mountain Fire Quilt Collection Coordinator:

- Quilts are being collected today.
- The collection of quilts will continue through Jan., Feb., and Mar..
- Quilts for the fire victims are being collected by Patrice L. at various quilt stores including Roxanne’s, Cotton and Chocolate, Fabric Town, Super Buzzy as well as other quilt shops outside of Ventura County. Patrice L. has made trips to these many locations collecting donated quilts.

Debora Milbourne, a representative from the Olivas Adobe in Ventura distributed fliers with information about participating in their upcoming quilt show on Sunday, February 9th.

• Patti Westberg:

- Patti W. announced that we are still in need of volunteers for the President’s and Secretary’s positions.
- Patti also said she is offering to substitute for the upcoming president if the need arises during their term.
- Sign—up sheets for the open volunteer positions are at the Communications Table.

BREAK—15 MINUTES
(Be Seated by 10:50 and Lunch at 11:00)

COMFORT GIVERS COMMUNITY QUILT GIVEAWAY

UELA HODSON – MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

- Uela announced that CQA was distributing 249 quilts today among 11 organizations in the County of Ventura.
- Each organization’s representative accepted the donation and spoke about their organization and how our quilts were shared with their clients.
- The quilts were paraded for all to see and during the parade Uela read quilt related riddles and jokes.
- Below are the organization CQA donated to in December 2024:

1. New Start for Moms 12 quilts 9 bibs 5 receiving blankets

Maria de Bautistista: This organization offers services to clients with substance abuse issues; moms and children are kept together; transportation is offered; “Child Watch” is a program offering care for children under 5 years old; MAT = Medication Assisted Treatment available; Long term residential care during Detox. The organization has Overdose Detox kits available for the public at each of their locations in Thousand Oaks, two in Oxnard, Santa Paula, Ventura and Fillmore. These kits are available to anyone in the county including family members of addicts and those in need. Maria also left a stack of information cards on “5 facts of Fentanyl” at the membership table. Once the client has graduated from the program they are given a quilt as a reminder that the community wraps around them.

2. Kids to Kids 12 quilts

Madison, Facility Manager: 6 girls at a time ranging in age from 12 to 17 years old are probation referrals. This organization provides temporary housing with a goal for placement in foster care homing. The quilts provided add to the home like feeling when the girls arrive. Each of the clients receive a quilt on their bed. Madison extended a very emphatic thank you to our guild for their donations.

3. Life Centers 17 quilts 10 bibs 4 receiving blankets

Michelle was unable to be at the distribution due to an unforeseen emergency. She did arrive during the potluck to say she was very grateful for the donations that our guild gave to her organization.

4. Lighthouse 19 quilts 18 pillowcases

5. NICU VCMC 15 quilts (40 were given in November to CMH NICU and shown at the meeting in November to the membership)

Caitlin was the representative for the NICU receiving quilts. She explained the VCMC cares for high risk and critically ill patients in the neonatal center with concerns from respiratory issues and cardiovascular illnesses and more.

6. Safe Harbor 22 quilts

7. RAIN 22 quilts

Dave spoke for RAIN. He explained the circumstances surrounding the relocation of the physical premises for his organization. They are moving to a Motel Model due to this loss. They strive to keep mother and children and fathers and children intact.

They reach out to any mother with children and homeless in need. The quilts are given to the clients. 10 fire victims were housed in the Faulkner house and received quilts from CQA.

8. Senior Concerns 19 quilts

9. Infusion Center 25 quilts

Jesse from the infusion center shared his organization's appreciation for the quilts donated to their center. He said, " The quilts are provided at treatment and give great comfort to the patients.

10. Casa Pacifica 15 quilts 16 pillowcases

Jessica came to represent Casa Pacifica. Services are offered to 18 to 25 year olds for the Transitional Youth Services/TYS. This service is expanding and is now 30 years old. 50,000 youth have been served by Casa Pacifica since it's inception. As many as 6 youths are helped a day. All in all there are 17 programs. The organization serves Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties Clinical Social worker Services.

11. Mesa 21 quilts

Shiela is the house mom for the Mesa Project. This is a transitional living facility of 10 tiny houses. All clients were previously homeless or at an emergency shelter. The clients may stay up to 2 years. There is no restriction on their present situations which mean there are a variety of ailments among the clients. Each client has a personalized treatment plan.

Ojai Comfort Quilt Givers contributed today.

The grand total of quilts donated by Comfort Givers today is 249.

Jonal Beck demonstrated how to pop the crackers. She instructed the participants to read the joke inside to others at their tables and don the tissue paper crown that was inside the cracker for the full experience. The origin of the crackers tradition are present in many areas in the world, the Commonwealth in Canada, England and India to name a few.

SHOW AND TELL:

No Show and Tell

Ways and Means RAFFLE— A boutique and silent auction were held today. Winners of the Silent Auction were notified on their cell phones by messaging and also from the stage.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS—

Winners of the poinsettias were announced by Patti Westberg, President.

Appetizers, potluck and desert items were enjoyed by all.

ADJOURNMENT -12:00PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by
/s/Barbara MacDonald, Secretary