

Pals Meeting –March 7, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by Chair Cheryl Berggen

Announcements:

- Thank you to those who made our Black and White Quilt show!
- Thank you to Co-Chair Joy Lamphere for handling last month's membership meeting.
- **Changes to Service Day date *Saturday, May 7th* is the new date for Service Day 10 am to 4 pm.**
- Congratulations to Jackie Hilt on being awarded Muskegon's Woman of Accomplishment
- Mug Rug Event will be May 2nd start making those "rugs"!
- National Quilt Day is March 19, 2016, 10 am-4pm
- LouAnne Sloop received a special pincushion from Cheryl Berggen for completing last year's mystery quilt.
- **Business:**
 - **Secretary** will no longer read the minutes at membership meetings; minutes will post on the PALS' web site (palsquiltguild.org)
 - **Treasure report:** given by Suzette Mattson income \$1,918.00, expenses for February \$116.74 checking balance \$ 7,290.80 savings balance \$ 10,200.31
 - **Marketing:** Deb Tilton thanked everyone for the donations of newer fabric and some new books.
 - **Baby quilts:** LouAnn Mrotz and Jamie Harwood reported that 33 more quilts were donated bring the total to 184 on the year. Pins were awarded to members who completed 2 baby quilts last year.
 - **Resources:** Kathy has the hand out for the departure times and locations for the Chicago International Quilt show! The sign-up sheet for **Darla Parks'** color application and embellishment class is now available the class is Wednesday, April 6, class is limited to 25 people. Next month there will be a sign-up sheet for **Darlene Vandenberg's** class Stitching on the Beach this class will be limited to 8 people.

- **Library:** Barb Renyolds announced that the library has added several new books. *Let's get creative with quilt labels; Hobo quilts; A batch of Quilt Soup*, and in the memory of Sandy Krupp Eleanor Burns' *All Star Quilts* will be add to our library.
- **Jackie Hilt** asked for help with supporting Cathy's Cap, a new charity that makes and donates chemo caps for those undergoing cancer treatments. She's looking for stretchy soft knit fabric, and help to sew these very easy caps, please contact Jackie for details.
- **Boutique for Quilt show** Connie says she's looking for just quilting stuff, and asks that magazine not be older than 2010. Please double bag or box books and magazines.
- **General Meeting:**
 - **Speaker** Sue Cortese from Holland Michigan She covered Quilt Judging. Sue shared with us the purpose of judges, which are to further the skills of quilters and to ensure that quilts will stand the test of time.
 - Sue shared the two methods used to judge quilt shows, point system, and the elimination system.
 - Elimination quilt judging provides more details to the quilter than the point system
 - More feedback ensures the growth of the quilt...which is really the goal of Judging—improving quilting as a whole
 - Compare AQS winning quilts from 1985 to the winners of 2015—Judging has had a big impact on Quilting
 - Quilt Judges are not the Quilt Police
 - Quilt Judges care about the results of your quilting not the process, Judges reward your achievements
 - Judges usually spend three (3) minutes looking at the quilts
 - What are they looking for:
 - The basics, good construction

- Line, shape, value, hue, over all visual appeal of the quilt—does it make you want to stop and look
 - Complexity of design elements
 - Does the quilting enhance the overall design of the quilt, does the thread used help to balance the overall visual picture
 - Are all the elements secure on the quilt, is the binding attached to both sides of the quilt—will the quilt stand up to its expected task (bed quilt stand up to multiple washing)
- Sue said to enter your quilts simply to show them off, for the joy of being with other quilters
- She also stated that there were two ways to deal with the feedback from Judges, “you can grow from the feedback or hide from it”
- Sue will be donating two (2) books to our guild one (1) will go to the Chair of the Quilt Show, and the other to our library, *NQA how to run a Judged Quilt Show*
- **Mystery Quilt block winners**
 - March
 - Joyce Tisch
 - Roxanna Herder
- **Door Prizes**
 - LouAnn Mrotz fat quarter
 - Kay Michael Deb Tucker trimmer
 - Barb Haaenrik Easter basket
 - Suzette Mattson received a gift certificate for stash cash
- Show and Tell
 - Gloria White received a fat quarter for quilt label

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Penney Ippen, Secretary