Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association

 Minutes of the General Meeting

May 22, 2023 at 9:30 am

Location: Zoom

(Minutes were missed and recreated after the meeting by Callista Bevans, President)

**Call to Order: Callista Bevans**

**Annoucements (Callista):**

June Meeting is via Zoom, July meeting is in person at First Congregational

Still looking for volunteers for board positions, open Quilt Show Chair, Historian, and upcoming in the fall, First VP, Programs Chair and Treasurer.

The Santa Clara Valley Fair is coming up and quilts can now be submitted.

**Programs (Sandra W & Patty H): (please see your newsletter/Website for all details)**

Sandra introduced tonight’s speaker, Kathryn Pellman. There are still spots in the workshop tomorrow.

Patty introduced Rachel Derstine and Easy Landscape Quilts in June.

Sandra introduced Trudy Cleveland who will be teaching how to

photograph your quilt with a smart phone in July. She gave a mini

overall peak into the class and its contents: How To Shoot Your Quilt.

Patty introduced August meeting Jennifer Holden CREATING CONTRAST IN YOUR QUILT with workshop the next day, Bargello Sunflower. See Newsletter

**Quilts as Women’s Shelter (Carolyn Kananen):** They are opening a Wednesday daytime session and need more volunteers. Everything is going well and they are excited to teach more clients. Reach out to Carolyn to find out more, and there is an orientation required.

**Community Quilts (Robin S):**

Our next Community Quilts workdays are May 24th, June 21st and June 28th

10:30 am – 3:00 pm at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Willow Glen.

 Our biggest need – finished quilts for Adults:

Veteran, Foster youth, Hospice: 60" x 72" or 60" x 84"

Cancer treatment, Memory care: 40" x 60"

Veteran/Wheelchair: 36" x 45"

Contact Robin at Robin\_Scheiderer@Yahoo.com or on her cell at 408-515-2277

Hello from Community Quilts,

That was a great pop-up boutique event! Your donations filled two of our large blue tote bags with finished quilts and tops. Plus a bunch of items for the veterans. Thank you to everyone who picked up quilt sandwiches to take home to quilt!

 In May, we were able to donate 82 of your lovely quilts:

  5 to PAMF Mnt View and Sunnyvale Chemo treatment patients

10 to Sequoia Hospice in Milpitas

15 to VA Palo Alto Health Care System

16 to Oakland Children’s hospital NICU & Palliative care

23 to CARE helping underprivileged children in SF Bayview District

10 to Sew for love (7 cubies stuffed with your scraps & 3 bags of minke & scraps)

  3 to Bags of scraps for pet beds

**For the Veterans:**

If you have travels over the coming months that include hotel stays, please consider bringing home any of your unused hotel toiletries for the Veterans.

Now that warm weather has arrived, please consider donating tee-shirts, shorts and (new) ball caps for the veterans. See full needs list below.

**Oakland Children’s Hospital:**

Each of our deliveries to the NICU and palliative care units include holiday and non-holiday themed quilts. If you are making holiday themed quilts for them, I’ll need the Fourth of July themed quilts by Sunday June 4th.

**WE NEED YOU**

We still have over **300** of your lovely quilt tops still in our storage unit, each one just waiting to be quilted and turned into a finished quilt so it can finally bring hope and comfort to someone. The Community Quilts group works hard to respect your donation efforts. We use our workdays to sandwich them with the 3 “Bs” (batting, backing and binding). The next step, quilting them, requires help from all of you!

Quilting these is not a contest, competition or a race. Our goal is finished quilts. It may take you a month, it may take you two months. That’s Ok. Whatever style of quilting you are comfortable with (be it stitch in the ditch, diagonal lines, free motion motifs or ruler work) are all Ok. Please help us transform these tops into quilts.

Once quilted, finish the binding if you like (by hand or machine) or return the quilt to us and we’ll finish the binding. There are many ways to return the quilt to us. Check out the newsletter for more information or contact Robin directly.

**Workday Meetings:**

Our next workdays are May 24th, June 21st and June 28th.  Our Community Quilts committee’s workdays are 10:30 am – 3:00 pm at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Willow Glen. Come by and check us out or bring your lunch and join us for the day.

You are the ones that make this all possible. Thank you!

Because, **each** quilt makes a difference in someone’s life!

**SJ Museum of Quilts and Textiles (Martine):**

Friday to Saturday 11 am to 5 pm.

Queer Threads is open until August 20th, and does feature some local artists.

**Block Party:** Winner is Maggie Burkland

**Today’s Program:** Kathryn Pellman, Word Salads, Fashionistas, & Girlfriends

Minutes Submitted by Callista Bevans