

## Mudsock Board Meeting January 10, 2025

In attendance: Cheri Wenger, Chris Behme, Becky Mathison, Susan Juffer, Peg Bertelli, Jayne Gates, Mary Boyden, April Sterling, Laurie Farthing, Diane Dimpfl, Linda Garzynski, Brandy Banks, Lissa Shanahan, Amanda Simmons, Amy Klodzen, Carlene Clark, Linda Burdette, Ann Ricciardelli

Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM. Followed by introductions of those present each identifying her office or responsibility within Mudsock.

### OLD BUSINESS

I. A copy of Article V in the bylaws outlining officers and executive board members respective duties was reviewed.

—board members were encouraged to review the bylaws to address any possible changes needed

II. The proposed budget for 2025 and 2026 was presented and unanimously approved

III. End of year reports:

Linda Garzynski (storeroom)

-93 members made quilts and 29 long-armers participated

-331 quilts 15 from previous year

212-hospital

45-cancer center

40-rehab

Cheri (president)

Membership numbers: 2023 216 members

2024 258 members

-average attendance in 2024 was 132

### NEW BUSINESS

I. Goals for 2025

a. Enhance welcome/hospitality to new members

—present member will be an ambassador/mentor to new members and guests

—possibly membership committee individuals or other volunteers

b. Increase social time allowed during meetings

c. Show and tell revamped

—quilts placed on chairs on the left side of the sanctuary when arriving at meeting and taken by owner back to

her seat after showing during the Show and Tell portion of the meeting

—quilts brought by program presenter will be displayed on chairs on the right side of sanctuary

II. An additional board meeting in December was added to the calendar for end of the year wrap up and handing off to the new board.

### III. Programs

Need to stress the education that is gained from taking a workshop from a program presenter.

### IV. January Meeting

- a. Everyone present will be given a glossary sheet  
At subsequent meetings guests and new members will be given the glossary
- b. Cheri will have a poster highlighting upcoming events  
(these 2 actions will decrease the need for repetitious announcements)

### V. Charities

- a. Cheri would like to track the numbers of all donated items.

### VI. Committees

a. Linda G. (storeroom) They will have kits prepared containing panels after the April meeting.

b. Diane (charity sewing day)  
—started Community North Hospital quilt charity effort in 2016  
Laurie Farthing will now lead  
—suggestion to put a link in the newsletter that would spotlight the start of this charity work  
—Joann Burke has a connection through her church to send quilts to North Carolina to comfort those ravaged by Hurricane Helene.  
—sewing day at the Community Health Pavilion should henceforth be referred to as “charity sewing day” since members can sew for any charity of their choosing  
—new members received an email inviting them to the sewing day open house and it was a big success

c. Chris (vice president)  
—there will be a bus trip in September to the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show in Madison, WI  
—in coordination with Lynn Hupp she suggested a one-time sewing thread drive for the women’s prison

d. Amanda (Steals N’ Deals)  
—items remaining on the Steals N’ Deals table at the end of each meeting will be donated  
—there is no storage to hold on to these items and storage unit rentals are too expensive

- e. Amanda (Secret Santa)
  - this activity is going great
  - she welcomes suggestions on changing the final reveal and also possible revisions to the initial sheet that participants fill out
  
- f. Carlene (website)
  - Cheri, Chris, and Carlene are meeting with Mary Boyden's cousin to set up a new platform for the Mudsock website.
  - she will use her expertise in developing this and is asking for a quilt in exchange for her services
  - we are currently having issues with losing data and running very slowly
  
- g. Jayne (programs)
  - the introduction to the challenge for this year will be presented in March
  - members will be given 3 months to complete
  - decision as to whether or not the items will be judged is left up to the discretion of the program chairs
  - a possible small show of the challenge items could potentially be at the Fishers government building
  - a contract to use the Community Room at the Community Health Pavilion needs to be signed for each event and the person who signs the contract must be present at the event
  
- h. Lissa (newsletter)
  - \*\*\*\*\*Everyone needs to remember to send information for the newsletter to Lissa!!!!
  - The newsletter and website are our 2 primary modes of communication with members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21AM.