Silver Comet Stitchers

July 20, 2026

Meeting Minutes

- The guild meeting was called to order by President Leigh Wright and began with show and tell during which many beautiful projects were shared.
- After Show and Tell, President Leigh Wright mentioned the need to accept minutes from May and June. Judy Hebert motioned that May and June minutes be accepted and the motioned was seconded by another member.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

- June McCullom gave $10,154.83 as the treasury balance.

Membership

- Rose Walter reported that 42 were in attendance, 38 members and 3 guests, 1 guest joined the guild.

Communications

- Rose also shared that the website has been updated and the password will be changed on September 1st meaning members only access will no longer be available to anyone who has not renewed her membership at that time.

Community Service

- Phyllis Betton reported that two quilts and a pillow case were received; she shared a summary of a letter of thanks written by a hospice patient who was a recipient of one of the guild's gifts. Phyllis also shared the 2026 Community Service Goals set for this year which are as follows:
  60 Quilts
  50 Placemats (Note: A place is needed to donate these placemats.)
  200 Pillow Cases

Sunshine

- Patsy gave a report of correspondence being sent to seven or more guild members as they experienced times of grief, surgery, healing etc.

Ways & Means

- Fundraising items were shared. Robin and the committee have asked that each member take 3 cookbooks to sale, $20.00 each. ($2000.00) is the possible gain if the cookbooks are sold; this money is needed to support the budget for the upcoming year.
- The new item for the September/Big Raffle is a Quilt Kit that is a $160.00 value.

Hospitality

- Sandra Burnham thanked members for helping with hospitality by bringing food. Members with an August birthday and last names with the letters A, B, C, or D are asked to bring an item for refreshments in August Sandra also mentioned a cozy food theme for September.

New Business

- President Leigh Wright presented the budget and discussed future programs, suggested ideas etc. which necessitate the sale of the cookbooks…
- A member asked if we will have an auction this year; Robin Banks (Ways and Means) stated that the guild has merchandise to have an auction this spring, but currently we should focus on the sale of the cookbooks.
- Leigh shared this VERY IMPORTANT statement with guild members:
  "…I frankly debated whether to even have to address
  We can please some of the people all the time,
  All the people some of the time,
  But not all the people all the time.
  This board is making every effort to serve and make decisions in the best interest of the guild as a whole. However, there will be times we may not please everyone or make mistakes, and I ask grace for that.
  We are all ladies and it is inherent in our genes to gossip. I try not to get caught up in who likes who/etc., and try to stay out of it. However, when things become malicious and defamatory, and potentially harmful to a member or the guild, I will.
  I'm choosing to believe what has been said was a misunderstanding and misinformation, and not intended to be malicious or defamatory.
  However, there are allegations being made about past and current board members "hoodwinking the guild on financials", and "changing the by-laws in the dark".

  Both are incorrect, hurtful, and unfair to our hardworking volunteers when unfounded and untrue.

Financials are posted on the guild website every month and the books are always open if someone has questions on how funds are spent. The same is true for meeting minutes and soon the board minutes.
Bylaws are reviewed and updated every few years and must be voted on and approved by the guild. We made updates last spring and will be reviewing them again this spring. If there are changes you think we need to make, let us know and will consider them when we make updates in the spring.
What I need from each of you is:
Trust but verify – check minutes, look at financials on webpage, see if something was covered in a meeting that you may have missed, read the newsletters, etc.
If you see/hear a wrong, let's address it and come to an agreeable solution.
Board is committed to ongoing transparency, and if you have questions/concerns at any time, please bring them to my attention and I'll be happy to have a conversation with you and if I don't know an answer, I'll find out, or we'll see what the bylaws tell us.
Bylaws will be the governing document for all decisions."

- A break was taken followed by the raffle of the door prizes.

Presentation

- Shannon Tankersly introduced Amanda Bauer, our engaging English Paper Piecing presenter for the evening.

Next Meeting

August 17th – Getting Back your SewJo – Rena Blaine