Pacific Piecemaker's Quilt Guild Gualala Arts Building October 21, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Lola DeLongoria. 31 members were present.

Guests or visitors: Lisa Swaiman, Karis Webb, and her friend Shirley

Minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting: Motion was made by Polly Dakin to approve the September minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Mirka Knaster. Membership voted to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Report: Kalynn Oleson: Beginning balance \$8991.04, September income of \$1632.00, expenses of \$3085.00, leaving an ending balance of \$7538.04

Program Committee: Carol Tackett: Carol will be the unwilling Program Chair for 2012. Anyone interested in volunteering to assist, please contact her. November 16-17 will be a workshop by Bonnie Toy, "Intermediate and Advanced Free Motion Quilting", space is still available, please sign up; Guest speaker at the November 18 guild meeting will be Joe Cunningham. 2012 program is finalized. Please sign up for workshops to ensure enrollment so that workshops are not cancelled an/or to eliminate any unnecessary cost to the guild.

Continuing Education Committee: Kalynn Oleson: Jan and Kalynn will be offering 4 workshops in February—"What to do with those blocks now that they are finished", i.e. settings, borders, batting, sandwiching, etc. You can sign up for one session or all four. More details are forthcoming.

Membership: Gail Spencer: Welcome to two new members, Lisa Swaiman and Karis Webb. Gail is now accepting payment for renewal of 2012 guild membership. Membership fee is still \$40. Send checks payable to PPQG to Gail Spencer at P.O. Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445, or bring your check to the next guild meeting. The goal is to have all renewal memberships paid by the January 2012 meeting.

Publicity: No Report

Newsletter: Deadline for submitting items for the newsletter is October 25.

Website: No report

Library: Mirka Knaster: Mirka had sent an email earlier indicating duplicate books received for the library that are now available for sale to members. If interested in any of these books, they were on the back table with a tag indicating amount to be paid. Checks should to made payable to PPQG and given to Kalynn Oleson,

Hospitality: Sylvia Keller: Keep bringing those cookies! Thank you to those who brought cookies today!

Festival of trees: Sylvia Edwards: Sales at the Festival of Trees is the primary venue for income to the guild. The Festival is Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. Sylvia showed many of the wonderful hand-made items received from guild members to be sold at the Festival. Thank you to all for your excellent workmanship and your contributions!!

Special Events: No report

Challenge 2012: Jan Carter: This years challenge is entitled "West Coast Splendor". Show, in your quilts, what you like most about this area. No size requirement. Show is April 1, 2012. Registration forms are not available yet. Goal is to have as many entries as last year---plus one more.

Comfort Quilts: Polly Dakin: Thank you to everyone who has made comfort quilts. Guild will be giving a few quilts to Action Network for them to hold and distribute as they have the need. Reminder that a workshop is scheduled for January to make Comfort Quilts and Quilts of Valor.

Quilts of Valor: Marilyn Limbaugh: In Marilyn's absence, Carol Tackett was available to accept any Quilts of Valor. Carol also noted that the Guild "retreat" in January/February is another opportunity to make Quilts of Valor.

2012 AIR Quilt: Judy Riddle: Marilyn Limbaugh and Marva Jacobs have completed the background for the quilt. Judy Riddle has prepared appliqué pieces and is now ready to put them on the background.

Name Tag drawing was won by Mirka Knaster.

New Business:

Gail Spencer reported on the fabric bag workshop to make bags for the UCSF Child Life Services unit. 41 bags were made at the workshop, 66 bags were given to Barbara Fast to take to UCSF. This is a continuing need. Another workshop will be scheduled in the future.

Show and Tell:

Bette Covington made two small quilts, one was donated for sale at the Festival of Trees; Mary Suhr made a Quilt of Valor; Ann Graf made a Comfort Quilt; Sylvia Edwards made a Comfort Quilt; Jan Carter made a wall hanging for the Festival of Trees and showed two small "tree" wall hangings; Mirka Knaster showed a wall hanging and a child quilt she made for the Festival of Trees; Carol Tackett showed a wall hanging using "The Ghastlies" panels; Judy Riddle made a Quilt of Valor and showed another bed-size quilt; Claire McPherson modeled a vest she made.

Guest Lecturer: Carol Tackett introduced guest lecturer Judy Sisneros who presented a lecture and slide show entitled "Stitches of hope—Cambodia" describing her experience traveling to Cambodia to teach quilting to young girls rescued from the sex slave market. Silk pillow covers that were hand quilted by these young girls were available for purchase. After her lecture, Judy Sisneros presented a trunk show of quilts made for her publications.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Judy Riddle, PPQG Secretary