Pacific Piecemaker's Quilt Guild Gualala Arts Building June 15, 2012

Meeting called to order at 12:50 p.m. by Vice President Judy Riddle for Polly Dakin who was traveling in Africa. This was a Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop day with 19 members participating. 23 members were also present for the business meeting.

Minutes of the May 18, 2012 meeting: Motion was made by Carol Tackett to approve the May minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Cheryl Faconti. Membership voted to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Report: Kalynn Oleson: Beginning balance was \$10,002.67. May income was \$40.00. Expenses were \$2,022.94. Ending balance is \$8,019.73

Program Committee: Kalynn Oleson: Next workshop will be September 19 & 20 with Dianne Hire "Come Play With Me". Janet Windsor commented Dianne Hire is a wonderful teacher and a lot of fun.

October 18 workshop will be "Purses by Design" with Pamela Day and Roseanne Lauter (the bag ladies). Kalynn showed sample purses and kits. For the Bohemian purse—pattern only is \$9, pattern and kit is \$25; For the New Yorker purse—pattern only is \$10, pattern and kit is \$25. The supply kit includes the tools and accessories needed for your purse; you still need to get your fabric. Since this is a one-day workshop, you MUST purchase a pattern or a kit and HAVE YOUR FABRIC PIECES CUT BEFORE CLASS. After you sign up for the class, contact Kalynn (ksue57@mcn.org) to purchase a pattern or a kit. Patterns and kits can not be purchased through GAC. Any left over kits and patterns may be purchased from the guild later.

Please look at the Workshop descriptions and supply lists on the GAC website and sign up early for a workshop.

Continuing Education Committee: Kalynn Oleson: Beginning quilting classes have been scheduled starting the second Thursday in February.

Membership: Gail Spencer: Everything is good. A couple of ladies are considering joining the guild. If you know anyone who is interested in quilting, encourage them to visit a meeting and consider joining.

Publicity: The position remains open. The job description was read to the group. You may also view it on the website. If doing the "write-up" is a concern, it was suggested that you might be able to contact the ICO of an event and they would do the "write-up". If you might be interested, please contact Polly for details.

Newsletter: Reminder that the deadline to submit items for the next newsletter is June 25. Send an email to Anna Hines (anna@aghines.com) with your items.

Website: Bonnie Toy: no report

Library: Mirka Knaster: no report

Hospitality: A special thank you to Sylvia Keller and her assistants for preparing a wonderful lunch for everyone.

Festival of Trees: Joyce Gaudet: Joyce again displayed books, patterns and some sample items. She received a quilt and a wall-hanging from Carol Tackett, as well as additional items from Sylvia Keller and Gail Spencer. Joyce showed some note-cards she was making from old cards. If you have clean

note cards or Christmas cards, please contact Joyce. The committee's goal is to have everything ready for the Festival of Trees by the end of October. Continue working on those projects!

Special Events: July Picnic: Cheryl Faconti: The tour of the Korbel Wine gardens is scheduled for July 25. Renata has contacted the winery to see if a tour of the winery might also be included. You can buy your lunch or bring your lunch. The plan is to have lunch at the winery followed by a tour of the gardens, and possibly the winery. An email will be coming soon with the details of the event and asking for responses of those planning to attend and those who would be able to drive.

Quilting Retreat: Kalynn Oleson: Scheduled for the first week in February. The location and room rates will be the same as last year. Talking to the caterer but details are not finalized.

Challenge 2013: Kalynn Oleson: The 2013 Challenge is titled "Celebrate". No size requirement, no fabric requirement. You have nearly a year to plan and complete your project(s).

Comfort Quilts and Quilts of Valor: Joyce Gaudet and Marilyn Limbaugh:

Joyce Gaudet: Three comfort quilts were distributed in the last two weeks. A sincere thank you to everyone who participated in today's workshop. Thank you also to Marilyn Limbaugh who donated over 20 books and several bags of fabric and to Carol Tackett who donated several books.

Marilyn Limbaugh: Marilyn, Polly Dakin, Jeri Taylor and Jan Carter took 31 Quilts of Valor to the VA hospital on June 6. The guild has now taken 131 quilts to the VA hospital in the last 5 years. As a response to common questions from the Veterans, Marilyn prepared a write-up this year describing what a Quilt of Valor is and also prepared a map showing where Gualala is located in relation to the VA hospital. Rather than going to individual rooms, the quilts were draped over chairs on the stage and Veterans were able to select the one of their liking. Again it was noted that the veterans were very grateful and very humbled. Jeri Taylor noted that this was the first time she had participated in the distribution of the quilts and it was a profoundly moving experience. She encouraged everyone to make a QOV.

Barbara Dunsmoor mentioned that she had recently viewed an excellent program on the History of the Quilt of Valor and how it began. Joyce is making contacts as to when it might show again, and will let the guild know. There is also a new program called "Over the Shoulder" which matches an experienced quilter with a non-quilter or a new quilter. The purpose is to assist an inexperienced quilter who would like to make a Quilt of Valor.

2012 AIR Quilt: Judy Riddle: The AIR quilt has been on display at the library in Point Arena for the last week and is now back at GAC. Judy sent an email recently asking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets during forthcoming GAC events. In exchange, you would receive free tickets to the event. You would need to be available before the event, during intermission, and after the event. Cheryl Faconti volunteered for the Warps and Wefts reception; Claire McPherson volunteered for July 14, Roy Bogas and Friends and July 27, The Ladies of the Camellias. Volunteers should see Sus or Scott before the event to get a money box, raffle tickets and the ticket cage. A follow-up email will be sent for available events in July and August, should you still be interested in volunteering.

2013 AIR Quilt: Joyce Gaudet: Some fabric has been purchased. Lola is trying color combinations and preparing test blocks with the fabric.

New Business: Dee Goodrich expressed a sincere thank you for the baby quilts donated for the Fort Bragg Hospital. She received two blankets this week.

Show and Tell: Barbara Dunsmoor showed the brilliant quilt top she prepared using the blocks received for her Presidents Quilt. She expressed a sincere thank you to everyone. Sharon Stinson showed a comfort quilt she made; Jeri Taylor showed two comfort quilts she made; Kathryn Gyorfi showed a comfort quilt she was binding; Joyce Gaudet showed a comfort quilt she too was finishing; Joyce showed three additional completed comfort quilts, two from Bette Covington and one from Margie Binker.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Judy Riddle, PPQG Secretary